



LENT

At First Presbyterian Church of Encino

Lent is a season of deepening faith, spiritual practice, and self-examination. During Lent we are following in the footsteps of Jesus toward a holy week of dying and rising. At FPCE we will observe the season of Lent in the following ways. We hope you will prayerfully join us on this journey.

Ash Wednesday, March 6, 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.

In a service of prayer and confession, the ashes remind us of our mortality.

Worshippers may receive the ashes on their forehead or may receive a blessing with oil. We will observe the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper as we begin a season of following Christ.

Sundays, March 10, 17, 24, and 31, and April 7, 10:00 a.m.

Our Sunday worship during Lent will focus on the Scriptures and help to deepen our walk with Christ. Word and music will be focused on the Lenten season.

Wednesdays during Lent, Lectionary Study, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

The lectionary study continues throughout the seasons of the year. Since Lent is a time when we aim to deepen our faith, perhaps others will join us for these group Bible studies during March and April.

Messy Church! First Friday, 5:00 p.m. and Third Saturday, 10:00 a.m., of the month.

Join us at these intergenerational gatherings of fellowship, creativity, games and worship ending with a meal.

Saturday, March 16 St. Patrick's Day. Sharing time with EPCC and Family Fun Day.
April 5 – 7 All Church Retreat camp out
Saturday, April 20 – Holy Communion followed by field trip to clean our Earth.

Palm Sunday, April 14, 10:00 a.m.

We begin our worship on this day with an exuberant procession complete with palms. As we listen to the stories of Scripture, we move to a reflection on Christ's Passion. A dramatic reading of Luke's Passion story will be at the center of this service.

Maundy Thursday, April 18, 6:30 p.m.

We gather for a meal together and then remember Christ's Last Supper with his disciples with a service of communion. We remember Christ's new commandment, that we love one another as Christ loves us.

Good Friday, April 19, 12:00 noon

In a quiet service of prayer, scripture, and music, we gather at the foot of the cross and reflect on the meaning of Christ's death for us and all the world.

Easter Sunday, April 21, 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Pastor Ruth will lead an early morning celebration marking the dawn of resurrection. After this service we will break our Lenten fast with a pancake breakfast cooked and served by our Jewish friends at KCVC. Our 10:00 a.m. service will be a time of celebration accompanied by brass instruments, our choir, and the great good news of the Easter story.

One Great Hour of Sharing: Throughout Lent we will have a chance to give above and beyond our usual giving through OGHS. These funds are used for the Presbyterian Hunger Program, the Presbyterian Disaster Program, and Self-Development of People. Take this opportunity to practice your faith in caring for the least and the lost in our world. The offering will be received on Palm Sunday.