

How Are You Handling...

Lenten Practices

Peace, Beaver Dam

Ash Wednesday – Use ashes from repurposed old palm branches

Altar Stripping omitted this year –plan to resume

Palms distributed on Palm Sunday at close of service by elders

Palms used for decoration at front of church, also

Psalm spoken in lieu of choir singing

St. John, Glendale

Ash Wednesday – use purchased ashes; Rugged cross made from former Christmas tree is placed, with a purple drape.

Maundy Thursday – Strip the altar in silence toward end of service, bulletin identifies each element in relation to Christ; e.g. “as Christ’s clothes were taken from him, we remove the altar coverings.”
Congregation exits in silence

Good Friday – No sermon – Scripture read by Pastor and congregation; altar is bare; Crucifix is covered with a black veil; purple drape replaced with crown of thorns; exit humming “I Know that My Redeemer Lives” or in silence.

“Memorial Garden” dresses the altar and chancel for Easter honoring members’ loved ones

Grace, Alma Center

Lenten calendar for children with symbols and their meanings

Ash Wednesday - Use ashes from re-purposed old palm branches

Palms distributed to all on Palm Sunday. Children walk behind cross and either sing a song or return to parents; branches also located in vases near the altar. Sometimes children stand along the aisle for members to walk out through the branches.

Maundy Thursday – Acolytes strip altar at end of service as Pastor reads. Items removed: candles, Communionware, Bible, flowers, paraments.

Good Friday – Enter and Leave in silence; altar is bare

Easter – This year added a Resurrection Garden

St. Martin, Clintonville

Ash Wednesday – ashes used, applied to foreheads by continuous procession at beginning of service

Maundy Thursday – Altar stripped, including altar cloths and paraments as Pastor reads

Black cloth is draped on the large cross behind the altar