

Season of Creation

at Blacksburg Presbyterian Church



What is the Season of Creation?

The Season of Creation is an annual liturgical season (like Advent or Lent) in which the ecumenical family around the world unites in prayer and action to protect our common home.

The Season of Creation can be celebrated at different points in the church year.

- Most commonly, the Season of Creation has been celebrated between Creation Day on September 1 and St Francis of Assisi Day on October 4.
- Three or four sequential Sundays at another time of year.
- Several Sundays spread throughout the year.
- It can be at different times in different years.

Topics

From Uniting Church in Australia, Season of Creation is organized in a 3-year cycle:
Year A, Year B, Year C

2015

Planet Earth

Sky/Air

Rivers/Water

2017

Oceans

Mountains

Land/Dirt

2016

Rainbow/Covenant

Forests

Animals

2018

Wilderness

Diversity

Abundance

2019 (Themes based on Diana Butler Bass, *Grounded*)

Where is God? Dirt

Where is God? Water

Where is God? Air

2020

Passing the Planet On: the Gift of Wisdom

Passing the Planet On: the Gift of Integrity

Passing the Planet On: the Gift of Hope

2021

It's Not All About Us: Finding Our Place in Creation

1. Genesis Noah story: An Ethic of Hope

2. Job: Finding Our Place in Creation

3. Revelation: Home on Earth

Air/Sky Sunday - prayer flags for creation



Our pledges for
protecting creation



Mountains and Seas



Diversity and Abundance





The Burning Bush

Ex 3:1-12

Listen to the Voice of creation

SEASON OF CREATION 2022



As an unstoppable wave, Christians from all over the world will witness to listen and respond together to the cry of creation and as we care for our common home, each initiative will be an essential piece of the mosaic that only together we could create.



SEASON OF CREATION

September 2022

What is creation saying to us?

Do we listen?

"God is amazing."

"We cry out for justice!"

"Don't worry about what you will wear, eat or drink. God cares for you."

"Glory to God!"

"It is God who made us."

"We groan while we wait in eager anticipation."

How will you respond?

Our themes and actions during the 2022 Season of Creation:

- **Sept. 11, Exodus 3:1-12 — Listen to the Voice of Creation: God's Justice**
The prevalence of unnatural wildfires is a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. As our response, we have an opportunity to contribute to a special offering for victims of wildfires through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.
- **Sept. 18, Psalm 19 — Listen to the Voice of Creation: God's Intention**
As our response, we hold a Climate Advocacy Summit after worship, with the opportunity to engage in advocacy initiatives by writing letters, emails, or tweets, making phone calls or signing petitions regarding national, state and local earth care and climate issues.
- **Sept. 25, Matthew 6:25-34 — Listen to the Voice of Creation: God's Care**
As our response, we write our prayers for creation and offer them in our community worship.



The burning bush



Prayers for Creation

