

Personal Celebration of Lent:

Historically, Lent has been a time of fasting and prayer. This is often expressed through giving up some things and taking on others.

In most cases, giving up something for Lent is made more meaningful by using the money or time for another purpose. For example, if you chose to fast from a meal you can use the time to pray. Or, if you give up something, the extra money that would have been spent can be donated to a ministry/organization.

If you seek to add something during Lent you can start a spiritual discipline (such as daily Bible reading or times of prayer). Another way to add something new is to consider one of the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). These fruits are: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. You can use Lent as a time to cultivate one of these fruits in your life and your relationships.

Regardless of your practice of giving up or taking on something, the center of Lenten worship is the honest confession of our sin and our joyful thanksgiving in the resurrection of Jesus.

Special Worship Services during Lent

3/9 - Ash Wednesday Service at Waters Elementary, 7 p.m.

4/17 - Palm Sunday at Waters Elementary, 10:15 a.m.

4/21 - Maundy Thursday Service, Covenant Presbyterian Church (2012 W. Dickens), 7 p.m.

4/22 - Good Friday Service at Waters Elementary, 7 p.m.

4/24 - Easter Service at Waters Elementary, 10:15 a.m.

Childcare is provided at all services.

CELEBRATING LENT

March 9 - April 24, 2011

*I am the resurrection,
and the life.
Whoever believes in me,
though he die, yet shall he live,
and everyone who lives
and believes in me
shall never die.
Do you believe this?*

- John 11 -



LINCOLN SQUARE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Celebrating Lent

This year the Lenten season starts March 9th (Ash Wednesday) and continues until Easter (April 24th).

Lent includes a handful of other special worship services: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday.

What is Lent?

Lent is from the word *lencten* which means “Spring”, and it points to life breaking into a place of death. It is a period in the life of God’s people to intentionally prepare and anticipate the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

This season is marked with serious consideration of our sin, rebellion, and need. God’s people are to be engaged in such contemplation not to produce guilt but to prepare themselves to rejoice in Jesus’ death and resurrection. We confess our overwhelming need for forgiveness and new life so that we may find rest in Jesus’ sacrificial death and enduring hope in his resurrection.

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Ash Wednesday - This service starts the Lenten season. The ashes represent repentance. It is a service of humility and marked by the traditional passages: “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return”, and “Repent, and believe the Gospel.”

Palm Sunday - This Sunday always comes one week before Easter. It remembers Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The palms represent the receiving of one worthy of great honor - receiving and worshiping Jesus as the king of God’s kingdom.

Maundy Thursday - This service remembers the Last Supper (the final meal Jesus celebrated with his disciples). The name comes from the first words of Jesus’ statement, “A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you” (John 13:34).

Good Friday - This service remembers the crucifixion of Jesus. We consider his humiliation and sacrificial love along with the depth of our sin and rebellion. This somber service is often ordered around Christ’s seven last words from the cross.

Easter - This service marks the central event of Christianity. Jesus’ resurrection is the foundation of our faith and hope. It marks him as the Son of God, the Lord over all creation, and the one who defeats sin and death.

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Lent Sermon Series and Christian Education Class: March 13-April 10

Salvation: The Divine Rescue

During Lent, through the sermons and Christian Education (adult class and children’s class), we will consider the doctrine of salvation. Salvation is about God ultimately. It reveals the glorious plan of God to rescue us in Jesus Christ. In a word, our salvation is made possible by grace alone. It is therefore a divine rescue—God rescuing his people from sin and all of its effects through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Our hope, through this series and class, is to encounter and better grasp the wondrous love of God.

The Christian Education classes meets at Waters on Sundays from 9:15-10am.