



PHELPS CHAPEL

WELCOME

Are you new?

Whether you're just visiting, watching the service on video or looking to stay, it's great to have you with us.

Message from Pastor Larry:

We are heading to the church season of Lent beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 6. Lent has traditionally been the time in the church when we look at our beliefs. It is a time when we spend some time and effort thinking about what it is that we believe. It was the time of the year in the early years of the church when people who wanted to join the church would go through an intense time of learning. This was to prepare them for membership in the church and for them to be prepared for the work that God was to have them do. Traditionally joining the church meant that you were going to be active in a ministry of the church. There was not an understanding that you joined the church and then you just attended. There was an expectation that you joined in the ministry and mission of the church. Therefore, Lent became that time of finding out where you fit into the ministry of the church.

Lent was also a time when those who had left the church could come back and be reinstated into the church. They also would go through a time of learning and testing to help insure that they would become a part of the ministry of the church.

This year during the season of Lent we are going to be offering two different learning opportunities for the people of the people of First Church. We are going to have a confirmation class for those who are between the ages of 11 and 18 who wish to join the church. These classes will meet on a weekly basis during the Lenten season and then those persons will join the church on Easter Sunday. If you are interested in confirmation class please contact Pastor Larry.

We will also be having a time of fellowship and worship on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. We are calling this "Soup and Scripture." We will have soup and a time of informal study on the topic of Prayer. Soup and Scripture will begin on Thursday, March 15 and be held every Thursday until Holy Thursday April 18.

Lent is a good time to recommit yourself to your faith and the mission and ministry of First Church. It is also a good time to invite family members, friends and neighbors to come to church and become a part of the mission and ministry at First Church.