

Jesus was tempted
in the rocky,
trackless Judean
wilderness, a
forbidding and
dangerous place,
hot, dry, and lonely.



And the Spirit immediately drove Jesus out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels waited on him.
Mark 1:12-13

Service for the Lord's Day

February 18, 2018
First Sunday in Lent

Gathering Around the Word

Striking of the Hour

Welcome

Prelude

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

arr. David N. Johnson

Call to Worship

On this wilderness journey, what will the people of God eat?

The Word of the Lord is our daily bread.

When you are tempted, how will you live?

We count on God, and God's steadfast goodness.

People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

We worship the Lord our God.

Opening Hymn 20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

Call to Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Loving God, we are not at peace; we are restless. We defy your creative power by the harm we do. We defy our need for love by being unlovable, and unloving. We turn away from you by neglecting your divine image in ourselves and others. You love life, but we let wrongdoing twist the best of life away from us.

In this season of Lent, give us a new measure of grace, that we may lead lives of wholeness and discipline. Give us the joy that comes from belonging to you.

A Silence is observed for Personal Confession

God graciously
invites us to come
near. What do you
need to hear from
God in order to
feel welcome?

We are honest
about our failings.
This is a good way
to begin worship.
God will make
us whole.

Declaration of Good News

Response Hymn 166

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
Lord, who throughout these forty days
For us did fast and pray.
Teach us with thee to mourn our sins,
And close by thee to stay.*

ST. FLAVIAN

Passing the Peace of Christ

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm Reading

Psalm 25:1-10

I offer my life to you, LORD. **My God, I trust you.**

Please don't let me be put to shame! **Don't let my enemies rejoice over me!**

For that matter, don't let anyone who hopes in you be put to shame; **Instead, let those who are treacherous without excuse be put to shame.**

Make your ways known to me, LORD; **teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth—teach it to me— because you are the God who saves me. **I put my hope in you all day long.**

LORD, remember your compassion and faithful love— they are forever! **But don't remember the sins of my youth or my wrongdoing. Remember me only according to your faithful love for the sake of your goodness, LORD.**

The LORD is good and does the right thing; he teaches sinners which way they should go.

God guides the weak to justice, teaching them his way. **All the LORD's paths are loving and faithful for those who keep his covenant and laws.**

Anthem

He's Got the Whole World In His Hands

Caitlin Miles, soprano*

African-American Spiritual/arr. Joel K. Boyd

All stand

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:9-15

All Sit

Sermon

Sale/No Sale!

Matthew Covington

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 22

God of the Sparrow

ROEDER

Affirmation of Faith

A Declaration of Faith, Chapter 2

God created and rules in love. God created all the worlds that are, and upholds and rules everything. We affirm that the universe exists by the power of God's Word and Spirit. God has chosen to give it reality out of the love we have come to know in Christ. God sustains the goodness of creation. God called all he had made good. We declare that the universe of matter, energy, and life is God's good creation in all its parts. Even though evil has emerged within God's creation, we may work and play in it and explore it with wonder and joy. In Christ, God shared our agony over evil and broke the back of its power by bearing the worst it could do. God works continually to overcome evil. In the end it will be utterly defeated. Therefore we have courage to endure evil, to learn from it, and to combat it.

All Sit

Psalm 25 is a series of prayers made in particular circumstances. It begins with testimony, then asks for deliverance, then asks for guidance, then for mercy, then offers praise.

This is the traditional reading for the First Sunday of Lent

This affirmation calls on God's goodness to mend the world's flaws.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

My Lord, What a Mornin'

African-American Spiritual/arr. By Harry T. Burleigh**

Caitlin Miles, soprano

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

Closing Hymn 618

O Lord, How Deep, How Broad, How High

DEO GRACIAS

Benediction

Postlude

Concerto Grosso

William Boyce

Allegro

This hymn celebrates God's incarnation in Jesus Christ.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the Right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by ministers, officers, and congregation.

If you have a fussy baby or are coughing, etc., the worship service may be viewed from the parlor via television (across the hall from the Sanctuary). Loving childcare is available in our children's center for children 3 and under on Sundays, and children's activity packets are available in the narthex.

Our church Elders: Pam Bratcher, David Coverdale, Mary Evans, Rob Hale, Fred Higgins, Brad Howard, Matt Hunt, John Kernohan, Stuart Kernohan, Tim Leigh, Bobby Rabold, David Sears, Diane Simmons, David Thomison, Denny Wedge.

Our church Deacons: Rider Allen, Sally Calkins, Rocky Cooper, Shannon Dyche, Ray Elms, Cathey Green, Jean Harris, Melody Harper, Wayne Hendrix, Ann Rudolph Humphrey, Linda Leigh, Nathan Love, Tom MacMillin, Marilyn Mattingly, David Muffett, Ken Royse, Susan Thomison, Debbie Trickey, and Judy Whitson.

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Announcements

LAY READER: Nick Rabold

MEDIA PERSONNEL: Stuart Kernohan and Matt Hunt

SANCTUARY COMMITTEE: Lee and Peggy Truman

NURSERY ATTENDANTS: Alisia Mosley and Kimberly Watkins

LIBRARIAN: Arnie Petrus, arfranpe@msn.com

LECTIONARY FOR NEXT SUNDAY, February 25: Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16; Psalm 22:23–31; Romans 4:13–25; Mark 8:31–38.

***CAITLIN M. MILES** is an active member of the Nashville arts Community, regularly performing with the Nashville Opera, The Royal Music Guild and many other local arts organizations. A WKU graduate, Caitlin also holds the Master of Music in Voice Performance from Belmont University. She and her husband, Luke reside in Brentwood, Tennessee.

****AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMPOSER**, arranger and professional singer, H.T. Burleigh was instrumental in establishing the African-American Spiritual as an art form. He learned the spirituals from his grandfather and later arranged them in a manner that made them more accessible to classical singers. Much to the credit, advocacy and nurturing of Burleigh, the spiritual, as a uniquely American art form, found its way to concert stages and grew in tremendous popularity which has never waned.

TODAY:

TODAY FOLLOWING MORNING SERVICE be sure and come to our 2018 Kickoff Pep Rally for our church. Wear your team colors this day and show your team pride. We want to share what some of our ministries are doing and how you can pitch in but we also want to share our mutual desire and enthusiasm for growing our church! Being downtown and having our history, it's only natural that we want to serve our downtown community. With all of the new growth in our church neighborhood we know we can be a vital participant in our downtown and in service to our Lord. So make plans now and we will see you then! A tasty bag lunch will be provided!

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP meets this evening 5:30pm-7:00pm. All 6th-12th graders are welcome!

WHAT ARE OUR CHILDREN LEARNING? Our Preschool children are exploring the Bible with the story of Jesus Calming the Storm (Luke 8:22-25). Our K-2nd graders continue wondering about God's love in Godly Play learning about Jeremiah in Jeremiah 1-52; Our 3-4th graders continue their four week study of the Bible, learning the books of the Bible, the different parts and more. **YOUTH** continue to learn about God's Grace and Signs of God's Grace.

QUESTIONS? THOUGHTS OR CONCERNS? There will be an elder at the front of the church after the morning worship, available to hear from you. Visitors are especially welcome to ask any questions you may have. Today's elder will be Brad Howard.

Calendar

Sunday, February 18

8:30 a.m. Fellowship
9:00 a.m. Children's Music
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Pep Rally
5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Tuesday, February 20

11:00 a.m. Special Care
11:00 a.m. Finance Ministry
1:00 p.m. CUICHM
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Chairs of Session
7:00 p.m. Session

Wednesday, February 21

5:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner
6:05 p.m. Lenten Worship

Thursday, February 22

6:00 p.m. Room In The Inn

Friday, February 23

10:30 a.m. Contemplative Prayers

Announcements (continued)

THIS WEEK:

THE DEACONS OF THE WEEK this week will be Ray Elms and Sally Calkins. Deacons assist the Pastors in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

LENTEN MEALS AND PRAYER/STUDY: Join us each Wednesday through Lent for a meal beginning at 5:30pm, followed by study and prayer at 6:05pm. RSVPs needed for dinner by NOON on Tuesday. Email or call the office to save your place. \$8 for adults, \$5 children, \$20 family maximum. *Your RSVP is important and needed by the deadline!* The menu for February 21 is Quiche Lorraine, Spring Mix Salad, Biscuits and homemade chocolate chip cookies.

COMING UP:

POTATO PARTY RETURNS! Sunday March 4, 11:30am. We'll gather after worship to enjoy baked potatoes (white and sweet) with a fix-it-yourself toppings bar. And our now world famous bake sale. Donations for the potato bar will be collected and all proceeds will benefit our summer Youth Conference at Montreat.

HELP US PARTY! Donations for our Potato Party help us put more of our money into our Youth. Visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aa9ab2ca7f49-potato> and sign up to bring something to help us enjoy abundant fellowship.

JOIN A TEAM TO HELP one Wednesday during Lent. Our dinners and worship services happen because people work together. We need individuals to help us with set up and clean up each week. There is a special sign up - <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aa9ab2ca7f49-lenten>. Bonus - if you sign up, you eat free! If those who plan to join us would choose one Wednesday to help, we'd have all our spots full. And if you haven't worked in the kitchen, you are missing great fun and fellowship.

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT Friday March 2-Saturday March 3 at Murray State University. We'll enjoy fun and fellowship and hear from Missy Jenkins, who is a survivor of the Heath shooting. She'll help us see how God has acted in her life, despite a horrible tragedy. Cost is \$10. Registration deadline is Wednesday!

OTHER NEWS:

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP registration is open. All rising 9th-graduating seniors are eligible. June 16-24. We will travel to Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center in Lithia, FL (SE of Tampa) and work at Beth-El Farmworker Ministry. Registration forms are available on our website (Youth page) or from Leslee Kirkconnell.

WE ARE MAKING ROOM FOR THE NEW! Our Preschool is expanding to include a class for 2 year old children and we are selling some of our furniture to make space. We have a few chairs remaining. \$7 chair, 2 for \$10.

HEARTS AND HANDS MAKE A DIFFERENCE -the Preschool is opening a 2 year old class this fall and needs to purchase learning materials specific to that age. There is a display of hearts and hands listing different amounts that help buy certain items. Please consider choosing one or more, writing a check for the amount(s) listed - please list 2yo PLC in the memo line - and return to the office. Once we get our new room all ready, CE will host an Open House for you to see your help in action. Questions? See Leslee Kirkconnell.

AT THE MEETING OF WESTERN KENTUCKY PRESBYTERY this past week in Hopkinsville, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry announced that Katie Rose Thomison, now a student at Presbyterian Seminary (Richmond, Virginia) has been received under care of our Presbytery. We are humbly grateful for the Thomison family in this congregation, and we pray guidance for Katie Rose and she moves through the steps toward ordination.

COME SEE THE VSA ART EXHIBIT -- VSA Kentucky is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing inclusive arts and education programs for children, youth, and adults with disabilities, in addition to, professional development for artists and teachers in schools and communities statewide. This exhibit will be in Fellowship Hall through March 1st.

THE WORSHIP AND PROPERTY MINISTRIES are exploring options to enhance audio services during worship for members of our congregation who have hearing impairments. We're exploring the best technologies that will support the most people. If you have a hearing impairment and would appreciate improved services, please email Rob Hale at rchale@gmail.com or Tom Moody at tom.moody@bpres.org. We're interested in knowing the brand/type of hearing aid you own (if you have one) to help determine the best system for the church.