

First Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2017

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYERPastor and Congregation

CALL TO WORSHIPPastor and Congregation

Pastor: After he was baptized by John, Jesus went by himself to the wilderness where he was tempted.

People: **Forty days in the desert, Jesus was tempted to become relevant, spectacular, and powerful.**

Pastor: Today, we begin our journey with Jesus through the season of Lent, which brings us to face our own weaknesses and temptations.

People: **Let us worship God and walk the journey together, seeking the Spirit as our guide and companion along the way.**

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP... "Spirit of the Living God"...p. 234.....Congregation

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ...Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7..... Molly Abbott

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

HYMN ... "Holy, Holy, Holy" ... vs. 1, 3 and 4 1

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE..... Brandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we come to you this day knowing we have sinned. We confess that we have been willful and prideful and have strayed from You. Remind us anew that we must choose life and not death; we must choose You over what the world tempts us to do and to

be. Deliver us from temptation and evil this day. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive us. Return us from the wilderness to paths of righteousness. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Hear the Good News, in the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

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MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN ... "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" ...vs. 1 and 2.....409

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

GOSPEL LESSON ...*Matthew 4:1-11* Molly Abbott

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" ¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

ANTHEM... "Precious Lord" Choir

SERMON ... *It's My Choice* Pastor

CLOSING HYMN ... "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"497

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY

5:30 p.m.Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. Supper ... Team 2

6:45 p.m.Bible Study ... Children and Youth Programs

SATURDAY

7:00 a.m. Man Biscoe Food Pantry

10:30 a.m. Leave to see movie, *The Shack*

NEXT SUNDAY ... Daylight Savings Time begins ... PASSPORT deposit due (\$50)

USHERS

TODAY..... Dwight Saunders' Team
 NEXT SUNDAY Eugene Crisco's Team

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY..... Angel Robinson
 NEXT SUNDAY Betty Green

NURSERY

TODAY..... Chris and Barbie Blake
 NEXT SUNDAY Linda McNeill

PRAYER LIST

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| Church family: Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, Jack Boone, John & Alisa Beard, Larry Wilson, Rodney Loflin, Karen Dailey, Barbara Lynthacum, Gary McCaskill, Sarah Jo Wall | | | Ray, Frances Hudson | daughter |
| At Home: Helen Greene, Violet Epps, Irene Warner, Florence Cagle | | | Paul/Thelma Hussey | brother |
| Friends and Relatives of: | | | Harold Johnson | sister-in-law |
| Molly/Wayne Abbott | Henrietta Garner | friend | Meryl Johnson | friend |
| | Monnie Jenkins | friend | Mildred Hunsucker | mother |
| | Juanita King | friend | Marian Jackson | friend |
| | Tony Lawson | friend | Benny McBride | nephew |
| | Toni Atcheson | sister | Bob Moore | niece, nephew |
| | Cassie Jenkins | granddaughter | Pam, Ken Morgan | Nancy's father |
| | Martha Garner | sister | John Moore | friend |
| | Tammy Laprade | sister | Candy Loflin | friend |
| | Audrey Grace Bryan... | friend | Beth Holt | friend |
| Dave/Barb Buckland | Retha Brooks | Sue Ann's mother | Misty Morgan | friend. |
| Jane Covington | Faye | sister | Iris Luquire | sister-in-law |
| | Pete Thomas | brother-in-law | Jo Brooks | friend |
| | Lee Kasik | grandson-in-law | Barbara Lynthacum | J.D. Thompson |
| Tim and Tammy Dunn | Todd Reece | friend | Melissa Green | daughter |
| | Scott Reece | friend | Helen Mabe | aunt |
| | Lynn Saunders | cousin | Carol Luther | friend |
| Ernest , Karen Dailey | Judy and Estella | daughters | Tammy Parker | friend |
| Garrett Gooch | Mary Chunn | grandmother | Pat/Bob Morgan | Jesse Wallace |
| | | | Jeff Robinson | friend |
| | | | Nancy Ruppert | sister |
| | | | Barbara Smith | friend |
| | | | Laura Wilson | friend |
| Service Personnel: Devin Hurley, Mark Davis, Dylan McCaskill, Christian Rush, Seth Spivey, Garrett Wallace, Chris Stuart | | | | |