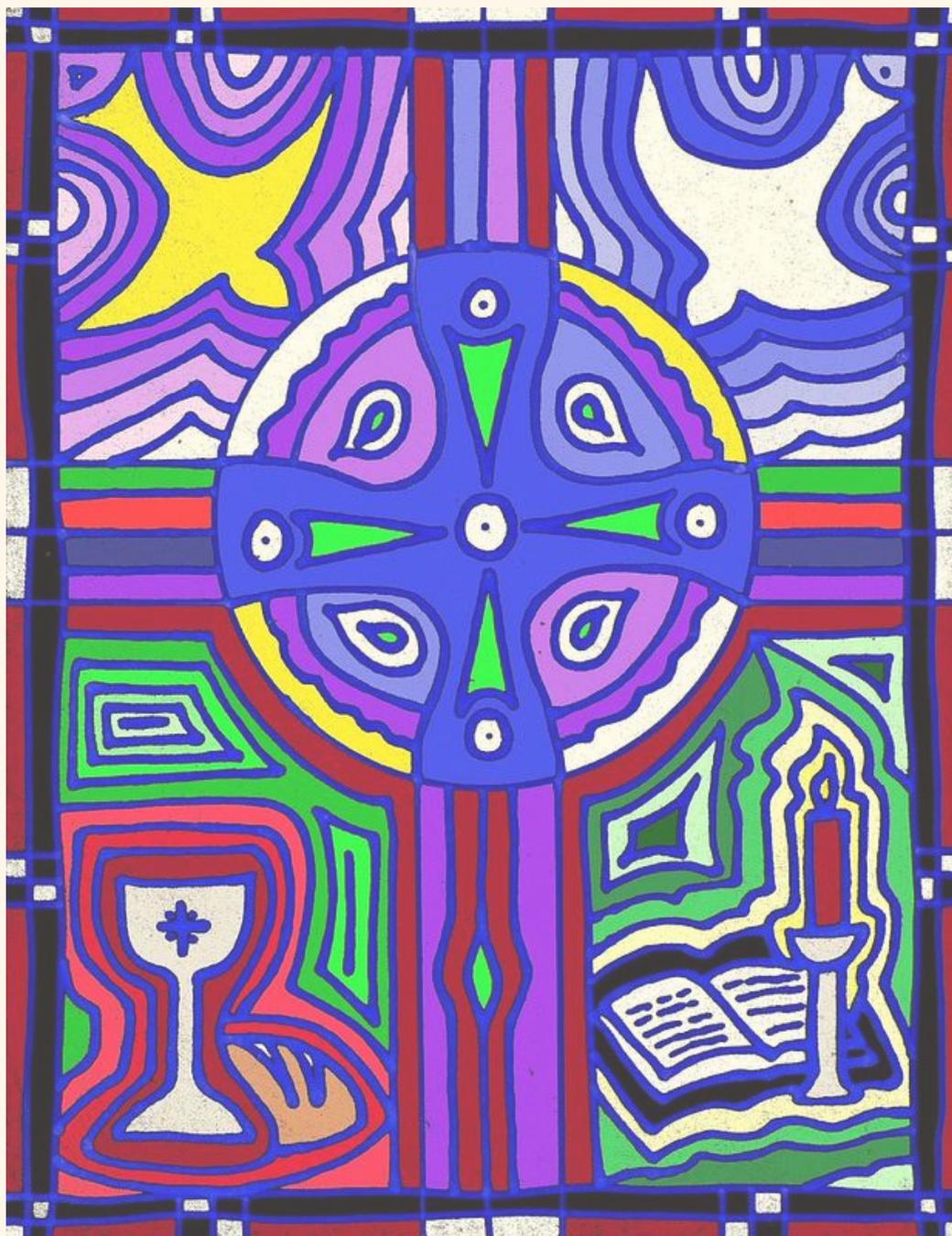


# Clinton Presbyterian Church

## Lent 2026



Dear Friends,

Lent invites us to slow down and pay attention—to our lives, to one another, and to both the weight we carry and the goodness God is still bringing forth.

This Lent, our worship and preaching will center on the sermon series Tell Me Something Good. Together, we'll listen for stories of hope, grace, and love—signs of God's goodness that meet us in the midst of real life, not just ideal circumstances.

This guide is designed to help you carry the themes of the sermon series beyond Sunday morning and into the rhythms of your week. You'll find opportunities for worship and prayer, ways to serve and do good in our church and the wider community, activities for children and youth, and gatherings for connection, study and fellowship. You don't need to do everything, but I invite you to find one or two ways to engage that feel meaningful and life-giving.

As we walk toward the cross, may we learn to recognize and share good news along the way. May we tell one another stories of God at work among us. And may we discover—again and again—that even now, God is doing something good.

Peace,

Tracey

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# Worship and Study in Lent



## **Ash Wednesday - February 18th @ 7pm**

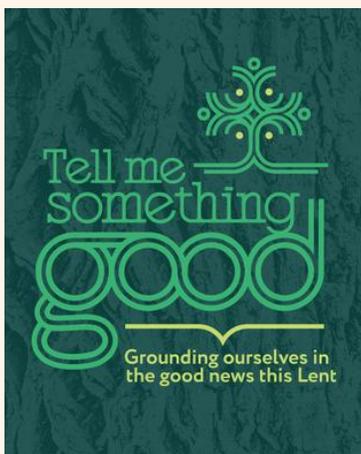
Join us as we mark the beginning of Lent with a reflective and peaceful worship service. Our confirmation students and chancel choir will help to lead as we receive ashes and begin our journey toward Easter around the communion table. Come as you are and enter Lent with intention and hope.

## **February 22nd, Lydia Lucas from City Relief**

We are thrilled to welcome Lydia Lucas, Chief People officer from City Relief, one of our long-term mission partners. Dan will share updates on their newly re-established ministries serving neighbors in and around Newark – stories of hope, hospitality, and lives changed. We'll also explore ways our congregation can continue to come alongside their work in the months ahead, through hands-on service, prayer, and ongoing support. Come ready to be encouraged and energized for mission!



## **Lenten Sermon Series: Tell Me Something Good: Grounding Ourselves in the Good News this Lent**



Lent was originally a season for new Christians to prepare for baptism, grounding themselves in what is central to following Christ. In the same way, this season calls all of us to return to our roots: loving our neighbors, caring for the vulnerable, pursuing justice, and resting in God's unending grace. This Lent, our series Tell Me Something Good invites us to reflect on the heart of Jesus' life and ministry—the core teachings that form the foundation of our faith – teaching that are sometimes challenging and yet always lifegiving.

# Worship and Study in Lent

## Lenten Good Groups

As part of our Lenten journey, we invite you to join a Good Group this March. Good Groups will meet four times during the month of March. We are offering different kinds of groups so you can choose the style that fits you best this season.

### Good Group: Scripture & Study

For those who enjoy digging deeper into the biblical text and engaging in thoughtful discussion rooted in Scripture.

### Good Group: Reflect & Respond

For those who prefer shorter readings or podcasts etc, with space to share what resonates.

### Good Group: Coffee & Chat

For those with limited time (and perhaps energy!), this group offers a relaxed, casual conversation and a simple point of connection.

***Decaf online version available for night owls.***

The time, format, and meeting details for each Good Group will be shaped by the participants themselves.

**Sign up by February 15 for the group that Good Group that interests you most**

[sign up here!](#)

## Great Discussions February 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm

### Life in the digital age

We all live in a phone-based world that constantly shapes how we think, relate, and rest. During this discussion we'll explore how smartphones and social media affect both youth and adults – from attention and anxiety to relationships and presence – and consider healthier ways of living in the digital age.

Leanne Treese will lead our discussion.



[CLICK HERE](#)

# Fellowship Through Lent



## **Men's Breakfast February 28th at 8am**

Start your day off right with a delicious breakfast at the Manse - 105 Center Street! All men are invited.



## **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?! Saturday March 21st @ 6pm**



Get ready for a night of surprise, laughter, and delicious food! Sign up for this event and just a few days before, you'll discover whose home you'll be dining at! Each guest will be asked to bring a dish to share. We hope to have some "kid-friendly homes" so that all ages will be welcome. Don't miss this chance to connect with new friends, enjoy great food, and experience the joy of a community dinner with a playful twist!



# Lent for Children & Youth

## February 18 Ash Wednesday

6pm Confirmation Class. Confirmands will also be assisting with the 7pm Ash Wednesday Service.



## "Let's Talk: Parents and Teens" February 22 - 5:30 - 7:00pm

A special evening designed to bring parents and teens together around an important (and very real) topic: peer pressure. Dinner is included!



## March 1 Seder Meal - all CHAOS 5-7pm

We'll be coming together for a truly special evening. Our youth will have the opportunity to experience a Seder meal, a tradition that dates back thousands of years and one that Jesus Himself would have celebrated. A traditional Jewish dinner will also be served.



## March 8 - PJ Day @ church

On March 8, kids are invited to roll out of bed and straight into church – pajamas and all! Wear your coziest PJs, bring your biggest smiles, and get ready for a fun morning together. Stuffedies welcome. Slippers optional. Fun guaranteed.



# Lent for Children & Youth

**March 8 Sunday Funday,  
following Sunday School**

**SUNDAY**

All 4th & 5th Graders invited for a time of fellowship and fun!

**Confirmation Class  
March 8th 5-7:30**



**March 13-15**

## **Spring Youth Retreat at Johnsonburg**

Youth retreats are where so much growth happens. Students form and strengthen real, lasting friendships, experience faith in ways that feel relevant and authentic to them, and create memories they carry for years. It's a safe, intentional, and incredibly meaningful space and one of the best gifts we can give our kids as they grow in confidence, community, and faith.

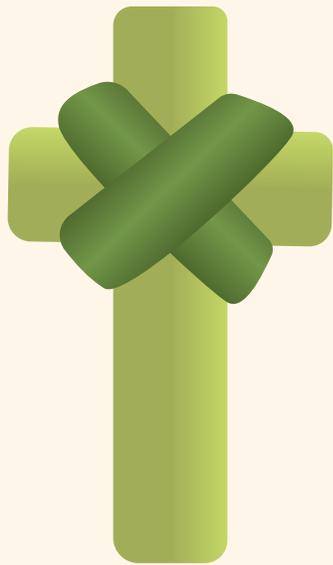
Questions?

Check out this doc: [All you need to know when sending your child to a retreat!](#)

Ready to give the gift of an unforgettable weekend? Register your child here: [Retreat Registration \(parent volunteers welcome!\)](#)

**Confirmation Class  
March 22nd 5-7:30**

# Lent for Children & Youth



## Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday, our kids will be leading the congregation during worship – and then the fun continues! After an abbreviated Sunday School time, all children are invited to grab their baskets and head to the front lawn for an Easter egg hunt.

Get ready - it's a morning full of joy, energy, and plenty of hidden surprises!

## Good Friday

### Children's Gathering - 10am

On Good Friday, children are invited to a special gathering just for them. We'll share stories, do crafts, enjoy a snack, and reflect together on this important day in a way that's gentle, meaningful, and appropriate for kids. Even on a day that can feel heavy or sad for the church, we'll celebrate God's love, hope, and presence.



**Parents please let us know if your kids plan to join us on Palm Sunday and Good Friday so that we can plan accordingly!**



**Sunday School classes will not meet on April 5 and 12. Classes will resume on April 19**

# Giving & Serving

## Spring Break Boxes

This spring, we're inviting our church family to share in a simple act of care by putting together Spring Break Boxes for families in our community.

Spring break can be a joyful time – and it can also mean a shift in routines, extra meals at home, and a little more to juggle for caregivers. Together, we can help make that week feel a bit lighter.

**There are two ways to take part:**

- **Fill a Spring Break Box**

We'll provide a shopping list with ideas for easy meals and snacks together with the number of people in the family and the ages of kids. Feel free to add in some small toys or activities - chalk, bubbles, card games etc

- **Donate gift cards**

Gift cards may also be donated separately and will be shared among the boxes to offer families added flexibility during the week.

***On Sunday, March 1, we'll know how many families are participating, and you'll be able to pick up a box to fill. Please return completed boxes by Palm Sunday, March 29.***

***Stay tuned for more details!***



# Giving & Serving

## February 28 - Applesauce Making

11:00am-1:30pm

A serving opportunity for all ages! We'll be working with LocalShare Foodshed Alliance) to turn gleaned apples from local farms into applesauce for local pantries, helping reduce food waste while supporting neighbors facing food insecurity!

📍 Trinity Church, Hackettstown NJ



## Joy Scout Opportunities



### Flemington Area Food Pantry:

**2/19 from 4:30-5:30pm**

Help deliver our Souper Bowl of Caring donations and work on a kid friendly project. All ages welcome.

154 NJ-31 Flemington, NJ

### Feeding Hands Food Pantry (Hillsborough):

**2/24 from 6-8:30pm**

Come assist with food distribution and/or prayer sessions for clients.

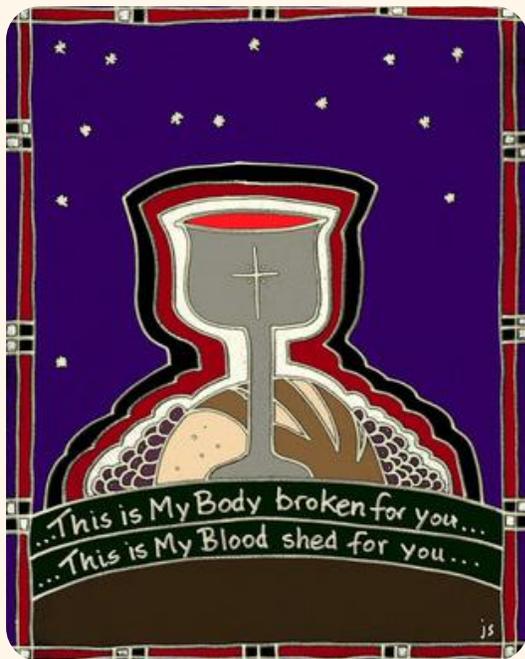
Please RSVP to Abby for additional signup info. Ages 6+.

186 US-206 Hillsborough Township, NJ

# Worship Holy Week and Easter

## **Palm Sunday - March 29**

Join us for Palm Sunday worship as we remember the arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem. This year, our Children's Chorus and Choir will lead us in song, helping us lift our voices together in praise and celebration.



## **Maunder Thursday Soup and Service - April 2nd @ 6pm**

Around tables in Fellowship Hall we'll share in a simple meal as we remember Jesus' last meal with his disciples. All ages are welcome as we remember and give thanks.

## **Good Friday Tenebrae April 3rd @ 7pm**

The Good Friday Service of Tenebrae follows a tradition of the Church dating back to the 8th Century. From Latin, the word Tenebrae means "shadows" or "darkness" and remembers the final hours of Jesus' life on earth, as he suffered death upon the cross. Candles will be extinguished one by one until darkness falls over us. The candles symbolize the fading loyalty of the disciples and friends of Jesus. The gradual darkening of the sanctuary portrays the diminishing light of the world as Christ was departing from it.

# Worship

## Holy Week and Easter

### **Easter Sunday**

**April 5th @ 9:30am**

Our joyful Worship Service will feature brass and uplifting music from our Choir and Praise Team as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. This is a day of praise, hope, and renewal, and we welcome everyone to join us. Bring your friends, family, and neighbors –let's fill the sanctuary with joy and thanksgiving for the gift of new life in Christ!

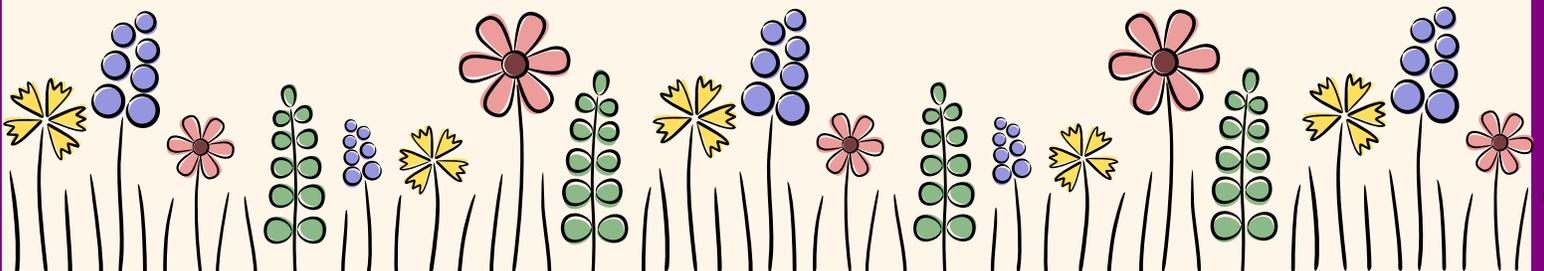


### **Flowering the Cross on Easter Sunday**

This year, as you come to Easter Sunday Service, pause by the cross and add some flowers to it. You can bring flowers from your garden, or you can place flowers from the bucket provided by the worship team. All ages are encouraged to participate.

Would you like to purchase Easter flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one? These beautiful flowers will adorn our sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

**Flower Order Form**



# Connect & Grow



## **New Members' Class**

Curious about our church or thinking about joining? Join us online on March 26 at 7 PM for a relaxed and welcoming New Members Class. Learn about who we are, what we believe, and how you can be part of our community. New members will be received during worship on Palm Sunday, March 29.

## **Women's Retreat April 24-26 @ Camp Johnsonburg**

Plan to enjoy comfortable lodging, delicious meals, time for fellowship around the campfire and most importantly, the change to rest, refresh, rejuvenate, and renew. Come for the day or stay for the whole weekend. Cost is \$275. Interested in learning more? Use the button below to let us know!



[\*\*I'm Interested!\*\*](#)