



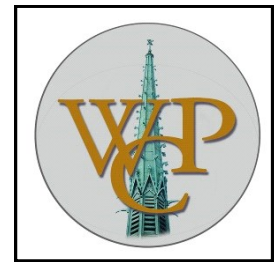
# CHIMES - March 2025

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Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska



*“Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.”*

**Psalm 31:16**

If you can believe it (or not) another season of Lent is upon us – and every year it seems to sneak up. All I remember about the season of Lent growing up was that our family, and mostly only on my father’s side of the family, refrained from eating meat on Fridays during Lent. One specific memory I have of when my brother and I were spending the weekend with my dad, and we went out to a local Pizza Hut restaurant on a Friday evening with our stepmom and our other brother and all we ordered was cheese pizzas. Usually, my dad would have ordered one meat lovers

with every type of delicious meat that Pizza Hut had – and trust me it was what I always looked forward to – but on this Friday night we could only eat plain cheese pizza.

You, I’m sure, have your own memories of Lent and quite possibly of refraining or having “given something up” during the Lenten season – with of course the allowance of Sunday mornings. Years ago, when I attended my first Presbyterian Church in Roslyn, PA (Roslyn Presbyterian) I decided to try the whole giving up sweets again for Lent. When Sunday rolled around though it was always a “cheat” or “allowable day” (who made up these rules, I have no idea), and I was able to really enjoy the coffee fellowship hour after worship with all the goodies.

Despite having given up sweets that Lenten season, it didn’t connect me as much to the season as I had hoped or expected. During Lent people adhere to fasts and giving things up as a way to better connect oneself with the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. And for some people it’s a powerful connection and if that is your tradition and personal connection to this liturgical season, go forward with full steam and blessing. I however have discovered that Lent is a perfect season to add something, to add a new spiritual discipline to connect me more strongly with Christ’s sacrifice, with this glory that was on display on the mountaintop and most radiantly on the cross. Some years I’ve added prayer time to my day or even a specific Lenten devotional (as we do here as well).

However you all prepare yourself for this season, I encourage you to not only think about what you will “give up” but rather what you will “add to” in our journey with Jesus to the cross and what it means for you and your life of faith.

In Christ’s Love,  
Pastor Shawn

*Painting: Jesus Takes up His Cross Painting by Jen Norton*

## Birthdays

- 1 Peyton Morse
- 2 Evangaline Thulin
- 5 Chris Harris
- 14 Jimmy Reed
- 19 Jennifer Allen
- 21 Linda Williams
- 23 Jacob Reed
- 25 Phil Rolison

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\* *Please remember our homebound* \*  
\* *members.* \*  
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\* Kathleen Smith                      Sylvia Viar \*  
\* Westminster Canterbury        15 John Rucker Drive \*  
\* 501 VES Rd, H-429                Ruckersville, VA 22968 \*  
\* Lynchburg, VA 24503              \*  
\*    Becky Maxey \*  
\*    57 Beech Avenue \*  
\*    Hamilton, NJ 08610 \*  
\*    Queen Webb \*  
\* R&P at Liberty Ridge            2209 Yorktown Ave. \*  
\* 30 Monica Blvd. Unit 35        Apt. C-3 \*  
\* Lynchburg, VA 24502              Lynchburg, VA 24501 \*  
\*    Doris Hailey \*  
\* Eloise Peters                        209 Woodland Avenue \*  
\* Westminster Canterbury        Lynchburg, VA \*  
\* 501 VES Rd, B-706                24501-2127 \*  
\* Lynchburg VA 24503                \*  
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## Presbyterian Disaster Assistance



### Hurricane Relief

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is in communication with affected presbyteries and National VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster) to share information and coordinate resources as damage is assessed. PDA has deployed a National Response Team to Tampa Bay Presbytery, Presbytery of Western North Carolina and Northeast Georgia Presbytery. Please join us in praying for everyone affected by Hurricane Helene. **PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE RESPONSE, designate gifts to DR000169**

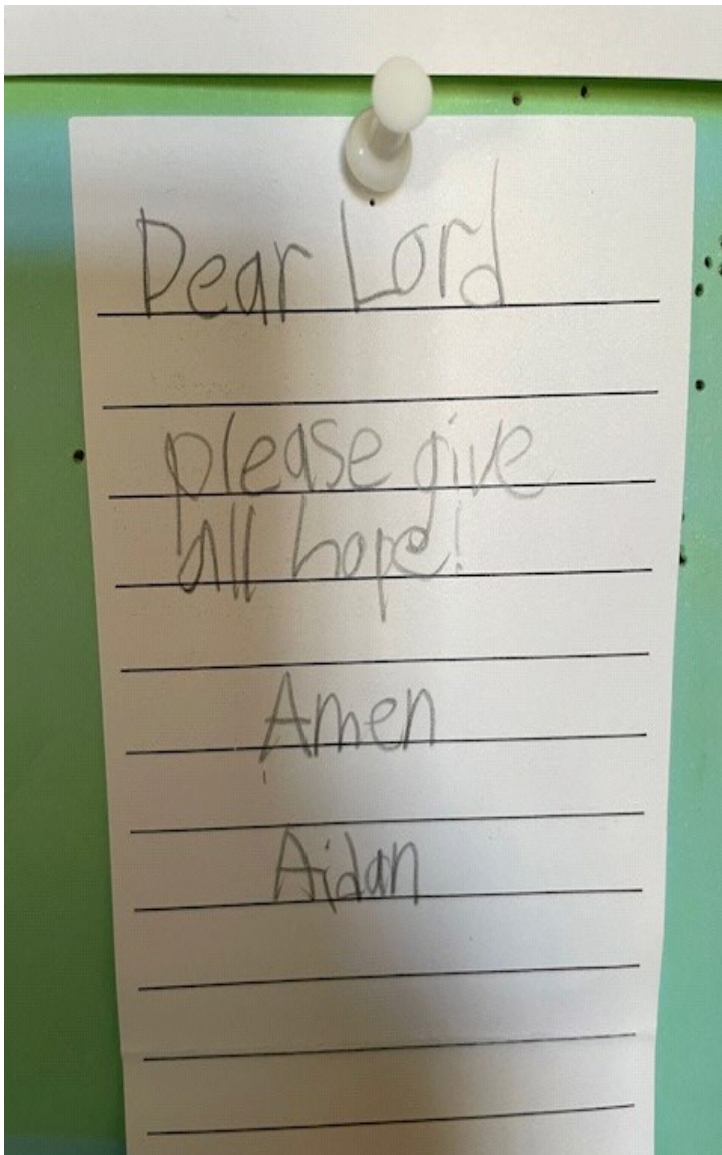
### Israel/Palestine

As violence escalates in and around Israel/Palestine, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is providing humanitarian assistance through partners on the ground and through ACT Alliance. PDA has approved solidarity grants and will continue supporting our partners providing humanitarian assistance. Our response efforts will encompass a wide array of vital humanitarian interventions, including but not limited to medical supplies, shelter, WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), food and non-food items and delivering crucial psychosocial support to individuals. **To support our response, designate gifts to DR000081-Israel/Palestine**

## Lenten Devotionals

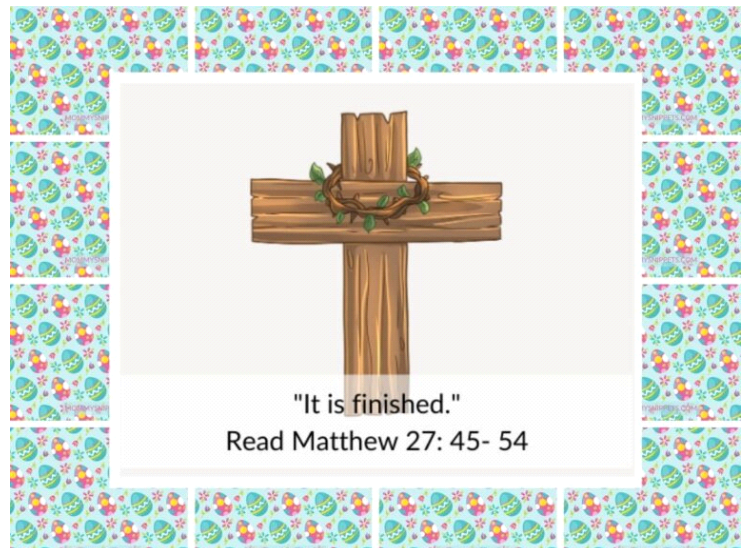
There are Lenten Devotional booklets available for pick-up outside the office and in the Narthex. There are options for seniors, children, families, and mid-life adults. Find what works for you, and spend time with the Lord our God in reflection for the days and nights prior to the Joyful Celebration of Easter!

An Expression of love



## Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday, March 5th, Ash Wednesday begins our Lenten Season. We will have a special service at 5PM that evening, where Shawn will place ashes on the forehead of all who attend and wish to participate. The ashes will come from the palms and shredded/burned confessions of participants in last year's service. Please plan to attend this incredible half-hour service to set the tone for your reflection this Lenten





**CHILI  
COOK-OFF**

On Sunday, February 9th, we had our annual Chili Cook-off in honor of the SOUPER Bowl. We had a fantastic turnout again this year. We raised just over \$75 dollars for Lynchburg Daily Bread, had a few canned goods donated, and we crowned a new Chili Champion. Carter Brooks won this year with her White Chicken Chili!

**Congrats Carter!**





# Lynchburg Daily Bread

## Here is a list of the top 10 needs for Donation:

1. Protein, especially ground beef, chicken, and hams. We'll even take a whole cow and pay to have it processed.
2. Large #10 cans of veggies—green beans, carrots, and apples are especially loved.
3. 55 gallon trash bags
4. Plastic forks and spoons
5. Cleaning supplies such as dish detergent, bathroom cleaner, wipes, kitchen cleaner, etc.
6. Rolls of paper towels
7. Paper napkins
8. Instant mashed potatoes
9. Salad dressing (any kind)
10. Salt free seasonings, herbs, Mrs. Dash, oregano, pepper

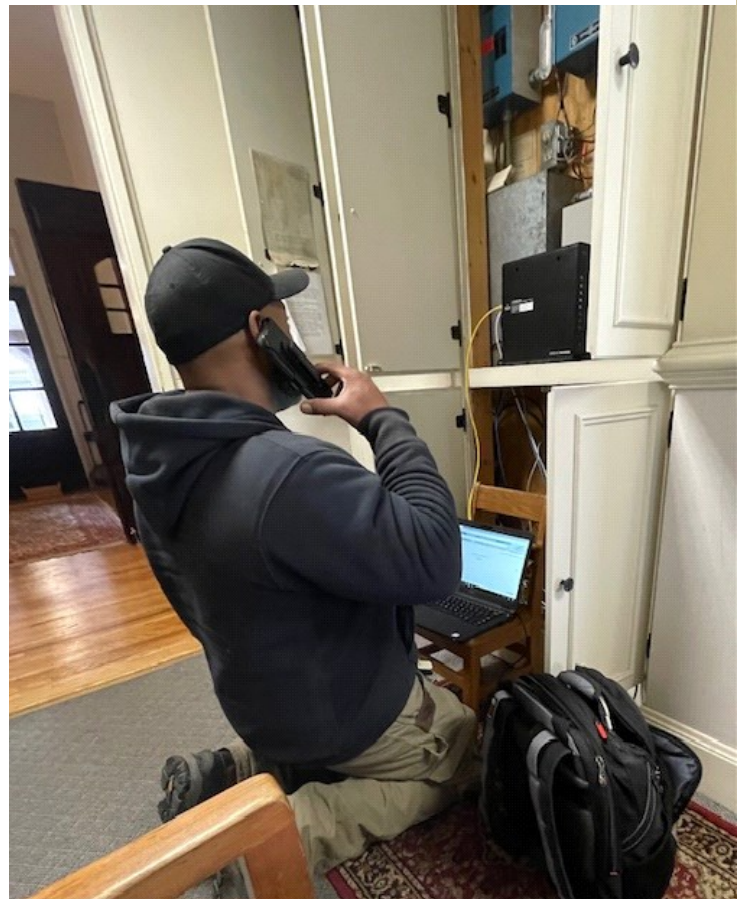
## Groups Projects

1. Make PB&Js to-go. We love giving out PB&J sandwiches that guests can use for dinner or snacks.
2. Put together plasticware bundles—we are always in need of plastic forks (spoons are appreciated, but not required). We'd love your group to "roll" a fork in a napkin for quick distribution at our serving windows.
3. Build a trail mix. Have group members bring various ingredients and create something delicious.
4. Break down bulk cereal into baggies. We can provide this as a quick to-go item for breakfast.
5. Bake heart, nutritious bread, such as banana or zucchini.

**Please drop off donations from 6:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. any day of the week. We are not able to receive your donations after 12:30 P.M.**



Workmen keeping WPC warm and connected.  
This is what your pledge helps happen.





Raymond Ferguson tending to the candles on Communion Table



Final applause for Allegro Music Teacher's Recital Evening performance February 7th.

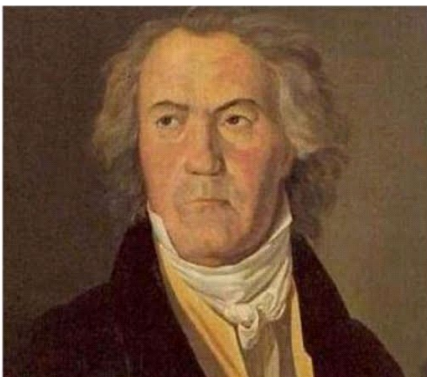
## *Westminster and the Arts*

### **AN EVENING OF PIANO TRIOS**

**SHOSTAKOVICH, HAYDN, AND BEETHOVEN**

FEATURING BEETHOVEN'S MONUMENTAL "ARCHDUKE" TRIO OP. 97

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
1022 FLOYD STREET, LYNCHBURG  
SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 7:00 PM



NOÉMI SZIGETI LEE, PIANO – VIRGIL MOORE, II, VIOLIN – ARI EVAN, CELLO

A reception with light refreshments will follow the concert

The concert is free and open to the public and is made possible by the generous support of the children of James D and Eleanor J Taylor



Rachel Harris and Evangaline Thulin—cousins who dance like sisters. This was their first competition performance of their duet this season. They won 1st in their category and 5th overall!

# March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>2</b> Transfiguration of The Lord Communion Scripture: Ex. 34:29-35 and Ps. 99; 2 Cor. 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a) Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson Ushers: Carter Broooks &amp; Ashley Thulin Counters: Hoc Hughes, Joe Slette Liturgist: Byron Thulin Communion: Ashley Thulin, Sharee Evans, Joe Slette Communion Prep: Martha Wilson  <b>Evangeline Thulin's birthday party in the Fellowship Hall @ 1PM</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> <b>Westminster Canterbury Lunch Bunch 12:00</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> <b>Ash Wednesday Service 5:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>1</b> <b>8</b> <b>Blessing Place Event 9:00—11:30 A.M.</b></p>
<p><b>9</b> <b>1st Sunday in Lent</b> Scripture: Deut. 26-1-11 and Ps. 91; 1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13 Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson Ushers: Jimmy Reed &amp; Wilbur Duncan Counters: Hoc Hughes, Otto Vallaastro Liturgist: Pix Mahler <b>* Daylight Savings Ends—Spring Forward One Hour*</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> <b>PW Meets at 11:00 with a luncheon after</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> <b>Taylor Concert 7:00 p.m. Piano Trio</b></p>
<p><b>16</b> <b>2nd Sunday in Lent</b> Scripture: Gen. 15:1-12, 17-18 and Ps. 27; Phil. 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a) Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson Ushers: Ann Allen, Charlie Ross Counters: Hoc Hughes, Charlie Ross Liturgist: Ashley Thulin</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> <b>Session meets 5:15 P.M.</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> <b>Blessing Place Event 10:00— 11:30 A.M.</b></p>
<p><b>23</b> <b>3rd Sunday in Lent</b> Scripture: Isa. 55:1-9, and Ps.63:1-8, 1Cor. 10: 1-13; Luke:13:1-9 Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson Ushers: Allen &amp; Daniele Hamblen Counters: Hoc Hughes, Joe Slette Liturgist: Joe Slette</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> <b>Free Clinic Board Meeting @ 8:00 A.M.</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
<p><b>30</b> <b>4th Sunday in Lent</b> Scripture: Josh: 5:9-12; and Ps. 32; 2Cor. 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska Acolyte: Rachel Harris Ushers: Chris and Val Harris Counters: Hoc Hughes, Joe Slette Liturgist: Cary Roberts</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>					

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**LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA 24501**



**Mar. 2nd Transfiguration of The Lord**

**Communion**

Scripture: Ex. 34:29-35 and Ps. 99; 2 Cor. 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska

Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson

Ushers: Carter Broocks & Ashley Thulin

Counters: Hoc Hughes, Joe Slette

Liturgist: Byron Thulin

Communion: Ashley Thulin, Joe Slette, Sharee Evans

Communion Prep: Martha Wilson

**Mar. 9th 1st Sunday in Lent**

Scripture: Deut. 26-1-11 and Ps. 91:1-2 , 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska

Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson

Ushers: Jimmy Reed & Wilbur Duncan

Counters: Hoc Hughes, Otto Vallastro

Liturgist: Pix Mahler

**Mar. 16th 2nd. Sunday in Lent**

Scripture: Gen. 15:1-12, 17-18 and Ps. 27; Phil. 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska

Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson

Ushers: Ann Allen, Charlie Ross

Counters: Hoc Hughes & Charlie Ross

Liturgist: Ashley Thulin

**Mar. 23th 3rd Sunday in Lent**

Scripture: Isa. 55:1-9, and Ps.63:1-8, 1Cor. 10:1-13; Luke:13:-1-9

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska

Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson

Ushers: Allen & Daniele Hamblen

Counters: Hoc Hughes, Joe Slette

Liturgist: Joe Slette

**Mar. 30th 4th Sunday in Lent**

Scripture: Josh: 5:9-12; and Ps. 32; 2Cor. 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska

Acolyte: Rachel Harris

Ushers: Val & Chris Harris

Counters: Hoc Hughes, Joe Slette

Liturgist: Cary Roberts