



**Cranberry Community
United Presbyterian Church**

March 1, 2017

<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
THURSDAY 3/2		
7:00 pm	- Lenten Bible Study	Sanctuary
	- Outreach Committee Meeting	Conference Rm.
SUNDAY 3/5	First Sunday of Lent; Communion	
9:00 am	- Sunday School	Both Levels
10:00 am	- Worship	Sanctuary
	- New Comer's Class	Pastor's Study
11:00 am	- Coffee Social	
	Village G	Greeting Area
6:30 pm	- Middle/High School Youth	Lower Level

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.”
John 3:16-17

LENTEN STUDY SERIES

You are invited to take advantage of a study opportunity using a video series produced by Ligonier Ministries, titled: The Assurance of Salvation. In this series, Dr. R.C. Sproul addresses the importance of living in pursuit of holiness against “easy believism.” He explores the doctrine of assurance as he helps to explain the relationship between the Christian life and the work of Christ Jesus on our behalf, which leads to an assurance of salvation. Join us on the following **Thursday evenings** at **7:00 PM** - March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, and April 6th in the Sanctuary. You don't have to sign up, just come and join us when you can!

Why does God permit suffering? If that question is important to you, please join Pastor Moran's **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** which is meeting in the Conference Room inside the office at 9:00 AM. The class is using video/discussion format led by Dr. Derek Thomas that reflects on the Book of Job. Come and join us!

Lenten Devotionals are available by the Spiritual Growth table in the Greeting Area. Take a spiritual journey to Easter by reading a daily devotional during this Lenten Season to help prepare you for the resurrection of Jesus. Envelopes are available for your donation to help with the cost of the booklet and shipping costs.

The Welcome and Announcements

(Please sign the register pad and pass it down to the end of the row.)

The Prelude **“Near the Cross”**

The Call to Worship

*A Hymn **“Draw Me Nearer”**

**1. I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Your voice
And it told Your love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith
And be closer drawn to Thee.**

CHORUS

**Draw me nearer to the cross where Thou hast died.
Draw me nearer to Your precious bleeding side.
Draw me nearer. Draw me nearer.**

**2. Consecrate me now to Your service, Lord,
By the pow'r of grace divine.
Let my soul look up with a steady hope,
And my will be lost in Thine. CHORUS**

**3. There are depths of love that I cannot know
'Til I cross the narrow sea.
There are heights of joy that I may not reach
'Til I rest in peace with Thee. CHORUS**

*A Responsive Prayer of Releasing

Pastor: Holy, holy, holy God, we place ourselves in Your presence; we rest in the promise of Your grace. Our minds and our spirits are cluttered with many thoughts and feelings that threaten to pull our attention away from You. Let us unclench our fists and release these things:

People: *We release all that we have done today – whether for good or for ill.*

We release all that we feel like we should have done today, but did not do.

We release all that we need to do tomorrow.

We release our fear.

We release our anxiety.

We release our impatience.

We release our pride.

All of the thoughts, all of the feelings that pull us away from You, O God, we release. (Silence)

Pastor: Fill us now with the joy and the peace of Your deep, abiding presence.

Together: *We offer all of ourselves to You, our One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit who creates us, redeems us, and sustains us. Amen. (Silence)*

An Old Testament Reading (pg. 901)
Joel 2 12:1-17

The Evening Prayer

*A Hymn #148 *“King of My Life, I Crown Thee Now”*

A New Testament Reading (pg. 960)
Matthew 6:16-21

The Sermon Rev. James M. Moran
“SKIN, MIND, HEART”

An Invitation to Give
The Offertory

Dara Marner

“Who is This King?”

*Praising God #556 *“Praise God From Whom All Blessings”*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*The Prayer of Dedication

*A Parting Hymn #292 *“Down at the Cross Where My Savior Died”*

*The Benediction

The Postlude *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”*

**Please stand as you are able.*

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We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Communion this Sunday, the first Sunday of Lent.

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