



FIRST SUNDAY *in* LENT
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"Temptation of Christ in the Wilderness" by Briton Rivière

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Please join in reading and singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.
* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Meditation* Florence Price

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord Jesus Christ, you refused to turn stones into bread.
**Save us from using our power, however little,
to satisfy the demands of selfishness
in the face of the needs of other people.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you refused to leap from the temple top.
**Save us from displaying our skills, however modest,
to win instant popularity
in the face of nobler calls on our abilities.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you refused to bend the knee to a false god.
**Save us from offering our devotion, however weak,
to cheap or easy religion in the face of the harder path
on which you bid us to follow you.**

Savior of the World, you saw Satan masquerading as an angel of light
and you shunned him.
**Give us wisdom to discern behind each subtle temptation
the ploy of the prince of darkness;
and in the face of all that is hellishly attractive,
help us to choose the will of God.**

—excerpted from *Stages on the Way: Worship Resources for Lent, Holy Week and Easter*.
Iona Community. Wild Goose Worship Group.

* HYMN 166

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our creator, you asked man and woman to tend this garden of your creating,
to care for the creatures of your making, to speak and so join you in creating your
kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. We confess that we have sinned: we have used your
creation rather than cherished it, we have lived greedily rather than gratefully, we have
spoken words of destruction rather than love. We acknowledge the damage our heavy
footprints, our hard hearts, and our rash tongues have done, and we pray for your
forgiveness. Take the dust of our lives and re-form us into your image, and then breathe
into us the grace to live for you.**

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

GHANA

Lord, ___ have mer - cy. Lord, ___ have mer-cy, ___ Lord, ___ have
mer - cy. Lord, ___ have mer - - cy.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In the beginning, God breathed life into being, and every morning God's mercies are new.
Know that you, child of God, made in God's image, are forgiven, loved and free.
Believe and live the good news:
God's goodness is planted more deeply than all that is wrong. Thanks be to God!

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

*You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as God's people.
Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with
you."*

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

DETROIT

"For - give our sins as we__ for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray,
 but you a - lone can grant us__ grace to live the words we say.

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

The grass withers, the flower fades;
The word of the Lord endures forever.

Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON

The Wilderness Exam...and Other Tests

RESPONDING & SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *Clouds* Florence Price

*Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please refer to the Communion Card.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Blessed One, our Father and our Mother
May your love be enacted in the world.
May your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread
and forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us in the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For all that we do in your love,
and all that your love brings to birth,
and the fullness of love that will be
are yours, now and forever. Amen.

During the season of Lent we will say or sing various versions of the Lord's Prayer.
 Today's prayer is from A New Monastic Handbook.

SENDING

* HYMN 440 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* ABERYSTWYTH

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Remembrance* Florence Price



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WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive and diverse faith community, led by the Holy Spirit, who welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds to come together to explore, nurture, and deepen their faith.

PRAYER

If you would like someone to pray with you, pastors will be available at the Communion Table after the service.

GET CONNECTED

Please use the Friendship Pad located in the pew to let us know you joined us in worship. To stay up to date with what's happening at First, sign up for our weekly email "Our Life Together" using this QR code.



WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher Jay Sanderford
Liturgist Hannah Lundberg
Lector Jean Song

Pianist Josh Marzan
Usher Marty Reineman
Communion Jean Song

WAYS TO GIVE

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Today at First

Embracing Hope Information Session

8:30 a.m. | Curtis Room (Level 2)

Children's Choir

10:30 a.m. | Lemon's Chapel

Congregational Meeting

10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary

Congregational Potluck Lunch

11:30 a.m. | Social Hall

Youth Group

4:30 p.m. | Buhr Park Ice Arena
Contact: Mark Mares, mmares@firstpresbyterian.org

Parent Conversations

4:45 p.m. | York (1928 Packard St.)
Contact: Mark Mares, mmares@firstpresbyterian.org

T2A2 Young Adults

7:00 p.m. | Off site
Contact: Hannah Lundberg, hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org

News & Events

Embracing Hope Information Sessions — During this month, our entire church community will engage in a collective process to imagine our future and chart the course ahead. **This is the final week to participate.**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. | Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89196426148>

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. | Curtis Room

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

7:00 - 8:00 pm | Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89173405190>

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. | Curtis Room

Annual Meeting of the Congregation — The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held today following 9:30 a.m. worship for the purpose of approving the pastors' terms of call and receiving the 2022 annual report and the 2023 annual budget. Following the meeting, join us for the potluck lunch at 11:30 a.m. in the Social Hall.

Parent Conversations — Parents of children and youth are invited to join Pastor Mark and Elder Betsy McCallister at York (1928 Packard St.) at 4:45 p.m. for fellowship and conversation. Come meet other First Pres parents and give feedback on our ministries to families. If you can't make it to York, join us on Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89479700742>) on Wednesday, March 1, at 8pm.

Social Hour Hosts Needed — We are looking for folks host social hour following 9:30 a.m. worship. Sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f45a4ac283-coffee#/>

Lent

A SEASON OF RENEWAL

TAIZÉ SERVICE

Tuesday, March 7
7:00 p.m.

HOME WORSHIP GATHERINGS

Tuesdays, March 14 - 28
6:00 p.m.

Simple worship gatherings will be held in various homes. Sign up online at firstpresbyterian.org

PEEPS & PIZZA

Saturday, April 8
10:00 a.m.

Create a Bible story diorama using marshmallow Peeps. Then, an outdoor pizza lunch and children's egg hunt will be held on the front lawn. Register online at firstpresbyterian.org

ALPHA HOUSE WEEK OF CARING

March 20 - 27

Volunteer to support guests of Alpha House, a shelter for children and parents. Visit firstpresbyterian.org.

EASTER FLOWERS

Give Easter flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones. Your flowers will be used to beautify our worship spaces on Easter Sunday, April 9. Following Easter worship, flowers will be delivered by our Deacons to those in need of extra cheer. Flowers are \$20 each and may be ordered up until noon on Monday, April 4.

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays, March 6 - April 10
8:00 a.m. | Monteith Hall
9:30 a.m. | Sanctuary & Livestream

LENTEN EMAIL DEVOTIONAL

Begin each day with a Lenten devotion written by church members and staff. To receive the email devotion, contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

LENTEN WEEKLY WALKS

Wednesday, March 1
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Gallup Park

Tuesday, March 7
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
The Arboretum (meet at First Pres)

Thursday, March 16
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Bird Hills

Friday, March 24
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Dhu Varren Woods

Saturday, April 1
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Hudson Mills

Friday, April 7 (Good Friday)
12:00 p.m.
The Arboretum (meet at First Pres)

All ages and stages of life welcome. A pastoral liaison will guide the group. Sign up at firstpresbyterian.org.