Easter Weekend

Maundy Thursday Worship, April 9, 7:00 pm
Join us for a service of contemplation as we embrace the story of Jesus’ last supper.

Good Friday Worship, April 10, noon, at First Presbyterian Church in Orange
St. Mark joins First, New Hope, and Canyon Hills Presbyterian Churches in a combined service remembering Jesus’ rejection, suffering, and death.

Annual Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 11, 10:00–12:00 pm
St. Mark will host a multigenerational brunch and egg hunt. All are welcome!

Easter Eve Saturday Worship, April 11, 5:00 pm
Join us for a celebration of the Resurrection with lively arts!

Easter Sunday Worship, April 12, 9:00 am and 10:30 am
A celebration of the Resurrection, including an open invitation to join the choir in singing the Hallelujah Chorus. Sunday School will be held during the 9:00 am service only. Childcare is available at both services.

St. Mark is a community with open hearts, open arms, and open minds where all are welcomed. From differing faith and non-faith backgrounds, we connect through our care for social justice and our environment, and making a difference in our local and global communities. Learn more at [www.stmarkpresbyterian.org](http://www.stmarkpresbyterian.org), or call (949) 644-1341.

Lent
At the outset of his public ministry, Jesus spent 40 days in the desert fasting, praying, and being tested for his work. The season of Lent is a time that we engage in self-examination as we prepare for the story of Jesus’ death and the celebration of Jesus’ resurrection at Easter.
Becoming Who We Are: 
An EPIC Lenten Journey
Throughout the Season of Lent we will explore the interplay between experience, practice, and identity by looking at biblical stories where God’s people experience grace and begin practices of remembrance, renewing their identity as God’s people.

Experience

“Experience” describes those significant events that express and shape who we are. We might ask questions like, What acts of kindness or pain shape us? What disheartens or awakens us? How have trauma or elation changed me?

Practice

“Practice” names acts of formation and proclamation that remind us of who we are. We might ask questions like, How do I express appreciation or hurt? How do I hold hope when disappointed? How do we bring out the best in each other?

Identity

“Identity” describes who we are before God, with one another, and at our core. We might ask questions like, Who am I? Who are we? Who am I with friends? Or strangers? Who are we when we agree? Or disagree?

Schedule

Ash Wednesday, February 26, 7:00pm
We begin our season with remembering our baptism and our mortality.

Lent I, February 29- March 1
Sabbath marks the time when God rested on the seventh day of creation, establishing a rhythm of rest and restoration for all creation. Genesis 2:1-4; Exodus 20:1-11. (Mark 2:23-28)

Lent II, March 7-8
Purim marks the story of how Esther rescued God’s people from destruction, establishing a practice of raucous remembering. The Book of Esther.

Lent III, March 14-15
Baptism marks the message that God’s Reign is near and expresses the hope of changing one’s direction. Matthew 3:1-10, 11-17.

Lent IV, March 21-22
Pentecost was an agricultural celebration that became a celebration of the Torah that became a celebration of the Spirit. Leviticus 23:1-2, 15-22; Acts 2:1-21

Lent V, March 28-29
Passover was a moment when God’s people were freed from slavery and instructed to remember the liberating God with food. Exodus 12:1-28

Lent VI, Palm/Passion, April 4-5
The Last Supper is a re-interpretation of Passover, giving an old ritual new meaning. Matthew 26:17-30

Post-Worship Events

Each of these events will follow Sunday morning worship in the Fellowship Hall. On March 8, hear Rabbi Marcia Tilchin discuss storytelling and identity in the Jewish tradition. On March 15, hear a panel discussion about the different meanings of baptism in Scripture and the Christian tradition. On March 22, come and donate blood to the American Red Cross. On March 29, hear about the ministry of Home for Refugees, joining faith communities with refugee families.

Throughout the season we will benefit from displays of art and writings that our children have created to express what our Lenten theme means to them.

Weekly Schedule

Saturdays@5 Worship
Our Saturday Worship is at 5:00pm each week, with a mixture of upbeat jazz and contemplative prayer. On Feb. 29 and Mar. 28, join us for a post-worship event called “Meet Me at Muldoon’s” where our Synerjazz band performs from 6:30-8 pm.

Sunday Worship
Our Sunday worship is at 9:30 am each week, with a creative approach to traditional Reformed worship. Each week our Chancel Choir leads worship and we offer Sunday School for children. Easter Sunday worship is at 9:00 & 10:30 am.