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*Daring to live  
in Jesus  
transforming  
love*

## Riz's Reflections...

And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken. When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus. -Luke 5:7-9, 11

Dear Church,  
Peace be with you. As we usher in the season of Lent, beginning on February 14th (Ash Wednesday) our church embarks on a unique spiritual journey, drawing inspiration from one of Jesus' most renowned disciples: Peter. In him, we find a reflection of our own spiritual struggles and triumphs - a blend of steadfastness and uncertainty, loyalty and betrayal, discipleship and wandering.

This Lent, we invite you to walk alongside Peter, and explore our faith through his lens. His life was a mosaic of human frailty and divine grace, mirroring our own quests for spiritual understanding. Peter's journey is our journey, as we navigate the complexities of faith in our daily lives. Our faith is not like a

stagnant lake, but it is more like a dynamic river that cuts through arid lands and twists and turns in the most unlikely of places. Sometimes our faith, like the mightiest bodies of waters, can feel dried up and depleted. Liturgical seasons like Lent, can be a gift to us as we explore our faith in new ways that refresh our lives. Lent invites us to seek, explore, imagine and wander. In Peter, we see that wandering is not a deviation from God but a form of exploration and growth. His life – filled with moments like dropping his nets, walking on water, wrestling with the word of God, and running to the empty tomb – exemplifies a relentless quest for divine truth, and faithfulness. Peter's story is not one of flawless faith but of a heart constantly seeking, often stumbling, yet always held within the boundless love of God. As we delve into his story, we discover Jesus at every turn – offering support, challenging assumptions, and extending unconditional love. In exploring Peter's journey, we hope to learn more about Jesus and ourselves.

This Lent, we encourage you to find reflections of your own spiritual journey in the milestones of Peter's life. How

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## Riz's Reflections... (cont'd)

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have your experiences shaped your faith? In what ways do you resonate with Peter's moments of doubt and moments of revelation? Let's wander together, tuning our hearts to the rhythm of God's grace.

Here are some reflective questions for consideration on your Lenten journey:

- Have you ever experienced a dramatic pivot in your life, like Peter leaving everything to follow Jesus? What did you leave behind, and how did God guide you on this new path?
- What are the beginnings of your faith story? Reflect on your early teachings about God and the initial moments when

you felt His presence.

As we join Peter in unraveling the mysteries of faith, let's embrace the parts of us we celebrate and the parts of ourselves we struggle with, offering them all to God. This Lent, let us wander, let us wonder, and let us witness the unfolding story of Jesus through Peter's eyes. May your Lenten journey be filled with meaningful reflections and renewed faith.

In Christ,

Rev Riz

## Joint Worship Sun Feb 4 at North Church—no NLPC service & reminder

Join us at North Church on Sun Feb 4 at 10 AM for Joint Worship with the Hotdish Cook-Off to follow. See you there!

**Reminder:** It's that time of year again when we must pay extra attention to our energy and electricity bills by making sure that all the lights are turned off and that all doors that need to be locked and shut are done so. Thank you.

## FoodMobile & Blue Barrel

FoodMobile is on Thursday, February 15th from 2–4. Our next date is as follows: **Thurs March 21**, from 2–4p.

Blue Barrel will be on February 11. Last month we donated **138** pounds! Stop by and visit the atrium's Blue Barrel with non-perishable items to be donated to Keystone Food Shelf. Let's feed the Blue Barrel and make the bunny happy, thank you!



**I'M MAD WHEN I'M HUNGRY**



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**One Great Hour of Sharing—Show your love and give.**

February 14 - March 31, 2024

One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together to work for a better world by advancing the causes of justice, resilience, and sustainability. Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. Checks may be made out to NLPC with OGHS on the memo line. You may put cash or checks in special giving envelopes and put them in the atrium drop box. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

**February Birthdays**

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**  
 SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
 HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

2nd: Ducky Johnson

3rd: Dennis Konkell, Jovante Van Dyke

6th: LuAnn Hudson

7th: Myrna Mackinnon, Liz Johnson

10th: Aiyana Chin

11th: Aiden Chin, Peder Sandhei, Elliot Schultz

16th: Norm Knuttila, Greg Ritter,

Sandy McGiffin

18th: Ian King

19th: Michelle (Barnes) Viau

20th: Carolyn King, Darby Laing

22nd: Joseph Thompson

23rd: Gayle Stout

24th: Ron Linebarger, Siena Rust, Nova Casterlin

27th: Nancy Holt

**Happy  
 birthday**



If your February birthday is missing from this list, our apologies. Please let Roshelle in the church office know so we can include you next time. ([rmountain@newlifechurchroseville.org](mailto:rmountain@newlifechurchroseville.org) or 651-488-5581 ext. 210)

## News

# Tread Lightly for Lent

## Daily reflection-action calendar

# 2024



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
**Presbyterian Mission**

### Tread Lightly for Lent 2024

The Presbyterian Hunger Program strives to walk with people in moving towards sustainable choices that restore and protect all of God's children and creation. As people of faith, we seek to "serve and preserve" God's world. However, some of our collective choices have led to a changing global climate,

which translates to warmer temperatures, rising sea-levels, and severe storms, just to name a few. To turn this tide, we must commit to treading lightly on God's Earth. In Lent, we slow down, take time, and examine our internal spiritual lives and the way we live out our Christian faith in the world around us. Our hope is that this Lenten calendar will be the beginning of actions intended to create more mindful behaviors throughout the year.

**Lent is a time for reflection as we spend time considering Christ's ministry, death and resurrection.**

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February

#### Sunday

18  
Download this guide from the Office at the U.N. at [presbyterianmission.org/resource/engaging-our-world](https://presbyterianmission.org/resource/engaging-our-world) to connect environmental and human health around the world.



25  
Consider environmental justice impacts using this poster at [presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/PHP-Poster-Environmental-Racism.pdf](https://presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/PHP-Poster-Environmental-Racism.pdf).

#### Monday

19  
Read and Reflect on Genesis 2:15–17.



26  
Read about the COP28 United Nations global climate talks at [presbyterianmission.org/eco-journey/climate-change-resources/cop](https://presbyterianmission.org/eco-journey/climate-change-resources/cop).



#### Tuesday

20  
Read Matthew 25:31–46. Consider how parts of Creation might be "the least of these."

27  
Pray: "Teach us to embody your good news for Creation. Today, change our hearts so we might seek to be builders and not desecrators. Amen."



#### Wednesday

14  
**Ash Wednesday**  
Read Isaiah 58:1–12. Consider what rebuilding and raising up you might be called to as you care for the Earth.



21  
Consider where you see Christ today. Share this with one person.



28  
Read and Reflect on Isaiah 65:17–25.



#### Thursday

15  
Learn more about using sustainable palms in your worship. Learn more and order online: [pcusa.org/eco-palms](https://pcusa.org/eco-palms).



22  
Pray: "God, show us how to honor and preserve your gift of Creation. Allow us to share as generously with each other as you have shared the beauty of the Earth with us. Amen."



29  
Research which items your city or town allows for curbside recycling and share this refresher with your church, family, friends and coworkers.



#### Friday

16  
Use the OGHS map at [presbyterianmission.org/oghsmap](https://presbyterianmission.org/oghsmap) to find the OGHS partner closest to you and say a prayer for them.



23  
Watch this short video about environmental racism and justice: [youtu.be/dREXUij6\\_c](https://youtu.be/dREXUij6_c).



#### March

1  
Learn where your food comes from. Calculate your food footprint at [eatlowcarbon.org](https://eatlowcarbon.org).



#### Saturday

17  
Set aside a special time for prayer today, on how to create intentionality throughout your care for all God's Creation.



24  
Pray: "Today, remind us of those in this world who still have not been able to realize your abundance because we have taken more than what we need. And let that remembering drive us to change. Amen."

2  
Visit [pcusa.org/cc](https://pcusa.org/cc) to learn more about and consider taking PHP's Climate Care Challenge.



February 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 6p GFANC Prayer 6:10p AA Big Book	<b>2</b> 12p Sunday Worship Prep 1p NSC Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 6p Youth JFC
<b>4</b> 9:30a PCG Worship <b>10a Joint Worship @North Church</b> 10:30a KCOC Worship 10:30a GFANC Prayer Mtg. 11a Fellowship 11:30a GFANC Worship 1:30p JFC Worship 5:00p AA Firing Line	<b>5</b> <b>12p E-Notes items due</b> 7p Mission & Outreach	<b>6</b> 9:15a TOPS 6:30p Membership & Growth 1p Staff Meeting	<b>7</b> 9a Quilters 6p Sanctuary Choir 7:15p Prime Chimers Handbell Choir	<b>8</b> <b>E-NOTES DAY</b> 5p Celebration & Worship 5:30p Buildings & Grounds 6p GFANC Prayer Mtg. 6:10p AA Big Book	<b>9</b> 12p Sunday Worship Prep 12p NSC Board Mtg. 1p NSC Rehearsal	<b>10</b> 2p GFANC Board Mtg. 6p Youth JFC
<b>11</b> 9:30a PCG Worship 10a NLPC Worship 10:30a KCOC Worship 10:30a GFANC Prayer Mtg. 11a Fellowship 11:30a GFANC Worship <b>1:00p Chin Birthday Party in GR/Kitchen</b> 1:30p JFC Worship 5:00p AA Firing Line	<b>12</b> 9:30a Care Coordinators Mtg.	<b>13</b> 9:15a TOPS 1p Former Dementia Caregivers 1p Staff Meeting 6:30p Esther Circle Mtg. 6:30p Faith Formations	<b>14 Ash Wednesday</b> 9a Quilters 9a Men's Breakfast 6p Sanctuary Choir 7p Personnel 7:15p Prime Chimers	<b>15</b> <b>12p New Life News items due to Roshelle</b> 2p FoodMobile 6p GFANC Prayer Mtg. 6:10p AA Big Book	<b>16</b> 12p Sunday Worship Prep 1p NSC Rehearsal	<b>17</b> 6p Youth JFC
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