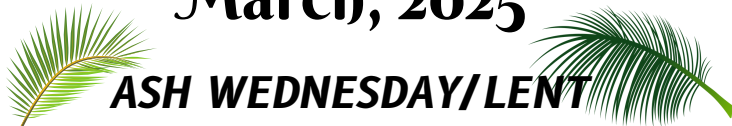# Fairview Presbyterian Church
Lawrenceville, Georgia

March, 2025

ASH WEDNESDAY/LENT

Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent and lasts forty days [excluding Sundays]. Genesis 18:27. Abraham remind us, "I am nothing but dust and ashes" [NIV]. Ashes are a symbol of humility and a visual reminder of the vast difference between creatures and their Creator:

Historically, the ashes used in an Ash Wednesday service symbolize the need for repentance and a change of heart. The focus is on preparing oneself for the Celebration of the Resurrection. This is a time to acknowledge sins, change inwardly, and prepare individually as a forgiven sinner to be received by the Lord.

What we hear during Lent is the power and possibility of the paschal mystery, and that the way of the cross, the way to Easter, is through death. To appropriate the new life that is beyond the power of death means we must die with Christ who raised for us. to live for Christ, we must die for him. New life requires a daily surrendering of the old life, letting go of the present order, so that we may embrace the new humanity. During the final week, Holy Week, we hear the fullness of Christ's passion, his death, and resurrection. From Jesus' triumphal entry in Jerusalem and on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, All of Holy Week focuses on the passion. As his followers, we travel Christ's path of servanthood through the Lord's Supper and the suffering of the cross toward the glory of Easter, all of which underscores the inseparable link between the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Sundays @ Fairview

10:30 Coffee & Fellowship
11:00 Worship

Our Mission

Building on generations of faithfulness, our mission is: to deepen our roots in Christ; to reach out in love; to grow in God's grace.

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FOR YOUR CALENDAR

THIS MONTH

- March 5: Ash Wednesday Service- Noon at Fairview
- March 8: Fairview WORKDAY from 9:00am-12:00pm
- March 16: "Pot of Gold" Breakfast at 9:30am ANNUAL CONGAGRATIONAL MEETING, Officers will provide food.
- March 17: Book Club. The book is Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Peit. Location TBA.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 - Sam Russell	21 - Ayva Anderson
2 - Joel Nash	23 - Frances Minton
3 - Roger Rushton	24 - Aubrey Hall Johnson
7 - Dennis Hix	25 - Angie Hix
9 - Sally Campbell	30 - Carson Russell
16 - Lynn Curry	
18 - Lulu Perez	

LOOKING AHEAD

March 2: Please bring your palm crosses to burn after service in preparation for Ash Wednesday. Assistance is needed after service to hang Lenton Banners.
March 5: Melissa Tidwell will begin Lenten season at Fairview and take us through the fourth Sunday of Lent.
March 16: Session meeting after service.
March 16: Deacon meeting after service.