

WORSHIP WITH US IN MARCH

“He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news’.”
Mark 1: 13-15 (NRSV)

Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness to prepare for his ministry. As Christians, we observe Lent to prepare for Easter. Lent consists of 46 days: 40 days of fasting and repentance, and six Sundays. Since every Sunday is considered a celebration of Christ's resurrection, they are excluded from the call to fast and repent. The period of Lent starts with Ash Wednesday. Ashes are made from last year's Palm Sunday branches, blessed and placed on worshippers' foreheads to remind us of our sin and mortality, so that we may reflect, repent and truly believe in the good news.

The entire month of March falls within Lent since this year. Ash Wednesday is right on March 1. Bethany offers a daytime Ash Wednesday service at 1:00 p.m. for those who prefer to travel during the day. We also join with Third Reformed for an evening Ash Wednesday service in their sanctuary. All are welcome to attend one or both services. Next we celebrate Holy Communion served in the pews on March 5, the first Sunday in Lent. Please be with us for this and the remaining Sundays in March as we travel our Lenten path as a congregation. We look forward to seeing you!

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Worship Committee Chair

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Ash Wednesday (1 AM) Worship (1 PM) Worship/Pot Luck Supper Third Reformed (6:30 PM) Ft Orange Stamp Club (7 PM) New Start Step (7:30 PM)	2 Boy Scouts (6:45 PM) Nicotine Anonymous (7:30 PM)	3 Painters (10 AM) AA (7:30 PM)	4 Regional Food Bank (9 AM) Al Anon (10 AM)
5 Worship (10 AM) Clean Team (6 PM)	6 Women's Bible Study (9:30 AM) Step at a Time (7 PM)	7 Bell Choir (6:15 PM) Living Clean (6:30 PM) African Violet Society (7 PM) Adult Choir (7:15 PM)	8 Couples Recovery (6:30 PM) New Start Step (7:30 PM)	9 Boy Scouts (6:45 PM) Nicotine Anonymous (7:30 PM)	10 Painters (10 AM) AA (7:30 PM)	11 Al Anon (10 AM) Al Anon Speakers (6 PM)
12 Worship (10 AM) Clean Team (6 PM)	13 Women's Bible Study (9:30 AM) Step at a Time (7 PM)	14 Bell Choir (6:15 PM) Living Clean (6:30 PM) Ft Orange Stamp Club (7 PM) Adult Choir (7:15 PM)	15 New Start Step (7:30 PM)	16 Boy Scouts (6:45 PM) Nicotine Anonymous (7:30 PM)	17 Painters (10 AM) AA (7:30 PM)	18 Al Anon (10 AM)
19 Worship (10 AM) Consistory Meeting (11:30 AM) Buckingham Pond Conserv (1 PM) Clean Team (6 PM)	20 Women's Bible Study (9:30 AM) Step at a Time (7 PM)	21 Be Our Guest Supper (4:45 - 5:45 PM) Adult Choir (6:30 PM) Living Clean (6:30 PM)	22 Couples Recovery (6:30 PM) Adult Bible Study (6:30 PM) New Start Step (7:30 PM)	23 Boy Scouts (6:45 PM) Nicotine Anonymous (7:30 PM)	24 Painters (10 AM) AA (7:30 PM)	25 Al Anon (10 AM)
26 Worship (10 AM) Clean Team (6 PM)	27 Women's Bible Study (9:30 AM) Step at a Time (7 PM)	28 Bell Choir (6:15 PM) Living Clean (6:30 PM) Ft Orange Stamp Club (7 PM) Adult Choir (7:15 PM)	29 Adult Bible Study (6:30 PM) New Start Step (7:30 PM)	30 Boy Scouts (6:45 PM) Nicotine Anonymous (7:30 PM)	31 Painters (10 AM) AA (7:30 PM)	