

Pastor Letter 2/17/21

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As I mentioned in last week's letter, over the course of this Lenten season, you will be provided with opportunities for spiritual growth. During the season of Lent one of those opportunities will be a short theme and Bible study to focus on each week that will be attached with the pastor letter and posted on our website. The study comes from our denomination and the focus is on God's gift of shalom (peace). As their literature says, it is a journey to peace and wholeness. You can view the full devotional online at [pcusa.org/2021lent](http://pcusa.org/2021lent). However, I will be sharing a shortened version and reflection for those with less time. Given what continues to happen around us, focusing on peace and wholeness in our spiritual selves is a great way to grow spiritually this Lent. I pray that each of us take time this Lenten season to find ways for spiritual growth and renewal. These Lenten Bible study starters are a great option and I pray they will bless your spiritual journey.

Another way we grow in our spiritual journey is through corporate worship of which there will be added opportunities during the season of Lent. The first being Ash Wednesday at 6:30pm for hybrid service. The second is this First Sunday in Lent which is also our usual hybrid service. I would invite us to recall that hybrid means we offer in-person worship and on-line worship. For Ash Wednesday, a brief home devotional was sent along with last week's letter and is again attached for your convenience to this week's letter. May we make the best use of glorifying God this Lenten season as we come together to worship and seek spiritual growth.

In His peace,

Pastor Nicki

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