



FIRST THINGS FIRST

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FROM THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF OIL CITY, PA

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WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017

First Sunday in Lent

Please join us for worship and fellowship!

11:00 A.M. – Morning Worship

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Servers: Team B – Dave and Mary Joyce Anderton, Dan and Julie Kennedy, and Melody McFate
Ushers/Greeters – Rob Thompson, Captain; Jerry and Stevie Black, and Jim Caldwell



MARCH FLOWERS

- 5 – In loving memory of **Maurine Lundquist** by her family
- 12 – In memory of **loved ones** by Charlene Huber
- 19 – In honor of **McFate grandchildren** by Bob and Melody McFate
- 26 – In loving memory of **Ruth Huston** by Tom and Margo

(Please call the church office – 676-2769 – or sign the flower chart in the Church Planning Center, next to the office, if you would be willing to donate flowers. The cost is \$15 and you will be billed directly by the florist.)



MARCH ASSIGNMENTS

- COUNTING TEAM** - Gordon Johnson, Captain; Dave and Mary Joyce Anderton
- FLOWER DELIVERY** - Sharon Haney
- C.D. MINISTRY** – Michael Haney
- TAXI** – *If you need a ride to church, just call Deacon Douglas Crawford (758-2943)-- any time before 9:00 p.m. on Saturday.*
- COMMUNION SET-UP** – Theresa Crawford, Mel Bewley
- COMMUNION CLEAN-UP** – Jerry Black, Allan and Toni Sallade

Thank You

for promoting and supporting the One Great Hour of Sharing, an offering that responds directly to the needs God has called us to fulfill in Isaiah 58.

(We will be receiving the O.G.H.S. Offering throughout Lent.)

**YOU ARE INVITED!
PLEASE JOIN US!!**



Ash Wednesday Sacrificial Supper

March 1, 2017- 5:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Distribution of Ashes

The symbolism of ashes

On the first day of Lent, pastors in many churches dip a finger in ashes (often made by burning palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday) and make a cross on parishioners' foreheads.



God's people have used ashes as a sign of mourning, humiliation and penitence. In the Old Testament, ashes were used as a purification offering. The New Testament speaks of repenting in "sackcloth and ashes" (Luke 10:13, NRSV).

On Ash Wednesday, Christians are pained because our sins — private and public — led to Jesus' death. With repentant hearts, we begin the season of Lent, knowing it leads to resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Lenten Bible Studies

**"24 Hours That Changed the World,"
walking through the last day of Jesus' life.**

Pastor Ronee, leader

Beginning March 7

**Tuesdays – 1:00 p.m. at church
and**

**7:00 p.m. at Ronee's home,
309 West First Street**

• No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave.

—Calvin Coolidge

