

First Sunday in Lent
February 18, 2018 11:00 am

“God is spirit, and His worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24)

Prelude “In His Love” (Ressman) Sandy Griese

Welcome and announcements

***Call to Worship**

L: Lead us in the way of truth, O God.

P: Show us Your holy pathways.

L: Your way is steadfast love and faithfulness.

P: Teach us to follow where You lead.

L: We trust in Your way, O Lord.

P: To You, we lift up our souls. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling” UMH 348

Lighting of the Candles

***Opening Prayer** (in unison)

“Gracious Lord, remind us anew of Your saving grace as we enter the season of Lent. In the midst of the storms and floods of life, teach us the ways of life and death, that we may use this season as a time of gratitude for the past, and a time of hope for the future. Amen.”

Anthem “It Is Well With My Soul” (arr. S. Eithun) Handbell Choir

Children’s Message

Hymn Response “Spirit of the Living God” UMH 393

Lenten Prayer of Confession (in unison)

“We have list of things to do, Lord, and wonder if we are ready for a journey of discipleship. Forgive when I do not pray since I am too busy, and when I get distracted and neglect Your Word. Reset our priorities and ready us to follow Jesus in the wilderness to the Cross. Amen.”

Gospel Lesson Mark 1: 9-15

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

**Please rise either in posture or in spirit.*

***Hymn of Faith** “O Jesus, I Have Promised” UMH 396

Message: “Jesus in the Wilderness” Rev. Wayne Chung
Right following Jesus' baptism, the Spirit drives Him out into the wilderness. Jesus is tempted by Satan for forty days. The desert is a time and place where Jesus proves His readiness for the journey. Have you been to your wilderness? Are you ready?

Giving in Response to God’s Love
Offertory “The Cross of Jesus” (arr. S.E. Rogers) Handbell Choir

***Doxology** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 94

Sharing of Joys & Concerns
Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

***Closing Hymn** “I Need Thee Every Hour” UMH 397

***Sending Forth with God’s Blessing**

***Hymn Response** “Amen” UMH 898

Postlude “Sing Forth to the Lord!” (Paxton) Sandy Griese

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Lection Reading for Following Sunday

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38

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*The flowers on the altar today are given by Bill, Linda, Maddie, and DJ Buckley
in memory of Christopher Barry Buckley*

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OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Our Prayers: The family of Phil Ross (brother of Anne Stewart) following his death this week, Tim Gillikin – recovering from a fall, Jay Lounsbury – upcoming surgery, Linda Vann, Jane Bowman, Cheryl Castner’s father – taken to rehab, her niece, and the Castner family, Jay Lounsbury’s sister, Ann Curry, Helen McGill, Elizabeth Stinson, Bob & Van King, Tyler Madden, People in transition, Olivia Gammel – friend of Chris Heyer, Sarah Stallings, Jerome Stallings, Shirley Wood, Carl Stallings, Sr, Those who travel, For the healing of the nation.

Our Presence:	Worship Attendance Last Sunday	174
	Average Weekly Worship Attendance	194
	Sunday School Attendance Last Sunday	66

Our Gifts: Please strive to tithe! The Bible asks us to tithe 10% of our income to God. Many of our members are doing this already. How about you? You may give your offering electronically (EFT). Call the church office to set it up. *Stewardship is rather a way of life than an annual campaign. Thank You for your faithful stewardship!*

Record of Giving (Funds Received by the Church)

	January-December 2017			
	Actual	Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)	Var %
General Fund	\$392,507	\$370,750	\$21,757	6%
Missions Fund	\$29,227	\$23,000	\$6,227	27%
P&I Fund	\$19,734	\$18,000	\$1,734	10%
Building Fund	\$76,955	\$66,000	\$10,955	18%
Kitchen Fund	\$10,750	\$24,000	(\$13,250)	-55%
Weekly SCAN Report	Cereal 24	Other 30	YTD Cereal	204

*Kitchen Fund Balance = \$114,571/ Mortgage Loan Balance = \$344,360 as of December 31, 2017

Service:

Ministers	All Members and Volunteers at Friendship
Secretary	Bonnie Dean bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org
Music Team	Sandy Melson Griese, Holly Reynolds Lee, Chrys Hill, Micah Cooley
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Custodian	Jim Fowler
Counters	Joyce Terry & Missy Zentz
Ushers	Claudia & Dennis Leiphart
Junior Usher	Ben Heyer
Acolytes	Rebecca & Seth Heyer
Altar Guild for February	Marge Lewis (301-855-6497)
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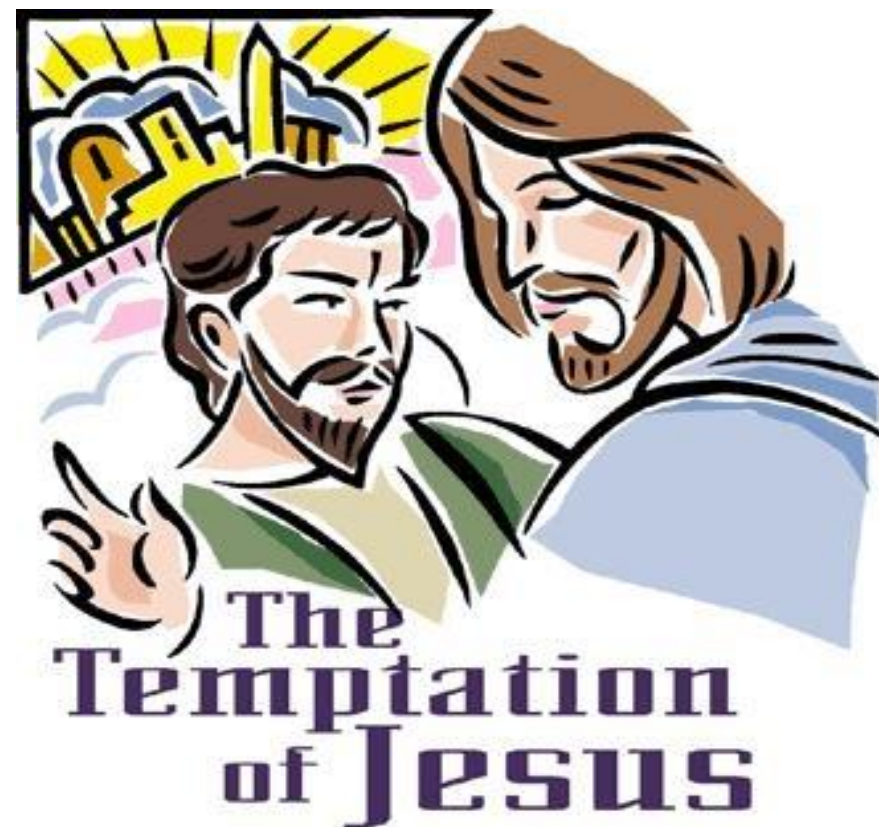
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Our Mission: "Grow as Disciples, Serve as Friends.
Love All; Serve All; Follow One!"

Our Motto: "Each One, Reach One!"