

# LENT

## 2023

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## Worship Schedule

<b>Ash Wednesday, February 22</b>	6:00 p.m. Worship in Sanctuary and Livestream
<b>Palm Sunday, April 2</b>	9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary (Livestream at 10:30)
<b>Maundy Thursday, April 6</b>	6:00 p.m. Worship in Sanctuary and Livestream
<b>Good Friday, April 7</b>	6:00 p.m. Worship in Sanctuary and Livestream
<b>Easter Sunday, April 9</b>	7:00 a.m. Sunrise Worship 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary (Livestream at 10:30)

— *Childcare is available at all services* —



## Lent Sermon Series

### March 5-April 2

#### “Lent: I Shall Not Want”

Lent is a season of turning from the ways of the world, and turning back to God. During this season, we focus our faith and follow Jesus from the wilderness to the cross. Throughout this sermon series, from Ash Wednesday to Holy Week, we will draw encouragement from David's words in Psalm 23, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." With an emphasis on spiritual renewal, we prepare our hearts to celebrate our Risen Lord on Easter.

# Adult Education

**“They were astounded and amazed”: the Mystery of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark**

**Sundays, February 26-April 2 at 10:30 a.m.**

**Led by Dr. David Lauber**

When Jesus taught, the people were astounded. And when he healed and drove out demons, they were amazed. Throughout the Gospel of Mark, we encounter the teachings and miracles of Jesus. We also witness the frequent confusion of the disciples as they hear Jesus speak of his need to walk the way of suffering that will lead him to the cross. He persistently instructs them along the way, and his identity is displayed on the cross, as we hear the soldier's confession, “Truly this man was God's Son” (Mark 15:39). This Lenten study will explore and reflect on Mark's depiction of Jesus. We will also bring Mark into conversation with the other gospels at key points, in particular the crucifixion and resurrection. We will examine how specific episodes of the story contribute to the central theme of the book, “...the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God” (Mark 1:1). The aim of the class is to reflect together on the astounding mystery of the Incarnation – Jesus Christ, the Son of God, crucified and resurrected.



## Palm Sunday, April 2

### Sunday School Palm Sunday Procession (10:30 service)

Sunday School children will meet in the gym at 10:15 a.m. to prepare to process through the church for Palm Sunday. Sunday School teachers will lead the children out of church to Sunday School following the procession.

### Easter Egg Hunt

During the Pancake Brunch, children in 5th grade and under are invited to participate in our annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Courtyard. Bring a basket or bucket for collecting eggs. Watch for details to come.



### Palm Sunday Pancake Brunch 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast after Palm Sunday services! WF high school students and leaders invite you to come hungry and support their summer mission trip to Imperial, PA. Free-will donations are welcome.



### Lenten Devotionals

Copies of this year's Lenten Devotional "Water & Spirit" are available in the Rotunda, Narthex and office. Devotions begin with a brief passage from the Gospel of John. The writers then bring their unique voices and pastoral wisdom to the texts with quotations to ponder, reflections, and prayers.