

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
First Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2017

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "We Place Upon Your Table, Lord" arr. Powell

Call to Worship

People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

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

We worship the Lord our God alone.

* Hymn 42 "Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil.

You know the things that tempt us

and the things that give us life.

You know who we are, and you know our sin.

We confess that we have disobeyed your word,

denying your providence and care

and relying on our own cleverness.

Have mercy on us, we pray:

cover us with your grace, feed us with the bread of life,

and re-create us in your image; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

* Silent Confession

* Response: "O Lord, Have Mercy" (Hymnal 578)

O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy;

O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on me.

O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy;

O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on me.

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

During Lent, we will refrain from singing alleluias.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Matthew 4:1-11 (NT p. 3)

A Time with Children

Anthem "There in God's Garden" Imre/Scott

Please turn to hymn 226 and join the choir in singing verse 4, when cued.

Second Lesson: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 (OT p. 2)

Sermon: "Longing for Eden" Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 418 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering

Offertory "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" arr. Simmons

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Please hold the bread until all are served, so that we might share it as a sign of our unity in Christ. As a sign of individual devotion and commitment, you may drink the cup as you are served.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 166 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Congregational Amen (Hymnal 601)
- * Postlude "O Jesus, I Have Promised" arr. Held
During Lent, we invite you to remain seated until the Postlude is complete, as a way to meditate upon the meaning of the season.

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by John Conklin to the glory of God and in loving memory of his wife, Johanna.

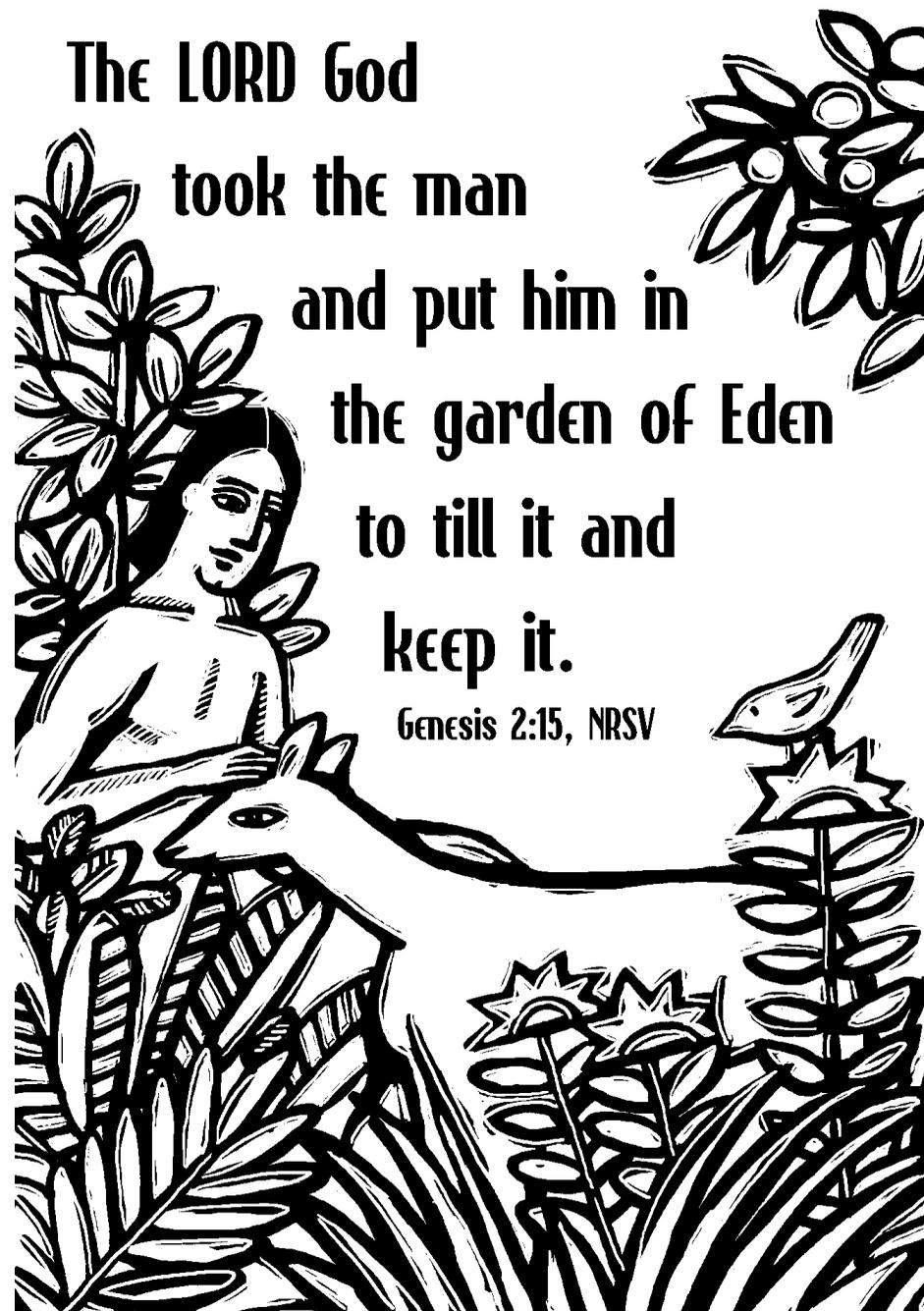
PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Kate O'Brien
Ushers	Anne Deremer, Laura Schillinger
Welcomer	Shirley and Jim McLaughlin



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Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying 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.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but 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'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but 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.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

So 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. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.