

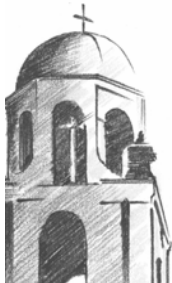
Fasting—“Fasting must forever center on God. It must be God-initiated and God-ordained. Physical benefits, success in prayer, the enduring will power, spiritual insights—these must never replace God as the center of our fasting. John Wesley declared, ‘First, let fasting be done unto the Lord with our eye singly fixed on Him. Let our intention herein be this, and this alone, to glorify our Father which is in heaven...That is the only way we will be saved from loving the blessing more than the Blessor. Fasting reminds us that we are sustained by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’ Food does not sustain us; God sustains us. (Matthew 4:4) Therefore in experiences of fasting, we are not so much abstaining from food as we are feasting on the Word of God. Fasting is feasting.” (Celebration of Discipline, R. Foster). Christians observe special times and seasons for the disciplines of fasting, keeping vigil, and other forms of enacted prayer. It is also appropriate to observe these disciplines at any time, especially in preparation for specific acts of discipleship or as acts of penitence, reconciliation, peacemaking, social protest and compassion.
(Book of Order W-5.5003)

Repentance—A 180-degree turn from what is wrong to what is right, from self-centered living to God centered living. *From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” (Matthew 4:17) Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus. (Acts 3:19-20)*

LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Fasting is encouraged during the 40 days of Lent

- **Feb. 22-April 8:** Please use this week for prayer and fasting
- **Messiah A Concert, March 24:** CPC Sanctuary- at 4:00 PM
- **Maundy Thursday, April 5:** CPC Sanctuary - Worship at 6:30 PM
- **Good Friday, April 6:** Community Service at Coastline Bible Church
326 South Mills Road, Ventura - 12:00 NOON
- **Good Friday, April 6:** CPC Sanctuary - Worship at 6:30 PM
- **Easter Sunday, April 8:** Celebrate the resurrection! CPC Sanctuary -
Worship at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM



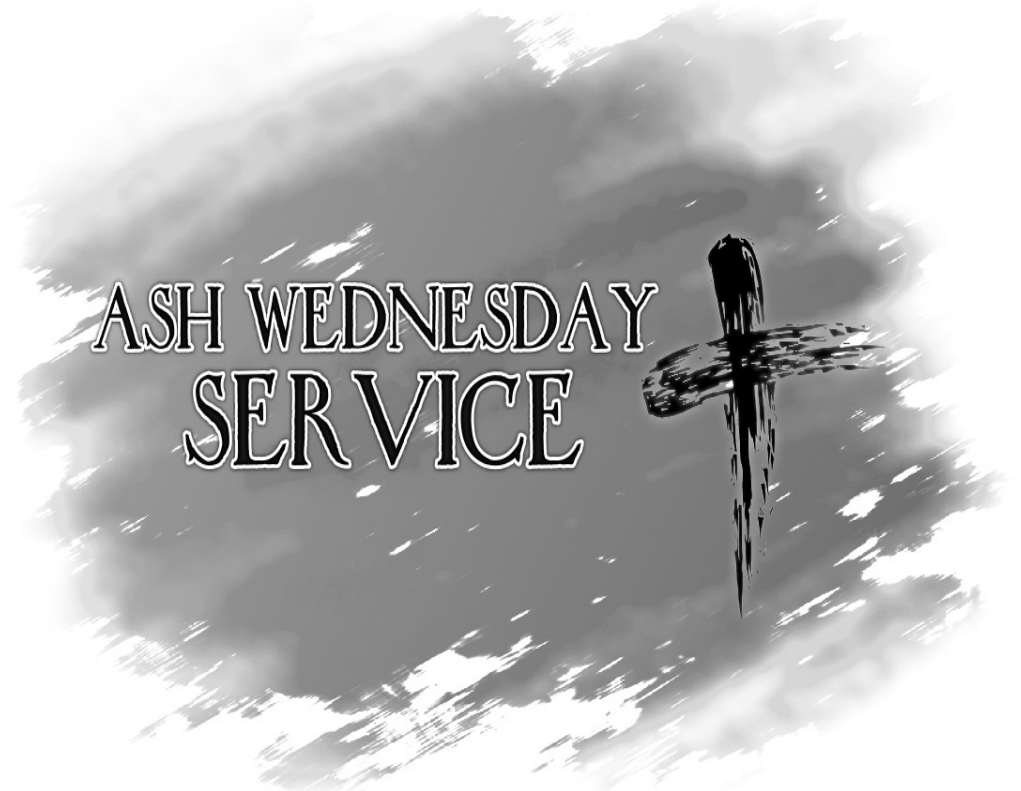
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Office Hours: M-Th: 9AM-5PM

Sunday Worship: 8:30AM | 9:50 AM (EDUCATION HOUR) | 11:00 AM



Community Presbyterian Church
 February 22, 2012

The People Around Jesus
 Luke 15: 11-32

