

Clinton Presbyterian Church

Lent 2025



Dear Friends,

As we prepare to enter the season of Lent, I invite you to embrace this time of reflection, renewal and spiritual growth in community with one another.

Lent is a season where we let go of distractions and make room for God's presence in our lives. As Duke professor and author Kate Bowler beautifully reminds us, "Lent is a time when we get to practice letting go of everything that isn't bringing us life."

This guide is filled with opportunities to engage in worship, study, prayer and fellowship; holy habits that will bring us life. Say yes to these and may God's grace be poured into our lives as we make room.

Lenten blessings,

Tracey

Rev. Dr. Tracey Henry
Pastor



Worship and Study in Lent



Ash Wednesday - March 5th @ 7pm

Join us for a Taizé service this Ash Wednesday. The peaceful, meditative style of Taizé, with its simple chants and candlelit atmosphere, will guide us into the season of Lent with hearts open to God's grace. As we receive the ashes, let us begin this journey of repentance and renewal together, grounding ourselves in the stillness and peace of God's presence.

Lenten Sermon Series: Walking the Hard Road

As we walk with Jesus on his journey to the cross, we'll reflect on the challenges he faced and the deep love that carried him through. In this series, we'll explore how Jesus' path invites us to confront our own struggles with courage, hope, and faith. Begins Sunday March 9th.



Week 1: When we are offered shortcuts

Week 3: When bad things happen

Week 5: When there's not one right answer

Week 2: When our shelter is torn away

Week 4: When it goes to waste

Lent Devotionals

If you are looking for a Lent devotional you can read each day, consider using Pittsburg Seminary's daily guide. Printed copies are available in the sanctuary and you can also sign up here to receive daily emails or listen to an audio version: https://www.pts.edu/devotional_1

If you prefer a daily devotional book, Tracey will make a number of options available for browsing in Fellowship Hall. Take a look through them and order a copy of one that resonates with you.

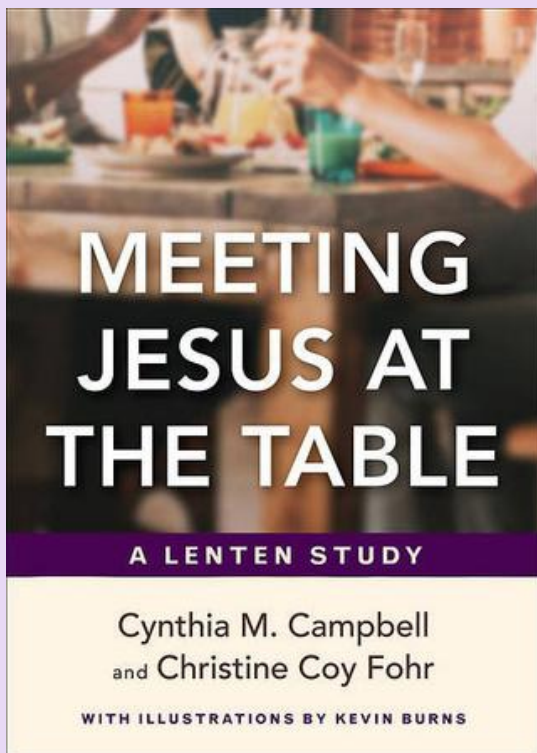


Worship and Study in Lent

Lenten Small Groups

A Season of Growth and Reflection

This year we'll use "Meeting Jesus at the Table" as our guide for small group gatherings. The Gospels are full of stories of Jesus sharing meals with disciples, friends, even tax collectors and Pharisees. Whether multiplying bread to feed a whole crowd, relaxing with his inner circle, or telling curious stories about even greater banquets, Jesus imparts wisdom as he shares the wine and grants forgiveness as he distributes the fish. This Lenten study provides biblical insights along with thought-provoking queries regarding our own time, such as whom should we invite to Sunday dinner and who is left out and left behind in our culture today.



Groups will meet for 5 weeks, one hour each week, beginning the week of March 9. Perfect attendance is not required!

We're offering a number of different time slots for groups to gather, with options for both in-person and online meetings. Sign up for the time and format which works best for you.

[sign up here!](#)

Deacon Prayer

Deacons will be available to pray with and for you following worship on Sunday March 30.



Fellowship Through Lent

Together at the Table

Sundays @ the Manse:

March 16-April 6 @ Noon

Tracey, David and the boys are inviting CPCers to join them on Sundays during Lent for a simple meal and a chance to get to know one another better in a smaller setting. Let us know which Sunday you can join us - all ages welcome (and don't worry - we are accustomed to picky eaters!)

RSVP



Progressive Dinner

March 29th at 6pm

Spend the evening with friends enjoying delicious food and delightful conversation!

We'll meet in one home for appetizers, travel to various homes for dinner then come back together again for dessert. Don't miss it. (Childcare available upon request.)

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Lent for Children & Youth

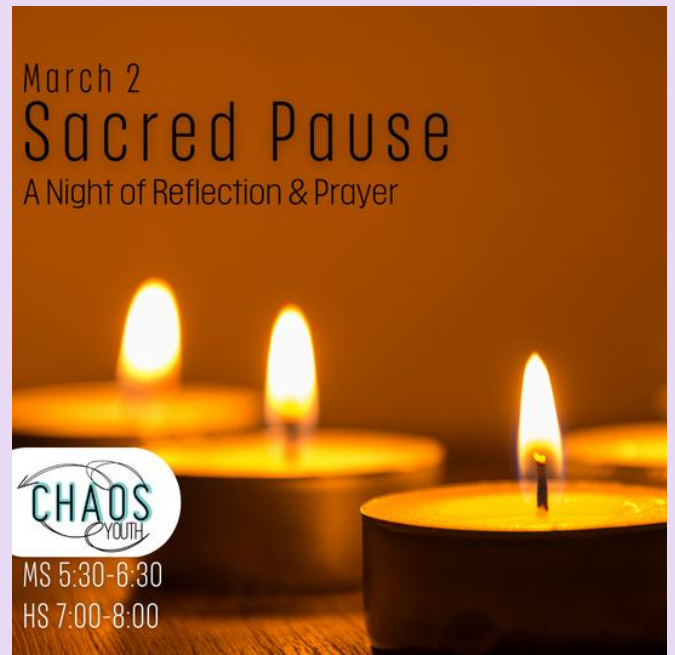


March 2 @ 11:30am
Sunday Funday

It's time for a mini field trip! Together, we will take a walk downtown and lift up this beautiful town in prayer! We'll stop at key locations such as the fire department, police department, school, and other various places. All 4th and 5th graders are invited.

March 2 - CHAOS
MS 5:30-6:30 /
HS 7:00-8:00

As we prepare to enter the contemplative season of Lent, we'll be having a meaningful evening as we walk through prayer stations to help us step away and sink ourselves into a time of meditation and introspection.



March 9 - PJ Day @ church

It's Spring forward but there's no need to miss church! Roll out of bed and come join us in your PJs!

PAJAMAS
ALL DAY

Lent for Children & Youth



MARCH 16 - CHAOS

MS 5:30-6:30 / HS 7:00-8:00

Chopped Challenge

It's time to put your culinary skills to the test! Everyone will be challenged to create a delicious dish using mystery ingredients. Parents will be the judges at pick-up!

APRIL 6

MS & HS (combined)

6:00-8:00pm

Come discover Jesus in a whole new way! On the night before He was arrested, Jesus celebrated the Passover Seder with His disciples and we'll be doing the same. This will be a ceremonious & solemn meal honoring the beautiful tradition of Passover.



MARCH 28-30

MS & HS: Spring
Youth Retreat at
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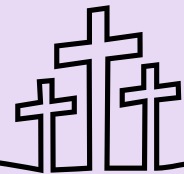
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Palm Sunday Egg Hunt



Calling all kids! Join us for a fun-filled Palm Sunday Egg Hunt! We'll wrap up Sunday school at 11:15am and meet on the front steps of the church. There will be eggs to find, treats to enjoy, and lots of excitement in store! Don't forget to bring your baskets and your best egg-hunting skills!

Good Friday Children's Gathering - 10am



Join us for a special Good Friday gathering just for this kids. We'll share the Good Friday story, get creative with some crafts, and enjoy a tasty snack together. This gathering will last about 45 minutes—a perfect time to pause and reflect together on this holy day.

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

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*Sunday School
classes will not
meet on April 20
and 27. Classes
will resume on
May 4*

Worship

Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday - April @ 13

As we begin our Holy Week journey, our Children's Chorus will lead the way, filling the sanctuary with their joyful voices as we reflect on Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

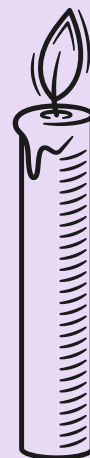


Maundy Thursday Soup and Service - April 17th @ 6pm

Around the table, we'll remember the Last Supper as we eat, worship and pray together. This service for all ages will conclude with communion.

Good Friday Tenebrae April 18th @ 7pm

Join us for a poignant Tenebrae service as we reflect on the passion and death of Christ. Through scripture, music, and the gradual extinguishing of candles, we'll journey together to the cross as we remember the depths of God's love for us and all the world.

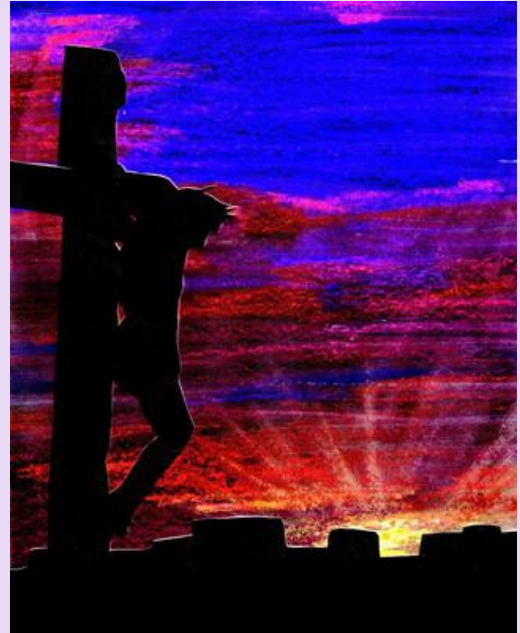


Worship Holy Week and Easter

Easter Sunday

April 20th @ 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

After Easter

Easter People Sermon Series



This sermon series highlights some of the characters that pop up after the resurrection of Jesus. These “Easter people,” from the famous to the barely-mentioned, show us how ordinary people responded to Christ’s new life, and encourages us to imagine how we can do the same. Begins May 4th.

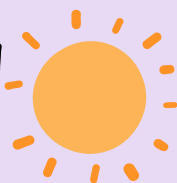
Women’s Retreat April 25-27 @ Camp Johnsonburg

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. Prices range from \$85 to \$250. All registrations must be completed by April 14. Interested in learning more? Use the button below to let us know!

[I’m Interested!](#)



Save the date for our Pentecost Picnic -
June 8th after worship!



In the Community

Volunteer with CPC at Clinton's Art in Bloom Festival!



This year we'll once again be sharing the good news about Clinton Presbyterian Church at this fun local event on April 6th. We need volunteers to staff the CPC table and help us connect with the community - no prior experience necessary! The Festival runs from 11am-4pm. If you can spare 30 -60 minutes of time let us know.

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American Red Cross

You're just our type! *Give blood.*

Blood Drive
Clinton Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall
91 Center Street
Clinton, NJ 08809

Wednesday, February 26, 2025
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: ClintonPres to schedule an appointment.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.
If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation.
Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Create a flurry of hope! Come give blood Jan. 27 to Feb. 28 for a \$15 e gift card rcblood.org/flurry

Blood Drive

CPC is always a successful location for the American Red Cross and we will continue to provide a place to collect life saving blood for those in need. Spots are still open for February 26th!