



# SPRING HILL MESSENGER March 2025

Dear Saints of Spring Hill Presbyterian Church,

As we enter the season of Lent, we are invited to embark on a sacred journey—a time of reflection, renewal, and deepening our relationship with God. Lent is a season of letting go of the things that separate us from God and embracing spiritual practices that draw us closer to God's presence in our lives. It is a season of intentional discipleship, of walking with Christ toward the cross, and ultimately, toward the joy of resurrection on Easter morning.

## **Ash Wednesday: Marking the Beginning**

Our journey begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5, with two services at **noon and 5:30 PM** in the chapel. Each service will include Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes, marking us with a visible sign of our mortality and our dependence on God's grace. This ancient practice reminds us that our lives are not our own—we belong to God.

## **Keeping a Holy Lent Together**

Lent is not just about what we give up—it is about what we take on. As individuals, as table groups, and as a whole church, we are called to keep a holy Lent by engaging in spiritual practices that deepen our faith. Whether through daily prayer, acts of service, scripture reading, fasting, or table fellowship, let us encourage one another in this season of growth.

## **Meeting Jesus at the Table: A Church-Wide Lenten Study**

One way we will keep a holy Lent together is through a church-wide study of *Meeting Jesus at the Table*. Throughout scripture, Jesus shares meals with his followers, teaching, healing, and welcoming all to God's table. This study will invite us to reflect on how Christ's table shapes our identity as his disciples and how we are called to extend that welcome to others.

**There are several ways to participate, making it easy for everyone to engage:**

- **Wednesdays at Noon**—Following our weekly communion service, everyone is welcome to come around the table and enjoy lunch. Those who wish to reflect can gather over lunch for small group discussions. Whether you join a table group or simply come for worship and lunch, these gatherings will be a time of fellowship, reflection, and spiritual renewal.
- **Sundays at 9:00 AM** – An ongoing study will take place in the Fellowship Hall before worship.
- **Home Groups Throughout the Week** – Members are encouraged to host or join a home group at a time that works best for them. You can sign up for an official small group or form your own group with friends, family, or neighbors.

## **An Invitation to the Journey**

Lent is not a solitary path—it is a journey we take together, supporting one another as we seek to grow in faith and discipleship. I invite you to commit to this season with intention and to walk with us as we prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter morning.

May this Lent be a time of renewal for each of us, for our table groups, and for our church as a whole. May we discover anew the depth of God's love and the power of Christ's resurrection in our lives.

With hope and anticipation,  
*Rev. Brandon E. Miles*

# Lenten Worship Schedule

## Meeting Jesus at the Table

Ash Wednesday March 5

Services at 12:00 & 5:30 " A Heart Turned to God"

March 9 1st Sunday of Lent - " Nourish at the Table"

March 12 Lenten Service - Chapel 12:00 , Lunch afterward in Fellowship Hall

March 16 2nd Sunday of Lent - "Mercy at the Table"

March 19 Lenten Service - Chapel 12:00 , Lunch afterward in Fellowship Hall

March 23 3rd Sunday of Lent - "Forgiven at the Table"

March 26 Lenten Service - Chapel 12:00 , Lunch afterward in Fellowship Hall

March 30 4th Sunday of Lent - "Room at the Table"

April 2 Lenten Service - Chapel 12:00 , Lunch afterward in Fellowship Hall

April 6 5th Sunday of Lent - " Transformed by the Table"

April 9 Lenten Service - Chapel 12:00 , Lunch afterward in Fellowship Hall

April 13 Palm/Passion Sunday - " A Journey to the Cross"

April 17 Maundy Thursday Worship @ 6:00 pm - "Given For You"

April 18 Good Friday Worship 12:00 pm

The passion and death of Christ reveal the depth of God's Love for the World.

April 20 Easter Sunday - " Faith Beyond Belief"



## *Meeting Jesus at the Table*

### **Schedule for 6-Week Lenten Study**

There are three ways in which to participate in a weekly table discussion around chapters of the book, *Meeting Jesus at the Table*:

1. Following our noon Lenten Worship service in the chapel on Wednesdays. Lunch and table conversations in Fellowship Hall.
2. From 9:00-10:00 in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings, with breakfast snacks.
3. In small groups with a designated Host at a day/time TBD.

### **Assigned chapters for discussion of *Meeting Jesus at the Table*:**

**Week 1, Introduction and Chapter 1** – March 5 or 9, or with a small group

**Week 2, Chapter 2** – March 12 or 16, or with a small group

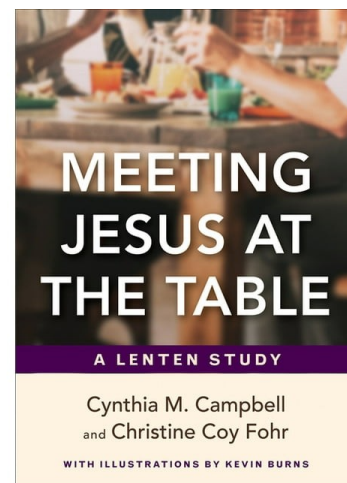
**Week 3, Chapter 3** – March 19 or 23, or with a small group

**Week 4, Chapters 4 and 5** – March 26 or 30, or with a small group

**Week 5, Chapter 6** – April 2 or 6, or with a small group

**Week 6, Chapters 7 and 8** – April 9 or 13, (Chapter 7 aligns with Maundy Thursday. Chapter 8 aligns with Easter.)

**If you missed the book sale at church, books are available from Amazon for about \$10.**



### ***Children's Sunday School lessons in March***

The Lenten studies for Children's Sunday School in March are as follows:

March 2	No Sunday School	
March 9	Luke 4:1-13	The Temptation of Jesus
March 16	Luke 13:31-35	The Lament over Jerusalem
March 23	Luke 13:1-9	The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree
March 30	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	The Parable of the Prodigal Son

Our teachers will be Allison Snelling and Ashton Hill!

## Tread Lightly for Lent 2025 – PCUSA Lenten Calendar

The *Presbyterian Hunger Program* strives to walk with people towards sustainable choices that restore and protect all of God’s children and Creation. As people of faith, we seek to “serve and preserve” God’s world, to *tread lightly*. During Lent, we slow down, take time, and examine our spiritual lives and the way we live out our Christian faith in the world around us. May this Lenten calendar inspire a commitment towards more mindful behaviors throughout the year.



Calendar PDF: <https://pcusa.org/sites/default/files/2025-01/2025%20Lent%20Calendar.pdf> Or, go to

<https://pcusa.org/resource/2025-lenten-calendar>, scroll down, and click on “View Document” for the attractive *calendar format* with links. A text only Word document and Spanish edition is also available on this page.

A Lenten calendar option for children and families from PCUSA, *One Great Hour of Sharing, A Sharing Calendar for Lent*: <https://www.pcusa.org/resource/sharing-calendar-oghs25>

**Prayer** by SHPC member Cathi Dagley:

*To our God of earth and heaven, thank you for our life and breath and all of your every day blessings. Open our hearts and minds to your closeness, and help us see that you are never far away from any of us. Amen.*

### U-Kirk

Get ready for an epic Sunday Funday with U-Kirk Mobile! Join us on March 16th at 1pm at Dave & Buster's for a chill afternoon of lunch, games, and good vibes with fellow college students and young adults. It's the perfect way to unwind, have some laughs, and make new friends—all for free! Just RSVP by texting or emailing Patrick Jacobs at 251-259-7429 or [patrickhjacobsgmail.com](mailto:patrickhjacobsgmail.com). Don't miss out—let's make this Sunday unforgettable!

### Prayer List

Ted Auttersen, Barbara Beach, Cammie Belue, Frank Callahan, John Carr, Lanier Cauley, Janet Clarke, Jamie Crawford, Cathi Dagley, Chrissy Ennen, Ruth Fitzgerald, Mary Lee Franks, Gwen Greer, Ann Hafner, Charles Hall, Bill Harris, Marcy Harris, Lauren Henson, Betty Jackson, Bill Layfield, Celia Ledbetter, Paula Letterman, Kay Korb, Jacque Marrero, Lynn Martin, Ernestine McElroy, Betty Minto, Ann Nicolson, Mary Owen, Susan Schlichting, Margie Wikle Spaulding, Pat Stoll, Carol Sumrall, Gayle Underwood, Johnny Walton, Babs Warren, Ann Wilson, Andy Wharton, Ronnie Wright

# MEMORIALS

*George Barton*

*Bron Dixon*

*Stephanie & Walter Cleverdon*

*Amelia Daugherty*

Leigh & Alex Agnew	Tallulah Helmsing	Tee Gillespie & Family
Pat Baker	Jain Ann Lane	Patsy Tyson
Mitch & Sally Cobb	Sara Long	Elaine, Kauper, &
Kendall & Amanda Dexter	Jamie Lovitte	Philip Wikstrom
Mickey Doser	Jacqueline Marrero	Jane Williamson
Gary and Theresa Duke	Kathryn Marrero	PW Day Circle
Denise Duke	Anne Meador	The Stacked Deck Barbershop
Hilda Gewin	Luann Rice	Quartet
Ruth Fitzgerald	Randy & Vera Lynn Sheets	
Diana Harris	Janie Sims	





THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are to the family of Bron Dixon upon her death on February 2, 2025.

## Spring Hill Presbyterian Church Income & Expenditures by Week

	1/1 - 1/6/25	1/7 - 1/13/25	1/14 - 1/20/25*	1/21 - 1/27/25	JANUARY	YTD
Cash Received	24,431.00	8,100.34	3,766.15	61,829.00	98,126.49	98,126.49
Cash Expended		17,346.13	19,488.50	1,182.25	38,016.88	38,016.88
	24,431.00	(9,245.79)	(15,722.35)	60,646.75	- 60,109.61	60,109.61
	1/28 - 2/3/25	2/4 - 2/10/25	2/11 - 2/17/25*	2/18 - 2/24/25	FEBRUARY	YTD
Cash Received	52,772.34	18,553.71	1,164.90		72,490.95	170,617.44
Cash Expended	15,589.77	19,460.55	32,069.32		67,119.64	105,136.52
	37,182.57	(906.84)	(30,904.42)	-	- 5,371.31	65,480.92

# March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Sunday Schools @ 9:00 Worship @ 10:30 Youth Singers &amp; Children's Choir @ 5:00 Youth, children &amp; parents Dinner @ 6:00 Youth Group @ 6:30</p>						1 AA
2 Worship	3	4 Office closed 	5 Ash Wednesday 12:00 Service 5:30 Service PWCT Spring Hill Ringers Chancel Choir	6	7	8 AA
9 Sunday Schools Worship - Communion Alphabet Generations Children's choir & Youth Singers Youth Group	10 MSC Girl Scouts Boy Scouts	11 Painting Pals MSC Finance Committee Worship Committee	12 Day Circle Lenten Service Afternoon Circle Spring Hill Ringers Chancel Choir	13 PEO	14	15 AA
16 Sunday Schools Worship Mobile Art Assc. Alphabet Generations Children's choir & Youth Singers Youth Group	17 MSC 	18 Painting Pals MSC Session Diaconate	19 Congregational Care Lenten Service Spring Hill Ringers Chancel Choir	20	21	22 MBA Workday AA
23 Sunday Schools Worship -Youth Sunday Alphabet Generations Children's choir & Youth Singers Youth Group	24 Newsletter Deadline MSC	25 Painting Pals MSC	26 Lenten Service Spring Hill Ringers Chancel Choir	27	28 Parent's Night out	29 AA
30 Sunday Schools Worship Alphabet Generations Children's choir 7 Youth Singers Youth Group	31 MSC					