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March 2021

Reflections

Beware the Ides of March. This was the advice of the soothsayer to Julius Caesar that was made famous in William Shakespeare's play of the same name. The ides of March were a minor Roman holiday that occurred on the 15th of March and also the fateful day of Caesar's assassination. Shakespeare borrowed the account of this warning from the Roman historian Plutarch who tells of Caesar mocking the soothsayer that day, telling him, "the Ides of March are come" on his way to the theatre, to which the soothsayer replied, "Aye Caesar; but not gone." The rest is history.

I bring this up because the 15th of March, 2020 was the last time that we had services inside the sanctuary. The Ides of March came but before they were gone the state government had begun putting regulations on public gatherings and, as you know, the rest is now history.

If you are reading this, your fate was fortunately a bit better than Caesar's. However, the past eleven months have been a struggle for everyone. As we move on from this history though, the future looks bright. More and more people have begun to be vaccinated from the virus at the root of all of this. Case numbers have plummeted from their peak in the middle of January. However, deaths in Virginia from coronavirus have hit an all-time high due to this


peak last month and we are still far from a situation where vaccines are widely available.

So, as we look ahead to March, there is certainly good news on the horizon. We can hope that we will start to see fewer and fewer being lost to this dread disease and vaccines become much more accessible. If you have not pre-registered for one, here is a link to do so in Virginia: <https://vaccinate.virginia.gov/>. But the words of the soothsayer still echo in my ears. As the old saying goes, "We plan, God laughs." I encourage everyone to look ahead with patience, take things one day at a time, and laugh with God at the plans that get broken.

Only God knows what surprises March may have in store this year. What is undeniable is that it will leave us at the doorstep of another Easter celebration. March ends this year in Holy Week. April 1st we will celebrate Maundy Thursday. On the 2nd, we will remember Christ's Crucifixion on Good Friday. Then the 1st Sunday of April, April 4th, we will once again celebrate in some form or fashion the Good News of Christ's Resurrection that sustains us all. Who knows if March will come in like a lion or go out like a lamb. Regardless, God will be with us through it all and has already given us so much to hope for.

God be with you,

Scott



*For the preaching of the cross
is to them that perish foolishness;
but unto us which are saved
it is the power of God.*

*1 Corinthians 1:18
(KJV)*

March Lectionary Readings

Sermon topic in *italics*

March 7 (3rd Sunday in Lent)

- *Exodus 20:1-17*
- Psalm 19
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
- John 1:13-22

March 14 (4th Sunday in Lent)

- Numbers 21:4-9
- Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
- *Ephesians 2:1-10*
- John 3:14-21

March 21 (5th Sunday in Lent)

- Jeremiah 31:31-34
- Psalm 51:1-12 OR Psalm 119:9-16
- Hebrews 5:5-10
- *John 12:20-33*

March 28 (Palm Sunday)

- Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
- *Mark 11:1-11* OR John 12:12-16

1 Corinthians 1:18

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

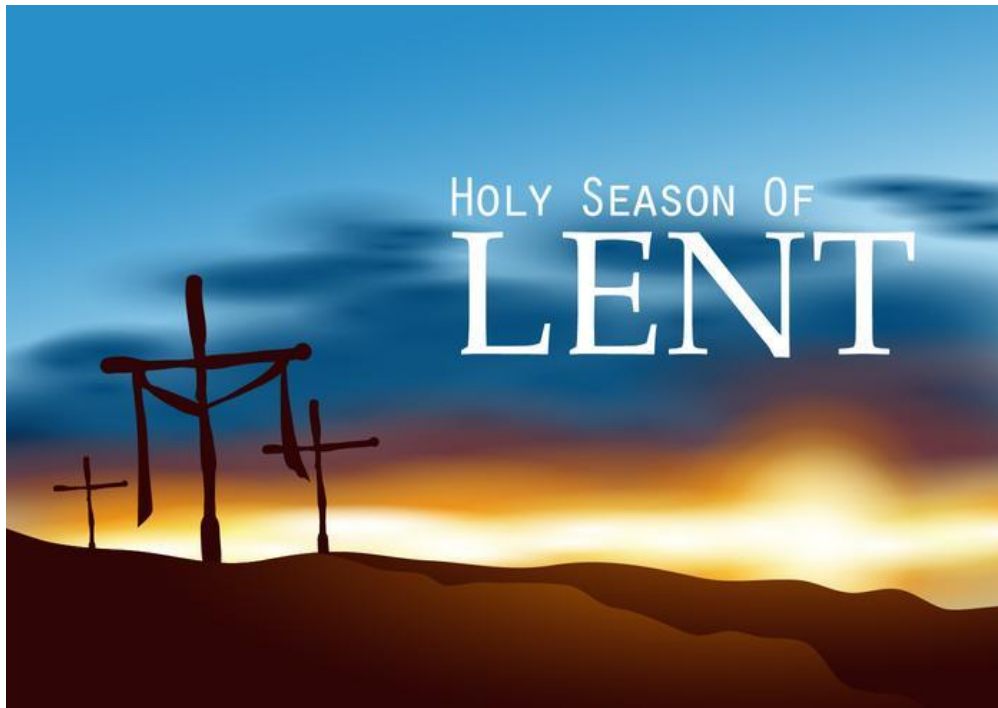
EASTER SERVICES
SPECIAL ONLINE SERVICES FOR



APRIL 1



APRIL 2



Minster Scott began emailing daily Lenten devotionals on February 17.

He will continue with this process until Easter on April 4.

Easter Special Offering

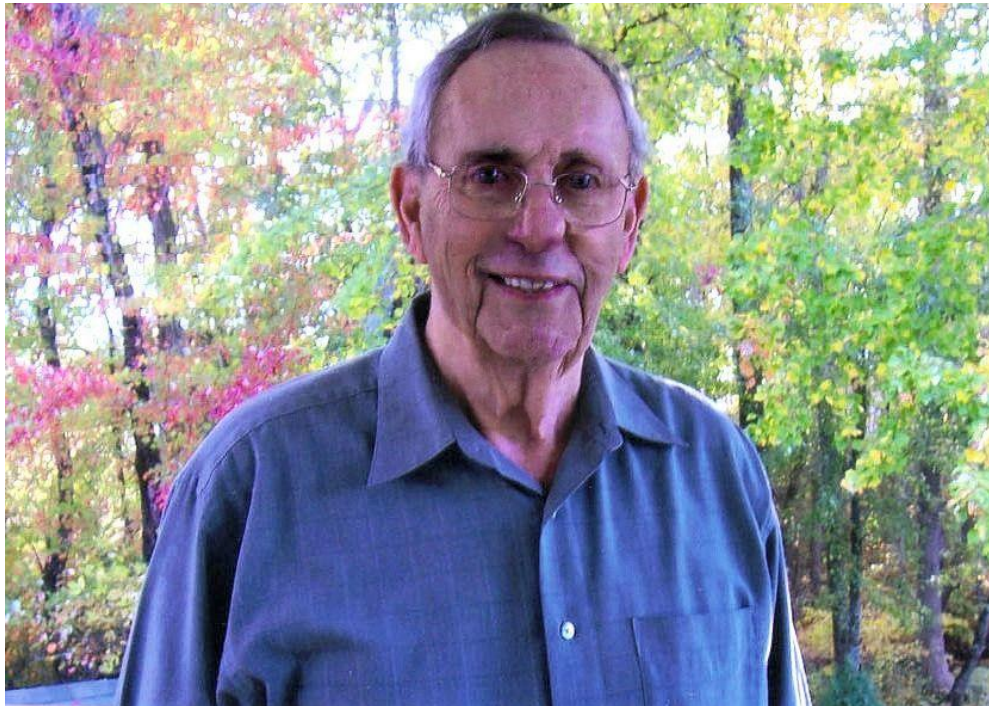
On Palm Sunday (3/28) and Easter Sunday (4/4) the church will take up its annual offering to support the general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The general ministries involve pretty much any initiative that the Disciples of Christ denomination takes on at a national level. This includes everything from administrative functions to outreach to coordinating mission opportunities to publishing worship and study resources to supporting new churches and much, much more. It is a once-a-year contribution that the church makes to try and do our part to make sure that the denomination as a whole is able to continue to thrive. To contribute please make checks out to Snow Creek Christian Church *and be sure to designate them as **Easter Offering***. If you would like to mail a check, you can do so to 4970 Snow Creek Road, Martinsville, VA 24112. Thank you all so much for your generous support to the ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

*SPECIAL MEMORIES OF PAST MINISTERS OF
OUR CHURCH*

*Jim Compton, Jimmy Goode, Berlin Hanks, Jason Lewis,
Rob Lovett, Tim Mills, and Bill Oliver.*











*SPECIAL THANKS TO THE YOUTH FOR CONTINUING TO SENDS
CARDS TO THE*

CHURCH FAMILY.



LET'S CELEBRATE



MARCH BIRTHDAYS		MARCH ANNIVERSARIES	
1	Susan Walker	16	Tony & Nancy Plybon
2	Kellyn Eanes		
5	Doug Davidson		
5	Ryland Mitchell		
6	Bryce Mitchell		
9	Joshua Washburn		
11	Nancy Robertson		
20	Stevie & Davy Mitchell		
24	Louise Washburn		
30	Breanna Robertson		
31	Todd Martin		

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