

Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

Believe it or not Lent is right around the corner. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which this year is February 17th. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the 40 days that are set aside in the year to self-examine and reorient us spiritually. The duration of forty days symbolically aligns Lent with biblical examples of preparation, fasting, and journeying toward liberation. Typically, we have a Lenten Soup and study over the course of Lent. Although we can not gather and share a meal, we can still take time to do a Lenten study that self-examines and reorients us spiritually. Over, the course of Lent there will be weekly Lenten bible studies emailed. * We will plan to meet via zoom on the following Wednesdays March 3, 10, 24, 31 to share with one another our stories and learnings from the self-guided Bible study. The zoom info is listed below. To begin Lent we will be emailing out an Ash Wednesday meditation. *

Because the season of Lent begins this coming week, we will have two opportunities for worship. Both services continue in our hybrid worship. This means we continue with the sanctuary being open but once it reaches capacity overflow rooms are available to view the service. One can also join live remotely by going to our YouTube or Facebook page. The bulletins and hymnals continue to be available on our website. For the Ash Wednesday service we are only doing one service at 6:30pm which will also be available remotely. All the needed information for both worship services and zoom information for the Lenten Bible Study discussion meetings are listed below. I hope to have you join us for worship and begin the self-examining and spiritual reorienting done in Lent.

In His peace,

Pastor Nicki

YouTube live and video recordings <https://www.espresbyterian.com/worship/> or <https://www.youtube.com/user/ESPresbyterian>

click on the link below near the time the service begins at 10:00am to watch the live stream <https://www.facebook.com/espresbyterian/>

Additionally, bulletins and an online hymnal have been put on the website and can be found at <https://www.espresbyterian.com/worship/sunday-bulletin/>

Ways to give- mail or drop of check/cash through no contact mail slot in office window. Drop off envelope in offering plates before or after worship services. Donate on our website by going to the home page at <https://www.espresbyterian.com/> and clicking on the Donate button in the upper right corner. Designate where you would like the money to go by using the note section.

Join Zoom Meeting- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89173175617> Meeting ID: 891 7317 5617 To join by phone call 19294362866 then when prompted enter 89173175617# US (New York) keep in mind this is a long-distance call.

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