

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR MAR. 9, 2025

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Andante Espressivo by Moritz Moszkowski

INTROIT 434 Restore in Us, O God BAYLOR

Gathering Around The Word

\*CALL TO WORSHIP from Luke 4:1; Rom. 10:8b
One: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.
All: The journey begins in the wilderness.
One: We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.
All: Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us. God's Word is on our lips.
One: Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God's will in all things.
All: For God leads us not only into the wilderness, but also through the wilderness.

\*HYMN 415 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy RESTORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) from Ps. 91:2; Luke 4:4, 10; Rom 10:10-11
O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you.
We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own.
We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world.
In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend.
Forgive us, we pray.
Do not let us be put to shame, O God.
Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON from Rom. 10:12, 13
One: Scripture declares, The Lord is generous to all who call on God's name. Friends, believe the good news: God does not turn away from us, but desires to bring us into the glorious freedom offered in Jesus Christ. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
All: Thanks be to God!

\*PASSING THE PEACE We invite you to share the peace of Christ with others.
\*RESPONSE 581 GLORIA PATRI
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Listening To the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD from Rom.10:8b; Ps91:9
FIRST READING PSALM 91:1-2,9-16 (The scripture readings can be found on the back of the bulletin)
SECOND READING LUKE 4:1-13
SERMON "40 Days with the Devil" Rev. David Holden

Responding to the Word

\*HYMN 43 You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord ON EAGLE'S WINGS
\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Church Creed
We believe God's love sets us free as the church with a common heritage, bound together as one family, nourished by the gift of His Son.
We believe God's love sets us free from fear, judgment, and death.
We believe God's love sets us free with energy and strength for commitment.
We believe God's love sets us free, renewing our faith, hope, and trust.
We believe God's love sets us free to worship, to love, to accept love, and to live.
We believe God's love sets us free!

MINUTE FOR MISSION Jo Salmon

SHARING OUR PRAYERS See prayer concerns list, back page

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER("debts"/"debtors") page 35 in hymnal

GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM (Give online @ bit.ly/FPCSomersetGive or scan the code on the yellow pew card)
OFFERTORY Reflection by Mark Hayes

\*THE DOXOLOGY 606
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION from Deut. 26:4, 10

God Sends Us Forth

\*HYMN 166 Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days ST. FLAVIAN

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*BLESSING
HYMN 434 Restore in Us, O God (vrs1&4) BAYLOR

POSTLUDE

Visiting today? Welcome!
Please tell us about yourself! You can scan this QR code with your smartphone to fill out our online form, or fill out a pew card and drop it in the offering plate.

This Week
TODAY! @ 4:00pm - Interracial Dialogue
Mon., Mar. 10 @ 5:00pm - Earth Care team Meeting
Wed., Mar. 12 @ 12:00pm - Packing Food Boxes @ GFP
Wed., Mar. 12 @ 6:30pm - Choir Practice
Thur., Mar. 13 @ 10:30am - Spiritual Practices Group
Thur., Mar. 13 @ 4:30pm - Congregation Care Meeting
Thur., Mar. 13 @ 5:00pm - Deacon Meeting
Thur., Mar. 13 @ 7:00pm - ONLINE: Lenten Study
Sat, Mar. 15 @ 2:00pm - Food Box Giveaway

Worship Assistants Next Week
Liturgist.....Jane Evans
Ushers.....Autumn & Forrest Brock
Audio.....Terry Randall
Video.....Jon Burlew
Coffee Plus.....Linda Bonardel

\*for portions marked with an asterisk, you're invited to rise in body or spirit

First Reading—Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

<sup>1</sup>You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, <sup>2</sup>will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.” <sup>9</sup>Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, <sup>10</sup>no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

<sup>11</sup>For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. <sup>12</sup>On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. <sup>13</sup>You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

<sup>14</sup>Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. <sup>15</sup>When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them. <sup>16</sup>With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.

Second Reading—Luke 4:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’”

<sup>9</sup>Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,’

<sup>11</sup>and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Scripture verses taken from the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

The family of Marie Arvai; Aaron Ramsey; Tim Noel; Leslie Phillips' parents, J.R & Karen Goff; Don Haney; Rebecca Davis; Pat Carpenter; David & Brenda Bryant; Jeff & Kathy Bishop's daughter, Ashley Kerr; Becky Butler's brother, David Seiler; Ed & Joyce Mick; Jennifer Williams; Bill House; Leslie Phillips

Current Giving				
	Rec'd month of Feb.	Needed Monthly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
Offering	\$18,018	\$16,522	\$31,182	\$33,044

Blessing Box Attendant	
This Week.....	Marshall Judy
Next Week.....	the Brocks

Assisting In Worship Today	
Ministers.....	Every Member
Liturgist.....	Hannah Vaught
Ushers.....	Steve Vaught & Zack Vaught
Audio.....	Mary Beth Waller
Video.....	Jon Burlew
Coffee Plus.....	Erin Stephens
Director of Music.....	Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....	Debby McDonald
Pastor.....	Rev. David Holden

Deacons:			
Linda Cook	Rebecca Davis	Sue Guffey	
Don Haney	Nancy Holland	Marshall Judy	Marci Randall
Elders:			
Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027	
Charles Leveridge	Sharon Mandt	Jo Salmon	Mark Dikeman
Perry Waller		Laura Wright	

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People of God, Welcome Home!

May Christ’s peace and presence fill your heart as you worship this day, and may you go forth with the light and love of God shining within you.

We welcome you to worship, and ask that any electronic devices be placed on silent so that all may hear what God has to say.