

At Second-Ponce



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EXPERIENCE THE LENTEN SEASON WITH US

INCLUDED INSIDE

PARENT MEETINGS

Information from the
Children's Minister
Search Committee

PRAYER ACTIVITY

Use the enclosed prayer
insert with friends or
family or as a personal
devotion

PHOENIX FLIES

Second-Ponce takes part
in the annual tour of
historic sites

FEBRUARY

Women's Lenten Bible Study
Tuesdays, February 27–April 3

Worship Sermon Series:
*The Journey to Jerusalem
in the Gospel of John*
February 18–April 1

SPdLU Bible Study Series:
*The Miracles of Jesus in
the Gospel of John*
February 28–March 21

MARCH

Lenten Prayer Experience
March 7–28
Times vary | Room B–204

Holy Week Wednesday
Service
March 28
6:15 p.m. | Chapel

Good Friday Community
Worship
March 30 | Noon
Cathedral of Christ the King

APRIL

Easter Sunday Worship
Sunday, April 1
11 a.m. | Sanctuary

WMU MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, March 6 at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Lunch: \$7, with guest speaker, Dr. David Hull

RSVP your lunch reservation by March 2 to Karen Harwell at kharwell@spdl.org or 404.591.4357

YOUNG ADULT OUTREACH



March 10
10:00 a.m.
Buckhead Christian
Ministries

TOUCH A TRUCK



March 24
10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
\$10/child
SPdL parking lot

MARCH MISSION MADNESS



March 16-18
\$68/student
Atlanta, GA
spdl.org/youth

PARENTAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The Children's Minister Search Committee will hold two informational meetings. Attend one or both opportunities.

- Sunday, March 11 at 10 a.m. in the Relat Class
- Wednesday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Kivette Room

For more information, contact Personnel Committee Chair Duncan Harle at dharle@johnfoyc.com



Second-Ponce photos are on Flickr!

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Phoenix Flies



Community Egg Hunt
March 31

Mark your calendars!
Details coming soon!

TOUR OF SECOND-PONCE, MARCH 11

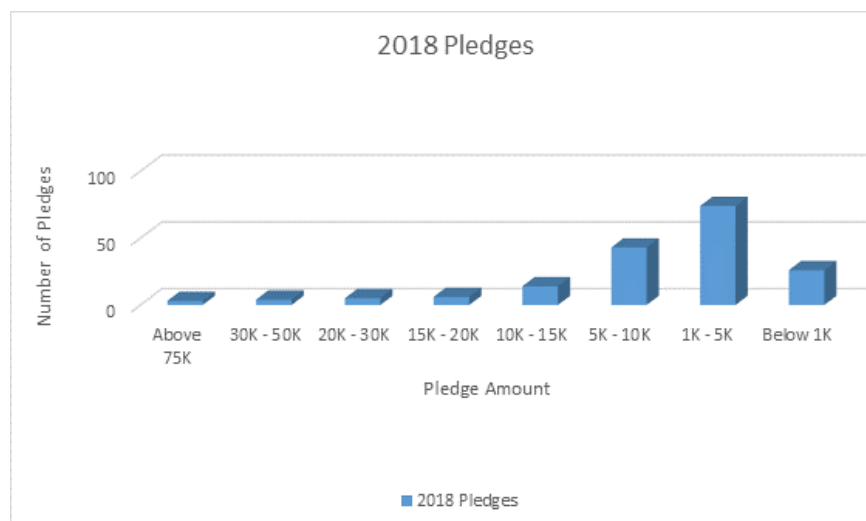
From Church Historian John Roma

Second-Ponce is proud to be a part of the Atlanta Preservation Center's 15th Annual Phoenix Flies free tours of historic sites around the city. During the tour of our church, attendees will visit the Heritage Room, Prayer Room, Swilley Chapel and the Sanctuary (which is now 80 years old). The merger of the three churches, the history of the Sanctuary and Chapel and the Civil War Steeple Bell will also be highlighted. This tour is open to the public and the congregation. There are free booklets about the other Phoenix Flies events available on the church resource wall. Come be a part of Second-Ponce history!

DEVOTED: 2018 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN UPDATE

From Church Administrator Jeff Miller

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2018 Pledge Campaign! As of the end of January, we have received 175 pledges representing \$1,342,690.61 in dollars pledged. If you haven't had a chance to participate, pledge cards are still available through Jeff Miller at jmiller@spd.org.



NEW SPdLU SERIES

The Miracles of Jesus in the Gospel of John

February 28–March 21

Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

The miracles of Jesus recorded in the Gospel of John are called “signs.” Like a road sign we might use today, these powerful acts of Jesus point the way to the new life offered **through** Jesus, and also point the way to his suffering and death.

Four Wednesday nights of SPdLU will examine the Gospel of John by offering opportunities to study these important seven “signs” of Jesus which point the way to our understanding of Christ.

February 28: John 2:1–11, led by Dr. David Hull

An Introduction to the Signs & Changing Water into Wine

March 7: John 4:46–54, 5:1–18, led by Dr. Dock Hollingsworth

Healing the Official's Son & Healing the Lame Man on the Sabbath

March 14: John 6:1–21, led by Dr. David Hull

Feeding the Five Thousand & Walking on Water

March 21: John 9:1–41, 11:1–57, led by Dr. David Hull

Healing the Blind Man & Raising Lazarus from the Dead



Saturday, February 24

8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

\$60 per participant



CPR CERTIFICATION

Sponsored by the Family Life Center

1-Day Basic CPR/First Aid (Heart saver) includes adult CPR, AED, treatment for choking and basic first aid.

Every Georgia CPR instructor is certified through American Heart Association, the National Safety Council and Medic First Aid. We also offer a wide variety of safety and CPR first aid courses, all taught by certified instructors.

Contact the FLC at 404.591.4379 to register.

PRAYING DURING LENT

FASTING OR FEASTING?

By Karen Harwell

Many observe Lent as solely a period of self-denial—a “fast” from a favorite food, hobby, or from watching TV. The idea of this self-denial is that we use this free time or “hunger” to direct our attention toward God—allowing God to transform our lives. But, often this self-denial becomes a contest with self or merely a goal to achieve when we do not add in other intentional spiritual practices to fill the gap.

What if we chose instead (or in addition) to fast from harmful actions and attitudes, replacing them with things that edify instead of harm? What if we fast from preconceived ideas, feelings and attitudes and instead feast on God’s presence and love?

Take a few minutes to read the “Lenten Prayer” to the right. The ideas in this prayer were adapted from Episcopal Bishop Arthur Lichtenberger’s thoughts on Lent. Read the prayer either in a quiet whisper or silently. As you read the prayer, close your hands as you read the word “fast” and open your hands as you read the word “feast.” Take time to listen to God’s voice. What is God revealing as your “fast and feast” in preparation for Holy Week?

Take a pen and write a “fast and feast” combination on a piece of paper or in the margin of this page. Covenant with God to practice this fast/feast in the coming days (or longer). You may choose a phrase in the prayer or God may have revealed something different to your heart not mentioned in the prayer.

You may want to repeat this prayer either daily or weekly during Lent asking God to reveal different themes for your fast and feast. Post the prayer in your office, on your fridge, on your mirror, or anywhere that will remind you of your fast/feast. Or, set a reminder on your phone to pray this prayer during Lent at a specific time each day (or week).

Families may also want to share the prayer during a special quiet time with your family or over the dinner table.

Lenten Prayer

Lord help me to...

Fast from *judgment*.

Feast on *compassion*.

Fast from *greed*.

Feast on *sharing*.

Fast from *fear*.

Feast on *peace*.

Fast from *lies*.

Feast on *truth*.

Fast from *gossip*.

Feast on *praise*.

Fast from *anxiety*.

Feast on *prayerful hope*.

Fast from *apathy*.

Feast on *engagement*.

Fast from *discontent*.

Feast on *gratitude*.

Fast from *noise*.

Feast on *silence*.

Fast from *discouragement*.

Feast on *hope*.

Fast from *hatred*.

Feast on *love*.

Lord, what should be my feast?

What should be my fast?

Amen.

- Adapted from Bishop Arthur Lichtenberger
and Rev. Ann Fontaine

February 2018 at SPdL

03 SATURDAY KEEP ATLANTA BEAUTIFUL

10 a.m.-3 p.m.

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04 SUNDAY CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP

9:45-10:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.

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06 TUESDAY YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP

7 p.m.

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7 WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

5-6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

CHILDREN'S MUSIC AND MISSIONS

5:45-7 p.m. in the Children's Building

SPdLU BIBLE STUDY SERIES

A New Way to Live with Dr. Peter Rhea Jones

6-7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

YOUTH: PROJECT 4:12

6-7 p.m. in the Youth Area.

SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

7:15-8:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL

7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

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09 FRIDAY YOUTH LOCK-IN

Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Event concludes at 8 a.m. on Saturday,

February 10

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11 SUNDAY SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP

9:45-10:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.

MIAMI MISSION TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

12:15 p.m.

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13 TUESDAY YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP

7 p.m.

14 WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

5-6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

CHILDREN'S MUSIC

5:45 p.m. *Meeting before going to the

Chapel for Ash Wednesday Service

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

6:15 p.m. in the Chapel

SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

7:15-8:40 p.m. in the Choir Room

18 SUNDAY SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP

9:45-10:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.

YOUTH LUNCH OUTING

12-2 p.m. at Blue Moon Pizza

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19 MONDAY DEACONS' MEETING

6:30-8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

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20 TUESDAY YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP

7 p.m.

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21 WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

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22 THURSDAY WOMEN'S MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP

Mardi Gras Fun Ladies Social

6:30 p.m. at the home of Betsy Perkins

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25 SUNDAY SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP

9:45-10:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.

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27 TUESDAY WOMEN'S LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

9:30-11:30 a.m. in Room B-207

YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP

7 p.m.

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28 WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

5-6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

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COMING UP IN MARCH

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| 7-28 | Lenten Prayer Experience |
| 11 | Atlanta History Center's
Phoenix Flies Tour of SPdL |
| 13 | <i>Pathways</i> : Senior Adult Lunch |
| 16-18 | Youth March Mission
Madness/D'Now Weekend |
| 24 | Touch-A-Truck with The
Preschool at Second-Ponce |
| 31 | Community Egg Hunt |