

Family Ministries

LENT AND EASTER 2025



Ash Wednesday. Experience an interactive, hands-on service geared towards children and families. See and touch the water, oil and ashes up close, and learn more about our rich traditions around Lent. Ashes will be offered. Healthy snacks for kids will be available before the service in the Narthex from 5:30 to 6. **Wednesday, March 5, 6 – 6:45 pm in the Chapel.** *Additional Ash Wednesday services at 12:10 and 7:30 pm in the Nave.*

Lent Resources. Visit the Family Ministries table for our [Lent 2025 family prayer calendar](#), which focuses on gratitude for the world around us.

Family Ministries Outreach. As a Lenten service project, we will be collecting personal hygiene items and household essentials for Britepaths. See [the list of requested items here](#) and drop donations at our Narthex display. **Contributions due by Sunday, March 16.**



Second Saturday Church. Join our intergenerational service that includes music, prayers and a sermon appealing to children and families but inclusive and meaningful for all ages. Children are invited to participate by lighting candles, ushering and more. After the service we'll share a pizza dinner, fellowship and kids' activities, and will organize donations collected for Britepaths.



Saturday, March 8, 5 pm in the Chapel and Narthex. [RSVP HERE.](#)



Palm Sunday – Messy Church. This Palm Sunday we'll offer a new way of being at church for all ages, as kids and parents enjoy faith formative activities together. We'll be creative, get a little messy with arts and crafts, hear the story of Palm Sunday in a child-friendly way, and celebrate the Eucharist together. Messy Church is based on the values of celebration, creativity, hospitality and centering ourselves in Christ. For more information, contact Kimberly Cox at kcox@vts.edu. **Sunday, April 13, 10 am in Community Hall.**

Holy Week. Continue our Holy Week journey with our **Maundy Thursday** liturgy, where we share the story of the Last Supper and participate in foot-washing to remember Jesus' command to love and serve one another. Our **Good Friday** service reflects our intense sorrow but also holds tightly to Christian hope.

Thursday, April 17 and Friday, April 18 at 7:30 pm in the Nave.



Easter Sunday. On Easter Sunday we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. Between our two morning services, all children are invited to an Easter Egg hunt on our front lawn. Bring your bells for the joyous Easter liturgy and watch for the Dove Kite! **Sunday, April 20.** *We'll be hiding about 1,000 eggs – if you can help with organization or egg-hiding, please contact [Susan!](#)*

Questions about Children's Formation and Family Ministries? Contact Susan McGuire at smcguire@holycorforter.com.

