

March 9, 2025 (Year C, Lent 1)

Service of the Word

Prelude "Ivory Palaces"

Welcome

Introit "Jesus, Remember me"

Call to Worship

One: Come! Let us worship the Lord our God!

Many: It's the first Sunday of our journey called "Lent."

One: Today we're reminded how Jesus wrestled with temptation; he fasted, he prayed, he responded with scripture to what was offered in the wilderness.

Many: As we begin this season of Lent, we want to grow more like Jesus, so we pray for renewed passion in our faith.

One: Through all the days ahead...

All: ...let us follow the One who resolutely turned to the Father with body, mind, heart, and soul.

*Passing the Peace

*Opening Hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" #324

*Gathering Prayer

God, our refuge and strength, we gather today, noticing the focus on your humanness. We know this Lent may challenge our humanness. Some of us come with the body memory of ash on us. Some of us wonder what these next days will bring. We pray you will walk with us even when it's tough because we yearn to grow in our faith. We want to be made one in Jesus Christ. So, walk with us through this hour, through this week, through this season, and do not desert us, for you are the Holy One whom we trust. AMEN

*Gloria Patri #813

Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:1-13 Pg. 835

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Now, about Temptation..." Rev. Dr. Daniel Schlorff

Moment of Silence

Service of the Table

*Hymn of Response "Lamb of God" #302

Joys and Concerns

After concerns are spoken, the leader says, "God in your mercy," and the church responds, "Hear our prayers."

Song "Cares Chorus" (seated) #627

I cast all my cares upon you. I lay all of my burdens down at your feet. And anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Affirmation "Seek Ye First" (seated) #713

Offering

Invitation

Offertory "In the Bleak Midwinter"

Doxology #815

Dedication

Announcements

*Closing Hymn "May We Be That City upon a Hill" (Hymnal cover)

*Benediction

+Postlude "Come Unto Me"

* Please rise in body or spirit.

+ All are warmly invited to enjoy fellowship after the service.

Welcoming Deacons: Jane DiMauro
Jeff Yardis

Reading Deacon: Chris Tessman

Ushers: Bonnie Palmer
Jane Palmer

Flowers: Given by Sharon Maloney in loving memory of her husband, Bill

Prayers

All prayer concerns will be listed for four weeks. After that time, let us know if you want your request to remain on our list.

*Please pray for:

Theresa Reeves
Johanna Tessman
Scott, son of Bill Wilson
Ginny Hodge
Nancy Seladka, Sister-in-law of Linda Bonneau.
Ellie Bartlett
Doreen Shaw, sister to Betty Shaw
Don Keathley
Harley Jane, friend of Third Church
Karen, daughter of Ken and Martha Nichols
Jack, cousin of Ken Nichols
Loretta, friend of Maryellen Chapin
Austin, son of a cousin to Corrine S.
Ann, friend of Corrine S.
Adriel, friend of Third Church
Cory, friend of Third Church

WELCOME: Third Church welcomes you to worship on this Sunday morning. If you are visiting with us, please fill out an information card and place it in the offering plate. Please join us for Coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall.

Don't forget the outreach box. Bring a can of food to church each Sunday. Our collection goes to help meet the needs of the food shelves of Amazing Grace. We are also collecting cans of gravy for the Middletown Thanksgiving Project.

3/9 Music Meeting 11:30 am
Troop 16 Meeting 4:00 pm
3/12 Bible Study 10:00 am
Narcotics Anonymous 5:45 pm
Choir Practice 6:00 pm
3/13 Confirmation Class 7:00 pm
3/14 Tai Chi 10:00 am
Bible Study 5:00 pm

Birthdays: E. Tessman 3/10, P. DiMauro 3/11, C. Sternberg 3/14, C. Bengston 3/14

Congregational Care

If you know of any concern or a member or friend who needs a visit, please contact the office via email or note. If you would like special prayers for anyone, please contact Lori Albert.

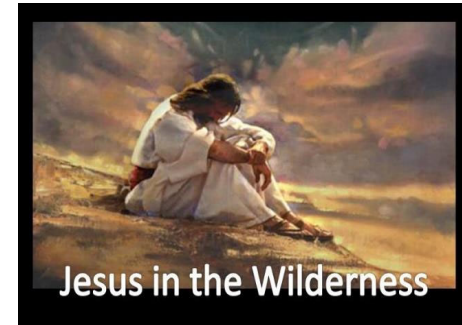
Prayer shawls can be like hugs from God from all the prayers that go with them as they are knitted, with a blessing added by the pastor when completed. If you would like a shawl or know anyone who would like one, please reach out to a deacon or Pastor Daniel. Recipients need not be a member of Third Church to receive this token of love.

Remember our shut-ins with prayer: Betty Behn, Sara Pawlow, Lynda Andrew, Don Keathley, Janet Manthay.

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