

# Lent & Easter

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## **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.

## **Lenten Lecture Series: Spiritual Disciplines**

March 9, 16, 23, and 30 | 9:45am | Sanctuary

Join Dr. Brennan Breed for a series on Spiritual Disciplines where we will explore what the Bible says about: prayer, meditation, fasting, and suffering. How do we engage these ancient practices? How do they inform our beliefs about the mystery of Jesus' death and the miracle of his resurrection?

## **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](http://fpcmarietta.org/events)

## **Ash Wednesday - March 5 | 7pm | 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.

## **Easter Lilies**

If you would like to dedicate a lily in honor or in memory of a loved one, forms will be available beginning Sunday, March 16 and will be due Wednesday, April 16.

## **Holy Week Mid-Day Services - April 14-18**

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

**Suggested Donation: \$5/day**

Volunteers can sign up in the Gathering Space or by contacting Carrie Kennedy at [carriekennedy@mac.com](mailto:carriekennedy@mac.com) or Libba Schell at [libbaschell@gmail.com](mailto:libbaschell@gmail.com)

## **Lenten Art and Photography Exhibit**

The Music & Arts Committee is looking forward to celebrating Holy Week with our 3rd Holy Week Art Exhibition & Photography Show on display April 14-18. If interested in showing your art or photographs, please email [ginlea@me.com](mailto:ginlea@me.com) with a photo of your work by March 30. Even if you do not have artwork to share, we hope you can join us to enjoy the show, devotions & lunch each day this week.

## **Maundy Thursday - April 17 | 7pm | Sanctuary | Communion**

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."

## **Good Friday - April 18 | 7pm | 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.

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## **Easter Sunday - April 20 | 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](http://fpcmarietta.org/virtual-worship)