

<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
THURSDAY 2/15 7:00 pm	- Lenten Bible Study	Sanctuary
SUNDAY 2/18	First Sunday of Lent/Communion	
9:00 am	- Sunday School	Both Levels
	- New Comer's Class	Pastor's Study
10:00 am	- Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	- Coffee Social	
	Village A	Greeting Area
5:00 pm	- Jr. Youth Group (Grades 3-5)	Lower Level
6:30 pm	- Youth Group (Grades 6-12)	Lower Level

LENTEN STUDY SERIES

As members of a society that is quickly abandoning its Christian past, followers of Christ often feel disoriented or even frightened. When human leaders and political advocates fail us, doubts arise and the road to compromise beckons. Our **Lenten Study** this year will meet on **Thursdays** at **7:00 PM**, beginning tomorrow evening. Our topic will be: "A Time for Confidence: Trusting God in a Post-Christian Society." In this series, Dr. Stephen J. Nichols points to the almighty God as the source and ground of our confidence. Though the whole world may shake around us, His kingdom is unshakable. This is a time for confidence.

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.



Cranberry Community United Presbyterian Church

February 14, 2018

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

The Welcome and Announcements

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

The Prelude **"God so Loved the World"**

The Call to Worship

*A Hymn **"Amazing Love (You are My King)"**

*I'm forgiven because You were forsaken;
I'm accepted, You were condemned.
I'm alive and well, Your spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again.*

Chorus

*Amazing love, how can it be?
That You, my King would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true,
It's my joy to honor You.*

In all I do I honor You.

*You are my King,
You are my King,
Jesus, You are my King,
Jesus, You are my King.*

Repeat Chorus

Ending

*In all I do I honor You.
In all I do I honor You.*

*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 2:1-2, 12-17

The Evening Prayer

*A Hymn #257 *“O How He Loves You and Me”*

A New Testament Reading (pg. 960)
Matthew 6:1-4

The Sermon Rev. James M. Moran
“FASTING, ASHES, RECONCILIATION”

An Invitation to Give

The Offertory Carl Cawley
“Above All”

*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 #254 *“What Can Wash Away My Sin?”*

*The Benediction

The Postlude *“Calvary’s Love”*

**Please stand as you are able.*

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The vases of flowers are given by Srini and Karen Raman to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Srini’s mother, Gangabai Raman.

There will be a **Prayer Day for Haiti** event at Lincoln Avenue Church of God in Pittsburgh this **Friday, February 16th at 7:00 PM.** Please consider attending as prayer is offered for the work of FLM Haiti as it addresses the work of adult literacy, children’s education, medical care, guesthouse hospitality and technical education.