



First
Presbyterian
Church
of Waynesboro, Virginia

The Columns - *Online.*

February 16, 2021 | Waynesboro, Virginia | *a newsletter supplement.*



Tomorrow

Lent Begins

Virtual Ash Wednesday Service

featuring Elders and Pastors from the Presbyterian Center

[CLICK HERE](#)

available beginning at 3:45 am

Ashes can be picked up in the church office

9:00 am - 2:30 pm

for delivery call: (540) 942-8366

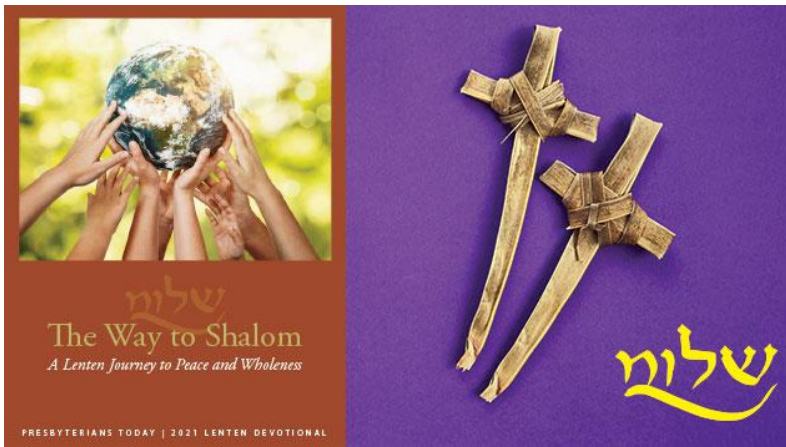
COVID average Incidence Rate per 100,000
from the Virginia Dept of Health.

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| Augusta County: | 25 |
| Harrisonburg | 30 |
| Staunton | 34 |
| Rockingham | 27 |
| Waynesboro | 50 |
| Average/100K | 33 |

Session will schedule in person worship when the average incidence rate reaches 10 or less. For more information about incidence rates and their significance, click this link:

Click here to learn more about incidence:

**Covid
ActNow**



Lenten Devotional:
The Way to Shalom.

Link is [HERE](#).
also available in the church office each week



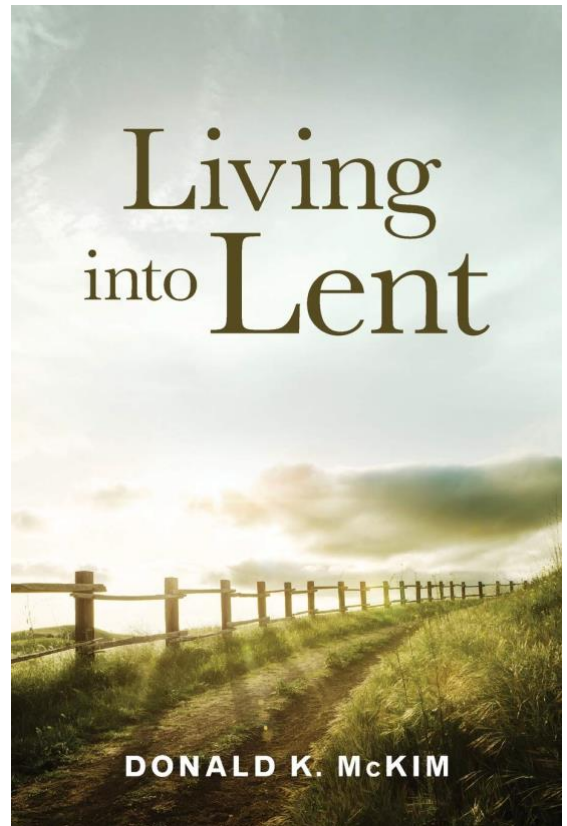
Wednesdays, February 24- March 24

Virtual Community Services
hosted by First Presbyterian Church

Thought provoking messages
from the Waynesboro faith community.

Lent 2021

February 17 - April 3



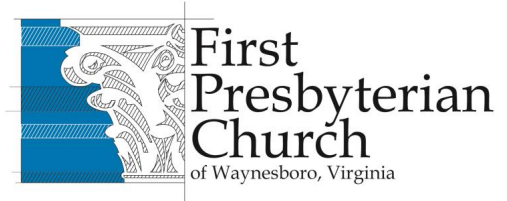
Wednesdays, February 17 through March 31

Lenten Book Study:
Living Into Lent
by Donald McKim

Zoom® meetings beginning at noon.
Books may be purchased [HERE](#).
To register, please contact Donna
at: shenpres@shenpres.org.

Music Notes for February 21.

Virtual Worship.
click on the pic



The Temptation in the Wilderness.
Briton Rivière (1840-1920), 1898. Oil on Canvas.

This week marks the first Sunday of Lent. The two hymns, *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* and *Forty Days and Forty Nights*, detail the steps one might take during this Lenten journey: fasting, praying and turning our hearts and minds to God.

As challenging as these times are, we can rest assured that God is, indeed, with us always. May this Lenten season fill you with the love of Christ to, in the words Micah found in this week's anthem (*What Does the Lord Require*), "Do justly, love mercy (and) walk humbly with your God."



In the midst of an uncertain time, the session is working hard to discern the direction and scope of our ministry. These are challenging days for the church, but even as we are forced to curtail many of our usual activities, the work goes on - in the preschool, in the office, on the phone and across the internet.

Please return your pledge card as a reminder to yourself and a planning aid for the session; if you have not received one, give us a call! Mail your pledges and contributions to:

P.O. Box 877
Waynesboro, VA 2298

When can I get Vaccinated?



*Click on the syringe
to find out!*

Sources of Information

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[PC\(USA\) News](#)
[Virginia Department of Health updates](#)

Sources of Inspiration

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[Daily Readings from the Lectionary](#)
[Jan Edmiston's Blog](#)
[The Upper Room Devotional](#)

Sources of Fun

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[Mr. Boffo](#)

Today is *Shrove Tuesday*.

To *shrive* means to be absolved of one's sins through *confession and penance*.

Fasting is a Lenten discipline. In the Middle Ages, this meant abstaining from meat and fats, dairy products and eggs.

That's why today is also called 'Fat Tuesday' (*Mardi Gras* in French).

Pancakes: it's what's for dinner!

It was traditional to be *shriven* (or *shrove*) before the Lenten season begins.

To avoid waste, it would all be consumed the day before Lent began.

Pancakes are a great way to use up fat, milk and eggs - just add flour!



Another Pettit Pet?



Gretel, the Great Dane mix; pure lapdog.

DID YOU KNOW? Pancake races are traditional on Shrove Tuesday?