

We Gather to Worship God

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at Easter. We continue that same focus on the meaning of faith in our own Lenten journey. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

O God, Thou Faithful God

J. S. Bach

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE SILENT PROCESSION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Turn away from the calls of worldly success

Repent, and turn back to God.

Turn away from the desire to have what everyone else has

Repent, and turn back to God.

Turn away from greed and the race for power

Repent, and turn back to God.

As we enter Lent, may we turn back to God

May we seek forgiveness,

may we seek healing,

may we seek wholeness.

May our hearts be renewed In this time of worship.

* THE HYMN OF THE DAY No. 61

Come, Thou Almighty King

Italian Hymn

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

No. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried,

the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and

sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he

shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,

forgive us.

Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free. We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.

Silence.

We were silent when we should have said something.

Silence.

We acted when we knew better.

Silence.

We were still when we know we should have moved.

Silence.

For the wrong we have done, for the mercy we have failed to do, have mercy on us,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

People of God, look to the Son, given to heal you and set you free because God loved the world so much. Take hold of life--eternal life! Amen.

* RESPONSE No. 482

Lord, Have Mercy

Kriewald Kyrie

Repeated phrases are sung first by leader and then my all

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

*All may exchange signs of peace.

~ **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD** ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 9:8-17

OT Pg. 7

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.' This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE ACT OF PRAISE

Psalms 25:3-9

Germany

*Show me your ways, O Lord, my God,
And teach my feet your path, I pray;
For my salvation comes from you,
I trust in you throughout the day.*

*Remember your compassion, Lord,
Your steadfast love of ancient days,
And in that love remember me,
Remember not my youthful ways.*

*Gracious and upright is the Lord;
He teaches sinners his way;
He guides the humble toward the right,
Instructs the lowly day by day.*

*The pathways of the Lord are love
And faithfulness to all his own
Who keep his covenant and all
The testimonies he made known.*

THE SECOND LESSON

I Peter 3:18-22

NT Pg. 238

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Carl Mueller

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:9-15

NT Pgs. 34-35

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.' This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Josh Tietje

Children ages three through first-grade may go to Children's Church in room 123.
Nurseries provided for infants through 3 years in rooms 118 & 120

SERMON

Marked Forever

Rev. Kyle D. Randle

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 2089 (TFWS) *La Grange*
Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

OFFERTORY *If With all Your Hearts* Felix Mendelssohn
Josh Tietje, *soloist*

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95
~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 480 *St. Margaret*
O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Theodore Dubois
Chaconne

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of our 11th anniversary February 17,
by William and Jill Nelson.

In Memoriam

Shirley Singleton Hardwick
2/15/1945 ~ 2/10/2018

A Service of Death and Resurrection
Was Held on February 12, 2018

In Memoriam

Lois Watts Harper Vaught
9/7/1924 ~ 2/12/2018

A Service of Death and Resurrection
Was Held on February 15, 2018

Serving This Sunday, February 18

Altar Guild: Churchill Jenkins, Betty Smith, Bobby Stilley, Nancy Purvis

Acolytes and Crucifer: Samuel Hickman, Charley Levy, Emma Chanaca

Counting Committee: Sallie Goldfinch, Lynn Hammond

Trustee Duty: John Sawyer, Cathy Senn

Bus Duty: Kent Bitting

Children's Church: David and Ginger Jordan

Sound Technicians: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks, Dave Carey

Ushers: Phillip Thompson (Chairman), Jack Driggers, James Hammond, Jimmy Jones, Blake Martin, George Martin, Dick Sayre, Ernie Turnes, Duc Watts

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, February 18

9:30 a.m. Come to the Water-Baptism Study / FLC Senior Room

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary

4:00 p.m. "Big Love" Preschoolers Event / Family Life Center (FLC)

5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC

5:30 p.m. Bridge Ministry / FLC

Monday, February 19

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing

6:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting / Commons

6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC

Tuesday, February 20

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting / Room 213

6:00 p.m. Cocaine Anonymous (CA) Meeting / FLC

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC

8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Senior Room

Wednesday, February 21

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing

12:00 p.m. Lenten Organ Meditations / Sanctuary

12:30 p.m. Soup and Sandwich Fellowship / FLC

3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Program / FLC

4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

4:30 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / Room 211

5:10 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

5:10 p.m. Youth Handbells Rehearsal / Handbell Room 205

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall

6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Handbell Room 205

6:15 p.m. *Voice of God* / Ladies Study / Room 216

6:15 p.m. *Being Disciples* / Room 217

7:00 p.m. Sonshine "Sunday" School Class / Parlor

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

Thursday, February 22

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing

12:00 p.m. Lenten Luncheon / St. Paul's Anglican Church

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC

Friday, February 23

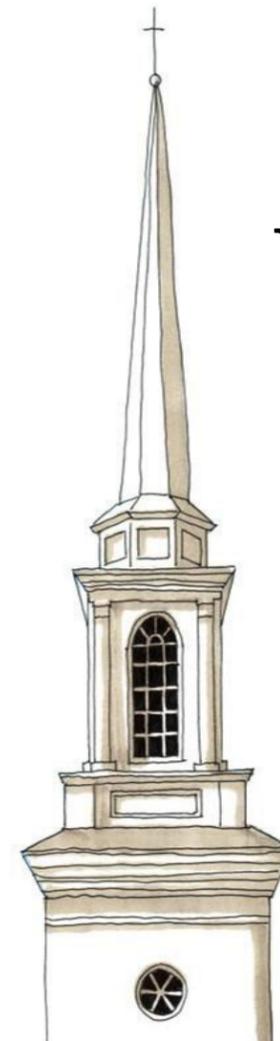
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing

5:30 p.m. First Love Rehearsal / FLC

7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

Saturday, February 24

6:30 p.m. Dessert Theater / First Love / FLC



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First Sunday in Lent
February 18, 2018
10:30 a.m.



Welcome to First United Methodist Church

Out of a broken and sinful world, all people are welcomed into the body of Jesus Christ at First Church. As children of God, together we join in worship to experience the transforming love of our Savior.

We are here this morning to worship God. Through our songs, words of praise, prayers and scripture reading, we give honor and glory to God. Wondrous things happen as we worship. Lives are changed. The presence of God brings hope, comfort, healing, and joy. Let us worship in gladness. Jesus, the Lord of Life is with us.