



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PENSACOLA

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 10, 2019 | 9:30 A.M.



An 18th century engraving of the angels ministering to Jesus after the Temptation



WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us this Lenten season. Founded in 1821, First Church is the oldest Protestant church in the area and the oldest Methodist church in Florida. This historic church, with four regular Sunday services, has a membership of 3200 and is overflowing with life. If you are visiting, we hope that you will consider becoming a member of our church family. You may join any Sunday by profession of faith or transfer of membership. Come and be a part of what God is doing here this Lent.

LENT - "THE FORTY DAYS"

Today is the First Sunday in Lent. Lent is a solemn religious observance that begins on Ash Wednesday and covers the 40 days (and 6 Sundays) leading up to Easter. On Wednesday we began by being reminded of our mortality and sin. Now, the season is a time for reality, for genuine humility, for repentance and forgiveness and renewed commitment to following the ways of Jesus. It is a season of preparation, and we are looking ahead to Jesus' passion and death for us and then to Easter. Lent can be a transformative time when kept well and the church is providing a number of things to help us experience the season more fully. There is a "Meditations for Lent" devotional to guide your reading throughout the season, a Prayer Room will be set up in the chapel, there is a mid-week worship service each week, and there are a number of studies you can join starting this morning. See the announcements for more on these opportunities. Keep a holy Lent with us this season. It can change your life.

NURSERY & CHILDREN'S BULLETINS

Nursery is available this morning for children up to five years old. If you need help locating the nursery, please see an usher or greeter for assistance. Also, children's worship bulletins and crayons are available in the narthex.

VISITOR / NEW MEMBER CLASS

Each Sunday morning we welcome all visitors and new members that are interested in learning more about First Church to an introductory class that consists of four parts. The class assembles at 9:30am in room PH101 next door in the Perry Home. Today's class, Ministries of First Church, is about all the programs and ministries of the church. Next week, Serving at First Church will help you find a place to use your gifts and talents in service in the church and community. Join us each week.

THOSE SERVING

9:30: GREETERS – Dona Hill and Carol Ross. USHERS – Jake Odom, John Susko and Steve Colony. COMMUNION STEWARDS – Amy Voeltz and Kelly Davies. COMMUNION SERVERS – Ruth Klarner and Diane Ward, Lay Persons.

OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

9:30am

the First Sunday in Lent

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Libby K. Hargrave, *organ*

“I Am His, and He Is Mine” *arr. Rachel Sawyer*

***CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us sing to the Most High,

The God in whom we trust.

Those who love the Lord will be delivered;

Protected are those who know God’s Name.

[Psalm 91]

***HYMN**

“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

No. 252

***COLLECT**

Rev. Ken Autrey

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan; Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

PSALTER

Psalm 91 **No. 810**

Lay Reader: Martha Taylor

***GLORIA PATRI**

No. 70

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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SERMON

Rev. Brandon Bures

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were still sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Response:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All:

Glory to God. *Amen.*

***THE PEACE**

All exchange signs and words of God's peace.

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

Please register your attendance on the registration pad. If you are visiting with us, include your address, phone number, and email so that we may welcome you in a more personal way.

OFFERTORY

Libby K. Hargrave, *solo*

“Do Not Fear, For You Are Mine” *Herb Frombach, David Lantz III*

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

No. 13

You are invited to come forward to the altar to receive the elements of Holy Communion.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Take, O Take Me As I Am” *John Bell*

“Take Our Bread” *Joe Wise*

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Anyone who wishes to join the church today, please come forward during the last stanza of the closing hymn.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

No. 269

***BENEDICTION**

***GOING FORTH**

POSTLUDE

“Aurelia” *arr. Hal Hopson*

TODAY'S LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES

The Old Testament—Deuteronomy 26:1-11—the Lord's mighty salvation of Israel from slavery in Egypt is recalled, and the people are bid to offer in thanksgiving the first fruits of their fields.

The Psalter—Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16—A hymn of trust in the Lord. The Lord will guard and deliver the one who loves and seeks refuge with God.

The Epistle—Romans 10:8b-13—Paul teaches that the word of faith is a gift to us; by it we make our saving confession that Jesus is Lord and that God raised him from the dead.

The Gospel—Luke 4:1-13—the story of the temptations of Jesus by the devil

DAILY READINGS - WEEK OF 1 LENT

Each of us is encouraged to read scripture during the week. If you don't already have a daily devotion the scriptures below are designed to expand the range of biblical reading in worship and personal devotion. You can find them in the bulletin each week. The Daily Readings are taken from "The Daily Office Lectionary" in The Book of Common Prayer. Make a commitment this Lenten season to read scripture each day. It will be a blessing. It will change your life. The scriptures below are the same as the ones found in the "Meditations for Lent" devotional.

	<u>Psalms</u>	<u>Old Test.</u>	<u>New Test.</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
MONDAY	41, 52	Deut. 8:11-20	Heb. 2:11-18	John 2:1-12
TUESDAY	45	Deut. 9:4-12	Heb. 3:1-11	John 2:13-22
WEDNESDAY	119:49-72	Deut. 9:13-21	Heb. 3:12-19	John 2:23-3:15
THURSDAY	50	Deut. 9:23-10:5	Heb. 4:1-10	John 3:16-21
FRIDAY	95, 40, 54	Deut. 10:12-22	Heb. 4:11-16	John 3:22-36
SATURDAY	55	Deut. 11:18-28	Heb. 5:1-10	John 4:1-26

NEXT WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Join us next week here at First Church as we come together to worship God on the Second Sunday in Lent. Dr. Wesley Wachob hopes to be preaching again at the 11:00am Main Sanctuary service. The Rev. Brandon Bures will likely preach at the 8:00 and 9:30am worship services here in the Main Sanctuary and at the 11:00am ICON worship service in Wesley Abbey. The Sanctuary Choir will sing at 8:00am. Next Sunday's readings: *Genesis 15:1-2, 17-18* • *Psalms 27 (UMH 766)* • *Phillippians 3:17-4:1* • *Luke 13:31-35*

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