

THE WEEKLY WINDOW

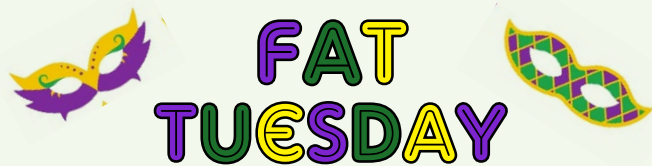
OUT TO THE LIFE
AND MINISTRY OF
HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 28, 2025



LENT BEGINS THIS COMING WEDNESDAY

Lent is the season of prayer, fasting, and self-examination which prepares us for the celebration of Easter. It is a period of 40 days - like the flood in Genesis, Moses' sojourn at Mt. Sinai, Jonah's call to Ninveh to repent, and Jesus's time of testing in the wilderness. (Sundays are not counted during this period because every Lord's Day is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.) In the early church, this season was a time of preparation for baptism for new Christians at the Easter vigil. It continues for us to be a time of repentance and a time to grow in our faith. The imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of our Lenten journey.



THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 4 at 6PM
Don't forget to RSVP by March 2

Our annual Fat Tuesday celebration is at **6:00pm in Westminster Hall on March 4**. Come enjoy yummy food, music, crafts, and fellowship! Fat Tuesday is a time to indulge in a sumptuous meal and enjoy a festive atmosphere before beginning the contemplative season of Lent. **Our menu includes** gumbo, red beans and rice, pasta with parmesan, salad, fruit, cornbread, biscuits, and desserts. Vegetarian and gluten-free options will be available.

In order to prepare, **reservations are a must** and no later than **Sunday, March 2**. You can sign up by calling the church office, RSVPing online [HERE](#), or by emailing susanbradshaw8@gmail.com. **Cost is \$6 per person.**

ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 5



Ash Wednesday is a day of solemn assembly that is built right into the church year. It is a fast day, a day of mourning for our sin and the sin of all humanity before God, a recognition of our mortality save for the grace of God and a request that the Lord remember our creation and breathe new life into our burned-out, dusty lives once more. (pcusa.org)

The Book of Common Worship reminds us, "Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent with a public act of confession...Ashes are an ancient symbol of repentance, sorrow, and sacrifice." At Hudson we make the ashes from last year's dried Palm Sunday branches. On Wednesday, March 5, we will have "drop in" opportunities throughout the day to receive ashes on your head or your hand.

TIMES AND PLACES YOU CAN RECEIVE ASHES:

8:30-9:15am - Preschool drop-off
12:00-1:00pm - Sanctuary
5:00-6:00pm - Chapel
7:00-8:00pm - Memorial Garden

LENTEN SUPPERS & EVENING PRAYER SERVICES

WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 12, 19, 26 & APRIL 2, 9

Supper: 6:00pm in WH North | Service: 6:30 in the Chapel

HMPC Deacons invite you to join them on Wednesdays throughout Lent for supper and worship: Practices that began with the early Christians who gathered to share a meal and fellowship, then worshiped together where the rites of anointing with oil and communion were offered. Each week we provide delicious, simple suppers and a time of fellowship around the tables in Westminster North. **There is no cost for these meals and reservations are not required.** Following the meal, a short service of evening prayer takes place in the Chapel.

TO THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

To the Church Triumphant

Chekwas Nkpa



Hudson member Chekwas Nkpa entered God's everlasting kingdom on February 24, 2025. Please pray for member Mgbo Nkpa and Chekwas' family.

FAITH FORMATION

Waking Up With The Word

Tuesday, March 4 | 6:30am | Zoom



This is an early morning men's Bible study. It meets via Zoom and in-person (on the WH Patio), alternating weekly. This week's session is over Zoom, and you can join us using [THIS LINK](#).

WUWTW uses an ancient study method called *lectio divina*. We read the passage that will be preached on for the upcoming Sunday four times, with interspersed questions:

What's a word or phrase that stands out to you? Allow that word or phrase to develop into a memory from your life, a thought you have on the passage or a metaphor? What is Christ calling you to through the passage?

No previous Bible study experience is necessary. It's a great way to deepen your faith and develop friendships within the church! New participants are always welcome. Contact [Lesley Ash Jacobsen](#) to be added to the mailing list for this group. Contact Tripp Bradshaw with any questions.

ANNUAL REPORT



Annual Report

In case you missed it, [HERE](#) is a link to the 2024 Annual Report. Hard copies are also available in the brochure rack by the Cranbrook/office doors.

SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION



The Seekers

March 2

"Hunger Relief: It Takes a Partnership, It Takes a Village"

Facilitated by Roger Howard

WESTMINSTER HALL SOUTH

The Seekers Sunday School class continues as we explore Hudson's hunger relief strategies and defining our "village."



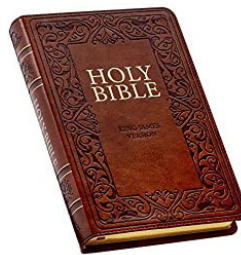
Presbyterian Ponderings

"Imperfect Messengers"

Facilitated by Fred Woodward, John Oldenburg, John James, Gil Graybill

WESTMINSTER HALL NORTH

For the month of March, we will revisit our fall study of God's "Imperfect Messengers". Reluctance, doubt, fear, and anger are all emotions we can relate to. Join us as we explore the flaws and accomplishments of familiar Biblical characters, and consider how God may be working through each of us in spite of our own imperfections.



March 2: We will focus on Elijah

March 9 - Peter

March 16 - Saul/Paul

March 23 - Abraham

March 30 - Thomas

MISSION

March Special Offerings



This month our March Special Offering goes to the **Presbyterian General Mission Fund**, a pool of donated funds within the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. used to support a wide range of missions, both domestically and internationally. The

funds are allocated to various mission programs based on priorities set by the General Assembly, which include disaster relief, global health initiatives, community development projects, and more.



You may place your donation in the offering plate, designated to General Mission Fund, or you can give online by going to hmpc.org or scanning the QR code to the left.

MARCH TEND MY SHEEP

The Tend My Sheep offering for this month goes to **Presbyterian Campus Ministries**. We are collecting snack foods and gift cards for groceries and gas. **Ideal donations include: pretzels, goldfish, granola bars, fruit snacks, pudding snacks, and applesauce packs.**



You can drop off donations in the bins by Sanctuary entrances during the month of March.



SINGLE WAY

Single Way

Join us for our next meeting!

**Tues, March 4 at 11:30am
North Hills Club**

(4824 Yadkin Drive, Raleigh) It's at the corner of Yadkin & Rampart. Meet in the lobby bordering Rampart Street.

PLEASE NOTE: North Hills Club does not accept cash. Credit and/or Debit cards only.



Please call Ruth Herpich (919) 280-0049 by March 3 if you plan to attend. **New people are always welcome!** Hope to see you there!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday Youth Activities

THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 2

NO YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Middle School+ (5th-8th grade) will be playing and helping to call BINGO for the children's ministry!

3:30-5:30 | Westminster North

High School Youth will be hanging out at the ParTee Shack! Bring \$20 to golf or for other arcade games.



**5:00-7:00pm | ParTee Shack
5300 Fayetteville Road,
Raleigh, NC 27603**



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

4th Annual Arts Camp

June 18, 19, 20 | 5:30 to 7:30

Join us for Arts Camp as we explore our faith through the arts! We will use music, drama, and visual arts to learn more about God!

This camp is open to children currently in kindergarten through 5th grade for the 2024-2025 school year. This event is open to the public so invite a friend to join you! Dinner will be served each evening before we begin our art rotations. Please be sure to note any food allergies we should be aware of when registering your child.



Register HERE

Link also available on the homepage of hmpc.org

WORSHIP

Upcoming Worship Details

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

10:30 Worship - Rev. Betty Berghaus will preach

Assisting in worship leadership:

Mary Schindo

Rev. Berghaus is a retired Presbyterian pastor. She served for 19 years as Associate Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Durham. Since retirement, she has served two interims and supply preached at a number of area churches. She serves on New Hope Presbytery's Commission on Ministry.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

10:30 Worship - Rev. Jimmy Hulsey will preach

Assisting in worship leadership: Joanna Hulsey

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

10:30 Worship - Rev. John Kidd will preach

Assisting in worship leadership:

Melinda Dickinson

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

10:30 Worship - Rev. Aleta Ash will preach

Assisting in worship leadership: Jay Cummins

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

10:30 Worship - Rev. Molly Smerko will preach

Assisting in worship leadership: Fred Woodward

COMMUNITY

Lenten Service at FPC

SUNDAY MARCH 16 AT 6:00-7:00

First Presbyterian Church in downtown Raleigh invites you to join them for *Lenten Reflections: A Service of Hymns and Readings*, **Sunday March 16 at 6:00pm** in the Sanctuary led by FPC Music Ministry. The service will explore the Lenten theme of journey (journey

through the wilderness, journey to the cross, etc.), with emphasis on our united voices in song and praise. A variety of readings and poems will reflect the messages of the hymns. All ages are welcome.



CALENDAR

Sunday, March 2

9:30 am - Ponderings - WH North
9:30 am - The Seekers - WH South
10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary
11:30 am - Fellowship - WH North
11:30 am - Coffee and Conversation - Chapel
11:30 am - Joyful Noise Music - Geneva
11:45 am - Youth Bells - WH South
3:30 pm - Bingo for Children, MS+ Youth, & their families - Westminster Hall
5:00-7:00 pm - HS Youth Group - Partee Shack

Monday, March 3

9:30 am - HMP Chapel - Geneva
6:30 pm - Children's Committee - Zoom
7:00pm - Personnel Committee - Zoom
8:00pm - Al-Anon/Ala-teen - Geneva Hall

Tuesday, March 4

Fat Tuesday

6:30am - Waking Up With The Word - Zoom
9:30 am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
11:30 am - Single Way - North Hills Club
6:00 pm - Fat Tuesday Celebration - Westminster Hall
6:00 pm - ACA Meeting - Rm 200
7:00 pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall

Wednesday, March 5

Ash Wednesday

8:30am - Ashes - Preschool Doors
9:15 am - Women at the Well - Chapel/Zoom
12:00 pm - Ashes - Sanctuary
5:00 pm - Ashes - Chapel Labyrinth
6:15 pm - Hudson Handbells - WH South
7:00 pm - Ashes - Memorial Garden / Sayre Cross
7:30 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, March 6 & March 7

HMP Donut Days
9:00 am - HMP Parent Donuts - Classrooms

WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE NOTE:

If your group/committee has an announcement you would like to make during worship, please email it to Lesley Ash Jacobsen (lash-jacobsen@hmpe.org) no later than the Wednesday before the Sunday you wish to make the announcement. Thank you!

