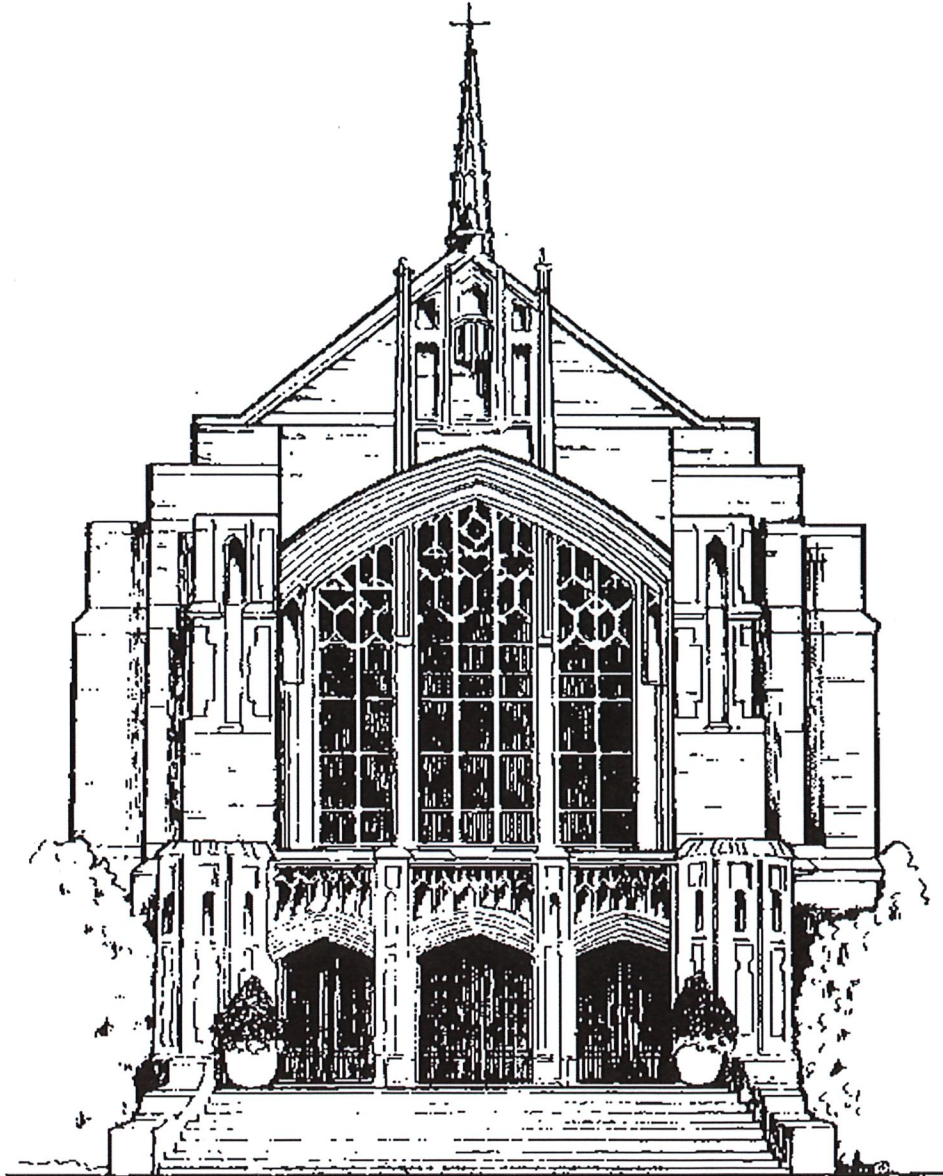




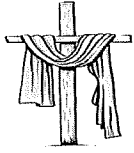
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A WELCOMING & AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

First Sunday in Lent  
March 9, 2025



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The First Baptist Church at Worship  
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  
March 9, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Prelude in g minor and Chorale Preludes on  
"Jesu, Priceless Treasure" and "Mortals, Bewail Your Grievous Sins"  
--J. S. Bach  
  
"O God of Love, Have Mercy" (Pequé, Pequé, Dios Mío)  
--Charles Callahan

In Praise to the Lord

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

A three-fold ringing of three signifies the presence of the triune God:  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

CHORAL INTROIT

Chancel Choir  
William Henry Caldwell, Director

Bless His Holy Name ..... Andraé Crouch  
  
*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.  
He has done great things, he has done great things, he has done great things,  
bless his holy name.*

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

\*OPENING HYMN

#169 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*  
ST. FLAVIAN

This hymn recounts Jesus' temptation story with the express intention to encourage us by example in our ongoing personal battle with temptation in the wilderness of our conflicting desires.

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Jeanne Kallenberg

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became

a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 4:1-13

Rev. David Coggins

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Luke.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 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. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 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. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" 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, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*FELLOWSHIP HYMN (See pg. 8-9)

*Victory in Jesus*  
HARTFORD

*Victory in Jesus* was the final song E. M. Bartlett wrote. The hymn also became his best known and most embraced song. The song is an optimistic reminder of the hope of heaven. In the second stanza, there are references to the healing ministry of Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

(Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Message during the last stanza of the fellowship hymn. All kids 3 years and older are invited to go downstairs (Room 4) after the Children's Message for a "One Room Sunday School" class. Parents are asked to pick up their children after service.)

CALL TO PRAYER

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*  
LEMMEL

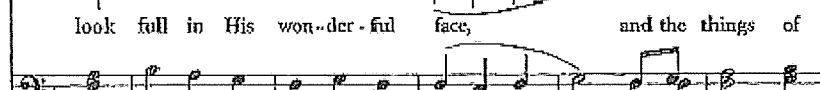
**Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face,  
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
in the light of His glory and grace.**



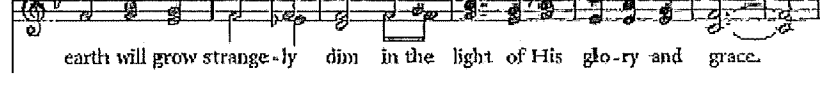
Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus,



look full in His won-der-ful face, and the things of



earth will grow strange-ly dim in the light of His glo-ry and grace.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and  
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts/Debtors)

Rev. Alspaugh

**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.**

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir  
William Henry Caldwell, Director

Think About His Love ..... arr. Mary McDonald

*Think about his love, think about His goodness. Think about His grace that's brought us through.  
For as high as the heavens above so great is the measure of our father's love, great is the measure of our  
father's love. How could I forget his mercy, and how could I forget his love. He satisfies, he satisfies, he  
satisfies my desires. Think about his love, think about his goodness, think about his grace that brought us  
through. For as high as the heavens above so great is the measure of our father's love, great is the measure of  
our father's love. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved the wretch like me, I once was lost, but now  
I am found, was blind, but now I see. T'was grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fear relieved, how  
precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed. Great is the measure of our father's love. Think about  
his love, think about his goodness, think about his grace that brought us through. For as high as the heavens  
above so great is the measure of our father's love, greatest the measure of our father's love.*

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*"In the Wilderness"*

## The Response of God's People

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#614 *Since Jesus Came Into My Heart*  
McDANIEL

The author of this hymn Rufus McDaniel wrote, "I feel in my soul that God has something for me to do in brightening the experience of struggling souls. My chief desire is to be a blessing, if possible, to my fellow-men through these hymns and thereby glorify God in the name of his dear son 'whose I am and whom I serve.'" Let the powerful message of this hymn speak to you as you leave this place.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

CHORAL BENEDICTION

*3 Fold Amen*  
Danish

*Amen*

POSTLUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough

Fugue in g minor ..... J. S. Bach

(\* You're invited to rise in body or in spirit!

*Please drop off your offering and yellow card in the basket as you leave.  
Thank you for supporting the ministry of the church!*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome to our worship service!** If you are visiting, we would love to get to know you. Please fill out a yellow card with your contact information and a pastor will be happy to get in touch with you. Anyone is welcome to use these cards to communicate with our office and share prayer requests or other information, too. We have baskets for our offering and communication cards at our entrances/exits.

We continue to **livestream and video record** our Sunday worship service through our YouTube channel. This can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/> and look for First Baptist Church Dayton Ohio, or check our website (<http://www.fbcdayton.org/>).

### **The America for Christ Offering 2025** **GRACE UPON GRACE: Grace in Turbulent Times**

*"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other,  
just as in Christ God forgave you." (Ephesians 4:32 NIV)*

The AFC Offering is a vital resource that empowers us to support life-changing ministry programs. Your contributions support creating new, innovative ministries; developing church leaders; aiding children who are impoverished; supporting the work of chaplains and spiritual caregivers; promoting discipleship; preserving critical American Baptist spaces; and making higher education more affordable through scholarships. Each gift represents an act of compassion and solidarity, bringing us closer to God's vision of a world shaped by love, compassion, peace, and justice. Please give generously this month. Special offering envelopes are available in the pew racks.

## Prayer for the Armed Forces

*Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Prayers of the People

*(If you have someone you'd like to add or remove, please let us know.)*

Laura Bayless	Barbara Jett	Judy See
Clara Black	Mike Kalbfleisch	Roger Stephens
Jessica Blair	Carole Lasley	Jerome Stueart
Gail Bowman	Gene Lee	Anne Veghte
Don Brown	Vincent Liss	Cynthia Whittaker
Linda Ginter-Brown	Tom McKenzie	Dorothy Williams
Gerald Busch	Lisa McMullen	Sharon Wingham
Mark Craig	Melissa Mikesell	<b><i>Military Duty:</i></b>
Pamela Cress	Tonya Mitchell & Family	Sebastian Ewald
Kerby Downs	Mary Ann Paloncy	Sunny Ewald
Lavanda Ferguson	Susan Parent	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Bill Harrell	Petry Family	Kyle Kline
Debbie Harshman	David See	Andy Wilson

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

## Week of March 9 – 16

Sun. 9	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School for All Ages
Wed. 12	6:30p	.....	Board Meetings
Thu. 13	7:00p	.....	Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 16	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School for All Ages
	Noon	.....	BYF Bowling Outing until 3:30p
	2-4p	.....	Bach Society Rehearsal

## Baptist Youth Fellowship Bowling

Sunday, March 16 @ Noon - 3:30pm  
Poelking Lanes - 1403 Wilmington Ave.



Our Baptist Youth Fellowship (BYF) is planning an outing to Poelking Lanes on Wilmington Ave., meeting up with friends from Christ Episcopal Church. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall after worship and then carpool to the bowling alley. Bowling and shoe rental costs will be covered, and we'll order pizza & sodas there for lunch. Friends are always welcome; just be sure they have turned in a completed and signed BYF Medical-Transportation form (copies available outside the church office). If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jason ([jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org](mailto:jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org)) / 937-631-3579).

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

### *Faith & Film in Lent*

March 9 – April 6 @ 11:30am-12:15pm

1<sup>st</sup> Floor - Chapel

Led by Rev. Jason Alspaugh

Our *Faith & Film* class returns this year during the Season of Lent. Together we will discuss a variety of films and consider how elements in them echo and intersect with our faith and the Gospel. We encourage folks to view the films ahead of time, but will also be sharing clips during the class to help facilitate discussion. If you'd like to organize a "watch party" with others, or need help accessing a film, Pastor Jason can assist ([jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org](mailto:jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org)).

#### Schedule of Movies:

March	9	<i>The Wild Robot</i> (2024)
	16	<i>Conclave</i> (2024)
	23	<i>Leave the World Behind</i> (2023)
	30	<i>The Six Triple Eight</i> (2024)
April	6	<i>Flow</i> (2024)

### March Church Meetings

#### Board Meetings

Wednesday, March 12 @ 6:30pm

#### Executive Council Meeting

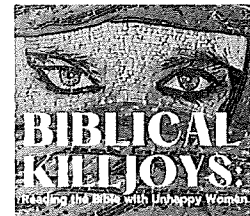
Wednesday, March 19 @ 6:30pm

### 2025 Lenten Study Opportunity

Wednesdays @ 6pm – March 19-April 9

Christ Episcopal Church (20 W First St)

Gathering in the Parish Hall



We once again have an opportunity to join with our folks at Christ Episcopal for a midweek time of fellowship and Bible study during the upcoming Season of Lent. In this year's Lenten series, we will explore five "feminist killjoys" of the Hebrew Bible—i.e., biblical women whose disruptive unhappiness threatens the simple black-and-white morality of the stories around them. Although their tales are ancient, these five "antiheroes" can still teach us how to wrestle faithfully with God's word. This class will be taught by Dr. Esther Brownsmith, an assistant professor of Hebrew Bible at the University of Dayton and a Christ Episcopal Church parishioner.

A simple soup supper is also provided at these gatherings, and last year we helped to provide the soups, bread and salads for one of the gatherings. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Pastor Jason ([jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org](mailto:jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org)).

Below is the study schedule. The soup supper is served at 6pm, and the program starts at 6:15pm.

Wednesday, March 19, 6:15pm — Tamar the Brazen

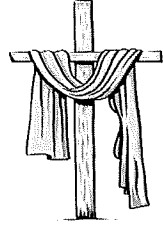
Wednesday, March 26, 6:15pm — Miriam the Proud

Wednesday, April 2, 6:15pm — Michal the Offended

Wednesday, April 9, 6:15pm — Jezebel the Harlot

## The Story of Our Wooden Cross

Each year a large wooden cross is placed in the sanctuary during the Lenten season. It was built years ago by church member De Gerstle when he was in his 80's. De was a gentle and wise man, a member of this congregation for 50 years. He had built cabinets in the dining room and done other work for his church. But the cross was his gift to this congregation—a visible remembrance of his faith, his hope and his work. So think not only of the story of Jesus and his triumph over death, his gift to us by the crucifixion, but also of the quiet dedication of De to his faith. Peace be with us all.



### *American Baptist Women's Ministries* **DABA Women's Spring Round-Up** (and Girls 13 yrs and older)

Saturday, March 22, 2025 @ 9am – 3pm  
Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church  
960 W Dorothy Lane, Kettering 45409

Bible Study Leader: Rev. Jane Gibbons

*For registration information, please pick up a brochure from the table  
by the church office.*



### In Concert at First Baptist **May Festival Youth Chorus and** **May Festival Chamber Chorus**

Sunday, March 23, 2025  
4:00pm

On Sunday, March 23, 2025 at 4 p.m. First Baptist Church of Dayton will host the Cincinnati May Festival Chamber Chorus and the May Festival Youth Chorus. Now in their official capacities with the world-renowned Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra Association, we are delighted to welcome back to our sanctuary Dr. Matthew Swanson, newly appointed director of Chorus for the Cincinnati May Festival, and Mr. Jason Holmes, associate director of chorus and director of the Cincinnati Youth Choir. Matthew and Jason have appeared often as conductors and soloists at First Baptist, and they are regular musical guests during the summer. The program will feature music of all periods and styles and will feature soloists from the group. The concert is free and open to the public with free parking. There will be a reception following the concert in the Fellowship Hall.



# FELLOWSHIP HYMN

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## 261 VICTORY IN JESUS

*But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
1 Corinthians 15:57*

1. I heard an old, old sto - ry, how a Sav - jor came from  
2. I heard a - bout His heal - ing, of His cleans - ing pow'r re -  
3. I heard a - bout a man - sion He has built for me in

glo - ry, How He gave His life on Cal - va - ry to  
veal - ing, How He made the lame to walk a - gain and  
glo - ry, And I heard a - bout the streets of gold be -

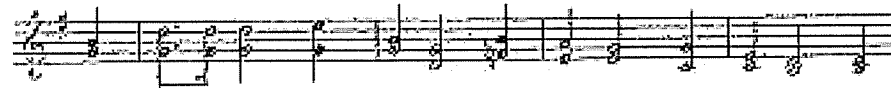
save a wretch like me; I heard a - bout His  
caused the blind to see; And then I cried, "Dear  
yond the crys - tal sea; A - bout the an - gels

groom - ing, of His pre - cious blood's a - ton - ing, Then  
Je - sus, come and heal my bro - ken spir - it, And  
sing - ing and the old re - demp - tion sto - ry, And

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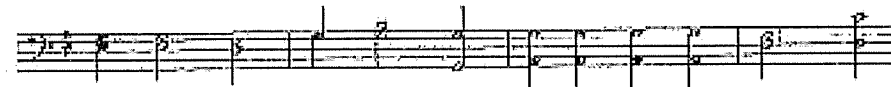
I re - pent - ed of my sins and won the vic - to - ry.  
some - how Je - sus came and brought to me the vic - to - ry.  
some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of vic - to - ry.



O vic - to - ry in Je - sus, my Sav - ior, for - ev - er! He



sought me and bought me with His re - deem - ing blood; He



loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is for Him— He



plunged me to vic - to - ry be - neath the cleans - ing flood.

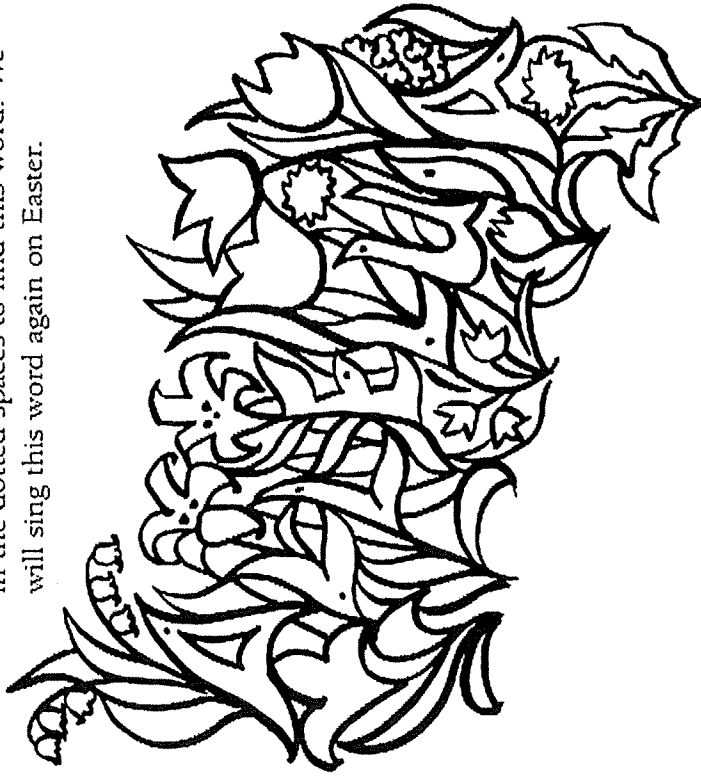



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## Send

### The word is out

During Lent, we give up something during worship. We put away a happy word. Color in the dotted spaces to find this word. We will sing this word again on Easter.



 Dear God, please help me to pray each day as I wait for Easter—the best springtime surprise of all. Amen

### This week

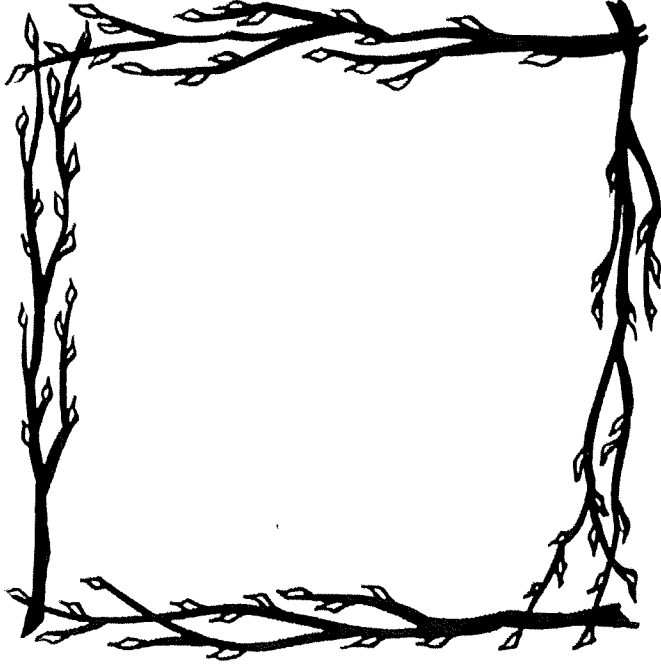
Save coins during the 40 days of Lent. Bring them to church for offering on Easter Sunday.

# Celebrate

First Sunday in Lent

## Gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the first Sunday in Lent. The word Lent comes from the word lengthen because the springtime days in Lent grow longer. During the long winter people in cold places look forward to springtime. During Lent, Christians look forward to Easter. Draw your favorite signs of spring.



## hear & celebrate




### Jesus is tempted by the devil


Luke 4:1-13

The church season of Lent is 40 days long. Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness. Write the word God inside each stone. Have an older person help you quietly read the story:


Jesus spent 40 days in the desert with the devil.

In all that time, Jesus ate nothing and was hungry.

The devil said to Jesus, "If you are 's Son, turn this stone into bread."


But Jesus said, "People cannot live on bread alone. They need 's word."


Then the devil said, "I will give you all of the kingdoms of this world if you worship me."

Jesus said, "Worship the Lord your ."

Then the devil took Jesus to Jerusalem. He set Jesus on the highest part of the temple and said,

"If you are 's Son,

throw yourself down from here. 's angels will protect you."

Jesus said, "Do not test ."

The devil gave up and went away.

### Prayers and pretzels

A long time ago, some Christians prayed like this. Try it! During Lent, people twisted bread into the shape of arms crossed in prayer. They were called pretzels. People gave pretzels to each other as reminders to pray during Lent.



Turn these pretzels into praying people.

