

THREADS...

From the First Presbyterian Church of Canby ● March 2022

A Prayer for Lent

This year, Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls on March 2. During worship services that day, pastors in many Christian churches dip a finger in ashes (often made by burning branches from the previous Palm Sunday) and make a cross on parishioners' foreheads.



Why ashes? Traditionally, they're a sign of mourning, humiliation and penitence.

Ashes also represent the frailty and temporary nature of human life ("You are dust, and to dust you shall return," Genesis 3:19). Christians are pained because our sins led to Jesus' death. With repentant hearts, we begin the season of Lent, knowing that it leads to Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.

For Ash Wednesday — and throughout the 40 days of Lent — ponder this prayer from an Italian sacramentary, or liturgical book: "O God, you know how fragile is our human nature, wounded as it is by sin. Help your people to enter upon the Lenten journey strengthened by the power of your word, so that we may be victorious over the seduction of the Evil One and reach the paschal feast in the joy of the Holy Spirit."

Lenten Hope

Lent is an occasion for us to journey with Christ ... into tomorrow. For you never walk with Christ long but what the dawn breaks, the sun shines and hope breaks through. —C. Neil Straight



A Warm Welcome

If you would like to request prayers and to activate the **Prayer Tree**, please reach out to Kathy Merrill by phone or email. Thank You.

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Stay Connected:

Church Website: www.fpccanby.org — Church Email: fpccanby@gmail.com

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- Our Sunday Morning Service is 9:30am
- Sunday School (following fellowship) at 10:45am
- Facebook Premier Video upload available for at-home viewing Sunday at 1pm.



MEMORIAL GIFT SUGGESTIONS

IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING A MEMORIAL GIFT TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES ARE SUGGESTED:

- BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS • ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT
- LANDSCAPING • MISSION PROJECTS • LIBRARY
- UNDESIGNATED • MUSIC

Tithes and Offerings

If you are not joining us in person we kindly ask that you mail in your tithes and offerings to the church. (311 Saint Olaf Avenue N, Canby, Minnesota 56220)



Per Capita for 2022 is \$43.00



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Lectors

March 2- Marge Frazeur
March 6 - Kathy Merrill
March 13- Marge Frazeur
March 20- Patty Gubrud
March 27- Allen/Nayeli Maldonado

March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Pulpit Supply

March 2- Karen Houtman
March 6 - Stan Menning
March 13- Pastor Steve Maas
March 20- Stan Menning
March 27- Karen Houtman

Bulletin Delivery

March 6 - Stuart Rhea
March 13- Jody Olson
March 20- Patty Gubrud
March 27- Katie Groenhoff

Flower Care

Jody Olson



March Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 9- Krystle & Jason Thovson

Church Events This Month

Tues. Mar. 1, 4pm Christian Ed/Outreach
Wed. Mar. 2, 1pm Worship/Hospitality
Wed. Mar. 2, 7pm Ash Wednesday Service
Wed. Mar. 9, 2pm Finance Property
Wed. Mar. 16, 10am Session
Sun. Mar. 20th Annual Meeting after Worship
Sun. Mar. 27th Baptism Worship Service

March 6- Jody Olson

March 8- Matthew Stewart

March 20- Donna Monke,
Karen Parsley,
Lisa Peterson

March 25- Doreen Benson






A Bountiful Life


"Life is given to you like a flat piece of land," said actress Jeanne Moreau. "I hope that when I'm finished, my piece of land will be a beautiful garden."

God, who put the first human in a garden to care for creation, blesses us with talents and resources to wisely manage. In gardening terms, God gives us the plot of ground, the seed, the wisdom and strength to bring forth beauty and abundance. Yet we do the work, with God's help, to make it a reality. Like Adam, we till, but God gives the increase. God's provisions and our labor bring the garden — and our lives of stewardship — to fulfillment.



As stewards, we ponder: When God calls us home, what will our garden be like, and what will it have produced?

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<i>Presents</i>	<p>The Forces of Darkness are aligned against me, Jesus! I am beset on every side!</p> <p>Protect me!</p>	<p>Do you think it might be possible, Carl, that you're overdramatizing the situation?</p>
COFFEE WITH JESUS		
Tempted	<p>I know the Bible tells us that you were "tempted in every way," Jesus, but no offense, you were never faced with anything like this.</p>	<p>The Girl Scouts are just trying to sell cookies, Carl.</p> <p>Politely say, "No, thank you," and move on.</p>





What are your temptations? What do you try hard not to do but then end up doing anyways? What do you allow to rule you?

Referring to Hebrews 4:15; Whatever your lure, no matter how small — or big, Jesus can take away the temptation. He's been there.

First Presbyterian Church of Canby MN

Income/Expenses

January 2022

	January	Year to Date	2022 Budget	% of Budget		January	Year to Date
Expenses					Income		
Salaries					Camp	692.00	692.00
*Pastor					Local Mission	3,605.00	3,605.00
*Pastor's Tax Allowance					Per Capita	1657.00	1,657.00
					General Mission		
Pulpit Supply	1200.00	1200.00	12150	9.9%	PCUSA Special Offerings	50.00	50.00
Other Salaries					Special Mission Offerings		
Custodian	84.00	84.00	4000	2.1%	Heifer Project		
Employer taxes			300	0.0%	Memorials	350.00	350.00
Workman's Comp			400	0.0%	Thanksgiving Meal		
Allowances (Pastor)					Upper Room/Worship		
*Manse Utilities	124.26	124.26	3000	4.1%	Fellowship/Hospitality		
*Continuing Education					Flowers		
*Pension, Health, Disability					Fuel		
*Family Dental					Other		
Mission					Chrismtas Offering		
Per Capita	2537.00	2537.00	2537	100.0%	Thanksgiving Offering		
General Mission			2000	0.0%	Building Improvement		
PCUSA Special Offerings	50.00	50.00			Grants/Refunds		
The Connection			1100	0.0%	Mission Committee	91.29	91.29
Special Mission Projects					Use Of Church		
Heifer Project							
Thanksgiving Meal					Total Income	6,445.29	6,445.29
Pastor's Benevolence Fund							
Committees					Assets: January 2022		
Christian Ed/Outreach			1500	0.0%	Checkbook Balance		45,899.38
Camp			3000	0.0%	Co-op Accounts		5,268.35
Worship/Hospitality	214.00	214.00	1500	14.3%	Endowment PCUSA		41,539.48
Mission Committee					Endowment Firsr Security		16,021.72
Building & Maintenance					Raymond James Fund		
Church Utilities	1759.06	1759.06	10000	17.6%	US Bank Debit Card		
Church Repairs/Maintenance	210.00	210.00	4000	5.3%	Total Assests		108,728.93
Manse Repairs			2500	0.0%	Current Liabilities		
Custodial Supplies			300	0.0%	Withholding Taxes	11.47	11.47
Property Insurance			14000	0.0%	Total Liabilities		
Equipment			1500	0.0%			
Property Tax/Fees			30	0.0%			
Office					Funds Carried Over to 2022		
Telephone/Internet	189.71	189.71	2300	8.2%			
Postage			300	0.0%			
Supplies	45.15	45.15	600	7.5%			
Copier	91.47	91.47	1200	7.6%	Mission Committee	73.71	
Web Page			70	0.0%			
Professional Fees			150	0.0%			
Mileage	132.21	132.21	2000	6.6%			
Office Other	30.00	30.00	300	10.0%			
Session Expense			600	0.0%			
Tech Support	66	66.00	500	13.2%			
Total	6,732.86	6,732.86	71,837.00	9.4%	Income more than expenses YTD		(287.57)
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Kids Korner



**JOIN US FOR
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sundays following
worship at 10:45am

Bible Quiz



All four Gospels tell of a woman anointing Jesus. Details vary; clearly, she isn't the same person in all accounts. In John, who is she?

- A. Jesus' mother, Mary
- B. Mary Magdalene
- C. Mary of Bethany (sister of Martha and Lazarus)
- D. None of the above

Answer: C (See Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Luke 7:36-39; John 12:1-8.)



Christian symbol



40—In Scripture, this number often indicates a time of trial or testing, or simply marks significance. It rained 40 days and nights during the Flood. Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. Jesus fasted for 40 days and was with the disciples for 40 days between his resurrection and ascension. The Christian church has long observed 40 days of Lent (not counting Sundays).