

Lent & Easter



Lent - March 5-April 17

The Season of Lent marks the forty days of preparation for Easter. During these forty days prepare your heart for the Resurrection through fasting and repentance as we remember the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert tempted by the devil fasting in the wilderness.

40 for 40

In observance of the Lenten Season, many people choose to *give up* something they enjoy as they enter a period of reflection. An alternative is to *give* to someone who needs what you take for granted. Please consider donating shelf stable items to our FPC Food Pantry! Details can be found in the Gathering Space and online at fpcmarietta.org/events

Lenten Book Recommendation

Perhaps you saw the movie Bonhoeffer and are curious about his life and theology. Or you might just be looking for a book to read for Lent. Bonhoeffer's [Meditations on the Cross](#) is ideal for devotional reading. "The cross and the resurrection were central themes for Bonhoeffer's theology. These excerpts from sermons and letters contain his personal and faithful words about the crucifixion and the power of the cross for all Christians." (www.pcusastore.com)

Looking for something different?
Check out Ann Weems' [Kneeling in Jerusalem](#) or J. Barrie Shepherd's [A Pilgrim's Way](#).

Ash Wednesday - March 5

Service at 7pm in the Sanctuary

Ash Wednesday is an ancient holy day in the Christian Church calendar and marks the beginning of Lent. Participants in the Ash Wednesday Service are invited to receive ashes in the shape of a cross on their foreheads. The ashes we receive remind us of what we most deeply share: our common humanity and our need for grace.

Holy Week Mid-Day Services - April 14-18

11:50am Devotional in the Sanctuary, followed by lunch

Lenten Art and Photography Exhibit

held in conjunction with Holy Week Mid-Day Services

Artists, look for details coming soon!

Volunteers will be needed, as well, to help with this exhibit!

Maundy Thursday - April 17

Service at 7pm in the Sanctuary

In this service, we remember how Jesus, at table with his disciples, took the bread and the cup and issued this mandate: "Do this in remembrance of me." Communion will be served.

Good Friday - April 18

Service at 7pm in the Sanctuary

Good Friday is the day we remember Jesus' crucifixion. The Good Friday service is a penitential service, yet it is also a celebration of the good news of the cross. Seven different preachers from our congregation will offer a brief homily based on one of the seven last words that Jesus uttered before he breathed his last.

Easter Sunday - April 20

Services at 8:30 and 11:00am

Easter Sunday or Resurrection Sunday is the most important day of the Church Year. We celebrate that "He is Risen!" Indeed, he has conquered death and sin by rising from the dead. Christ has won victory over the grave.

All services are livestreamed at fpcmarietta.org/virtual-worship