



The Portage Presbyterian Church

March, 2022

"The Church is a people - and we are the Church!"



Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and peace!

Ash Wednesday Worship - March 2

We will begin our Lenten experience with an "Ash Wednesday" worship service.
The worship service will begin @ 7:00 p.m.

You can join us "in person" - by Facebook video - on "90.5 FM" - or inside.

We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper as a part of this service.

Please plan to prepare your own "bread" and "cup"
as we will celebrate the Lord's Supper during worship.

Special "Lent" Activities and Opportunities

During our Lenten season in 2022, PPC will offer a "variety" of opportunities to learn, grow and reflect.

"Lent Devotionals" (*for younger youth - older youth - adults*) are available. You may pick them up at the Church on Sunday mornings - from the Church Office during open hours - or we can drop them in the mail for you.

"Story Time during Lent" - *each Monday evening @ 6:00 p.m.* Pastor Dave will share one of his "favorite books." You are invited to turn to PPC's "Facebook Page" to find the video - on Monday evenings or at any time more convenient for you and your families.

"Practicing Spiritual Disciplines" - during Lent we will share a series of studies about a variety of "spiritual disciplines" which we find in the Bible. This will be an opportunity to learn more about particular disciplines which are intended to enable us to *"take a step back - and make room"* for us to connect with God. We will be meeting "in person" for the "Practicing Spiritual Disciplines" study on Monday evenings @ 6:30 p.m. - **in the Fellowship Hall in the church and via Facebook video.** We hope you will come and join us for this Lenten experience.

"A Sunday Afternoon Movie" - March 6 - Y'all Come!

Be sure to "check out" the flyer in this newsletter for more information!

Come and enjoy a COOL "family time" together - and there's "popcorn" too!!

PPC's "Women's Association" Meeting

The next meeting of PPC's Women's Association will be **Saturday, March 5 - 9:00 a.m. @ Dino's**

"Thank You PPC" - from JKP Presbytery Council

Dear Portage Presbyterian Church,

On behalf of the John Knox Presbytery Council, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your commitment and generosity.

Your congregation fulfilled their "Mission Pledge and Per Capita" in 2021! WOW!

These gifts directly impact the work of love, justice and mission in Jesus' name locally and globally.

We pray for God's continued presence in the life of your faithful church

Pastor Stephanie Ells

First Presbyterian Church - Dubuque, IA

Upcoming Sunday Worship Services

Wednesday, March 21, 2022 - "Ash Wednesday Worship"

@ 7:00 p.m. - join us "in person" by "video" - on "90.5 FM" - or inside

Sunday - March 6, 2022 - "Traditional" Worship - First Sunday of Lent

Luke 4:1-13

"We will share the "Lord's Supper" during the service.

Please prepare your own bread and "cup" to use-during worship.

Sunday - March 13 - "Traditional" Worship - Second Sunday of Lent

Luke 13:31-35

Sunday, March 20 - "Informal" Worship - Third Sunday of Lent

Luke 13:1-9

Sunday - March 27 - "Traditional" Worship - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Please note that the guidelines that the Session has established for worship "in the sanctuary" which includes:

- that "wearing masks will be an individual preference" -
- that we will sing (*provided we wear a mask while singing*) -
- and that social distancing is encouraged.

"One Great Hour of Sharing" - *Special Offering During Lent*

With the start of Lent began our One Great Hour of Sharing drive. This year's offering theme is "**You Shall Be Called REPAIRERS of the Breach.**" Lent is traditionally a season of reflection, fasting, and prayer. During this time, Christians pay close attention to spiritual disciplines that deepen our understanding of what God is doing in our lives and in the world. As a church we spend time together hearing about and praying for the ministries of compassion and justice done through our support of **One Great Hour of Sharing.**

Jesus' ministry was among those who were most vulnerable. He preached good news to those in need and release to the captives. **One Great Hour of Sharing** helps us to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for those impoverished and oppressed.

Every gift made to this offering will meet the needs of many people. Through your gifts and the gifts of other congregations, the **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering will continue to be a reminder that through the simple act of sharing, we are blessed and experience God's abundance in surprising ways.

Your OGHS gifts will be received on **Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.** You may use the envelope enclosed in this mailing or the one in your box of church envelopes.

May God continue to bless you and keep you, today, and in all days to come

"Video" People for Sunday Morning Worship

One of the "new" opportunities that has come out of our "wilderness journey" over these past 2 years, is our "**Sunday Morning Worship Video**" option.

It has been great to have so many "sharing together" in worship - even from a distance.

We are seeking those who may be interested in helping to provide these videos on Sunday morning.

All equipment and "training" are provided - we just need YOU!

If you would be interested in participating in this ministry - or have questions - contact Pastor Dave.

"Readers" for Worship?

One who serves as "a reader" will participate in Sunday worship by reading Scripture lessons and even leading the morning prayer.

All Scripture lessons and prayers would be available to you "before" Sunday morning for you to review.

You can indicate on the "sign up sheet" in Parry Hall - or contact Pastor Dave about available Sundays or for more information.

Worship @ Tivoli - March 21, 2022

Provided that all is well, we will again provide worship for the residents at Tivoli on

Monday, March 21 @ 10:00 a.m.

Anyone coming to be a part of the worship community will be asked to "check in" at the entrance and to "wear a mask" during the service (*per Aspirus-Divine Savior Healthcare guidelines*) - as will the Tivoli residents

YOU Can "Sign" On ... To Help Share The Good News "On" the Sign

We are seeking folks who would like to share in the "ministry" of the "**Church Sign**."

Yes, our "**Church Sign**" provides *not only information, but inspiration* to many people.

Would you be interested in being a part of a team that helps to keep the "**Church Sign**" up to date - inspirational - entertaining?

Contact Pastor Dave to "sign on" - or for more information. Thanks!

"Texting During Worship" Is OK?

We are seeking a few people who would like to serve as "greeters" for our "online video" community on Sunday mornings.

Just as you would do "in person," you would welcome people to worship, check in with them, engage in "conversation" when asked, and extend God's peace at the end.

If this might be something in which you are interested or would like more information, contact Pastor Dave.

"Kwik Trip" Car Wash Cards

"Kwik Trip" Car Wash Cards are still available!

For \$36.00 / card, you will receive 5 -
yes, that's right - 5 "Ultimate" car washes (normally a cost of \$50.00)

If you would like to purchase a "Kwik Trip Car Wash Card" - contact Pastor Dave.

Thanks!

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It is "easy" to make a "financial" offering  
for the work and ministry here @ Portage Presbyterian Church

You may choose to ...

Mail it to the Church Office or Drop it in the "mail slot"

or

Use the "online giving" option on "PPC's Website"

or

On "Amazon Smiles" - Select "PPC" as your preferred "CHARITY"

*Your financial support for the work and ministry of God  
in and through the Portage Presbyterian Church*

is greatly appreciated!

*"Together" - we continue to share God's "Good News" in so many ways!*