

## LENTEN WORSHIP

**Midweek Lenten Worship services will be on the following Wednesdays:  
2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17 and 3/24 at 7:00pm.**

**In-person services have resumed.**

**Join us on Sunday, February 28th at 8:00am & 10:15am  
or on Wednesday, March 3rd at 7:00pm**

**Anyone entering the building must wear a face covering and maintain social distancing.**

**In addition, we will continue to live stream the 10:15am service on Sundays  
for those individuals who have reservations about worshipping in person.  
You can view the 10:15am service through our Facebook GROUP page,  
which can be found on our Facebook PAGE**

**We continue to take COVID-19 Precautions at Prince of Peace**

**Please keep checking back for further details or call the office if you have any questions.  
We will continue to follow all guidelines set down by the government.**

***As We Gather:*** We learn much from Peter in today's Gospel. Initially, Peter seems to understand Jesus. When Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter responds with the right words, "You are the Christ." Jesus commends him for these right words. Yet when Jesus began to teach what it meant for Him to be the Christ—suffering, death, resurrection—Peter objected, revealing that he did not really understand what it meant that Jesus was the Christ. So Jesus said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan." On this second Sunday in Lent, this episode serves as both a powerful warning and a profound calling to us. Following Jesus is not easy; it is a path of taking up our cross and following Him. And His path went through suffering and death to resurrection. Baptized into Christ, that is our path too, by the grace of the One who walked it first. Ours will, at times, be a path of suffering, and so the words of Paul to the church in Rome ring powerfully in our ears today: "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1).

***Birthdays*** being celebrated this week: 3/1 Don Grayce; 3/4 William Bello, Will Maresca, Judy Ricca, Lucille Tanguay; 3/5 Erika Laws; 3/6 Kim Rollins-John.

***Flowers on the altar*** are given to the glory of God by Judy Ricca whose dedication reads "Because I'm in quarantine and alone, I'm wishing myself a Happy 75th Birthday."

***Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events:***

**Confirmation Class Schedule:** Feb. 7 & 28, March 14, April 11 & 25, May 9 at 11:30 a.m.

**Adult Bible Study** has begun. Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

**Elders Mtg.** Sunday March 7th at 11:30 a.m.

**Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt** March 28th at 11:45a.m.

***Donations requested*** for our Annual Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt. We are requesting donations of the following: sealed bags of store purchased individually wrapped mini candies. Suggested items include: jaw breakers, chocolate kisses, double bubble, mini chocolate bars, mini tootsie rolls and jolly ranchers. We have a small Sunday School committee who will be wearing masks and gloves to stuff the eggs. Please make your donations BEFORE MARCH 14th. Thank you in advance!

***Roll out of our updated website!*** Prince of Peace is pleased to announce our church website has a new look! Our domain name remains unchanged – [www.princeofpeacehowellnj.org](http://www.princeofpeacehowellnj.org), but we are now utilizing Faithlife Sites as our integrated ministry platform. Check out the Visitor Page to access Pastor's letter, the Worship Bulletin and Weekly Notes; check out the Latest News page to view the current church newsletter and advertisers; additional pages highlight our various church ministries and upcoming events; we have even set up a page for Online Giving! Check it out today - content is updated regularly!

***Support Prince of Peace*** You can make an impact while you shop. Did you know that you can generate donations while shopping for your valentine, at no extra cost? Simply start your shopping at [smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7065103](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7065103) to confirm "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church" as your charity of choice, and AmazonSmile will donate a portion of your eligible purchase price to our organization.

**Generosity Thought for Sunday, February 28, 2021**, The Second Sunday in Lent Mark 8:32 – “And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.” Anytime we sin we are acting like Peter: thinking we know better than the Lord. But as Jesus says, such acts stem from Satan. So let us repent: let us trust our Lord Jesus and follow Him. For certainly He has earned our trust with His gracious sacrifice for us.

**Our Adult Bible Study Class**, taught by Deacon Tarek Abdul-Malak, has started up again. All are invited to join in the discussion of Mark’s gospel at 9:00am on Sundays.

**Next Sunday’s Readings** March 7, 2021, The Third Sunday in Lent. Exodus 20:1-17 The Ten Commandments. 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 “We preach God crucified.” John 2:13-22 Jesus drives the money-changers from the temple.

**Thinking of You Cards** We have resumed our “Thinking of You” card and magazine collection for Howell’s “Meals on Wheels” program recipients. Taking the time to sign, seal and send a card communicates that you’ve been thinking about them - you don’t need to write much to show someone you truly care. Drop off all completed cards in the Ricca mailbox. Please call Judy at 732-364-6615 if you have any questions.

**Our Food Pantry is open during the pandemic** We would like to say thank you to all that have been so generous with their donations during the holiday season. Much appreciated and very helpful to our pantry clients. Our current needs would include soups or stews with meat, coffee and tea (often requested) and shampoo. For now, we have a good supply of breakfast cereals, oatmeal, pasta and pasta sauce and canned vegetables.

**Give Plus** Please note that there is another way to donate to Prince of Peace. Most of you know that you can sign up to have VANCO take money automatically from your checking account. You can decide if you want to make your donation monthly, weekly or any way that is convenient for you. In addition, VANCO also has an app called “**Give Plus**”. You download the app, create a password and then create a pin to make logging on easier. Then you search for a nearby church and Prince of Peace will be listed. Just choose the one that has our 434 Aldrich Road, Howell address. It will also ask for your bank information, for the transfer of funds. You then choose if it is a one-time payment or if you want recurring payments. Again, they give you the same choices such as weekly, monthly, biweekly, etc. Thank you in advance for supporting Prince of Peace!

**VANCO Simply Giving** Would you find it helpful to have your offerings taken directly from your bank account as you do other monthly drafts? Thrivent Federal Credit Union endorses Simply Giving®. Your offerings are transferred electronically to the church’s account through VANCO Financial Services. During this time of quarantine, this service is particularly helpful. If you would like an authorization form, please call the church office and we will mail one to you.

**Life Quotes for The Second Sunday in Lent, February 28, 2021** “Christians are to show no partiality whatsoever. My brother in Christ who happens to have more melanin than I have in the paper-thin upper level of our skin—while all the skin below the paper is the same—is not of a different race than I. So-called ‘race’ is not even skin deep! That’s mere upper-skin coloring, not race. Varying levels of mere melanin indicate that we’re all coffee beans—some are blonde roast, some are medium or dark or espresso roast, but we’re all coffee, we’re all colored people.” *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

***THOSE WHO SERVE***

**In-person worship services have resumed**

Worship Leader: The Rev. Kenneth Fosse

Sunday Service, February 28th at 8:00 a.m.

Elder: Brandon Chornobroff

Sunday Service, February 28th at 10:15 a.m.

Elder: Andrew Tess

Live stream: Madison Maresca

Organist: Melissa Marsicano

Hand Bell Director: Alexandra Hildebrand

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