



NORTHSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Blacksburg, Virginia
First Sunday in Lent – March 9, 2025

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PERSONAL MEDITATION TIME

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 - “*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*” 166

THE TENEBRAE

Sue and Ernie Bentley

The extinguishing of the first Candle

Handchimes Choir – *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*

... Let us pray together:

Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, give us strength and courage to make the changes that are needed in our lives. Forgive us when we give in to temptation. Open our hearts and minds to your steadfast presence, and help us to put our trust in you. Amen.

A WORD WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

NEW TESTAMENT – Romans 10:8b-13

OFFERING OF MUSIC – *“They Shall Soar Like Eagles”*

Adult Choir

GOSPEL – Luke 4:1-13

SERMON

“Wilderness”

Linda Dickerson

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... Therefore, we join our voices with those of every time and place, and with all creation we sing your praise, saying,
Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

... we declare the mystery of faith,
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

... 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.

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer: Thank you, gracious God, for giving us bread for the journey of these forty days. As we travel on through the wilderness, help us to share your grace with others, and draw us ever closer to you. Amen.

HYMN - *"When We Are Tested"* 783

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Go with God. Go with God.
As you leave this place, go with God.
God will direct your way, God will light every day.
As you leave this place, go with God.

FELLOWSHIP TIME – All are invited!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

March 9 – Wilderness

March 16 - Willingness

March 23 - Waiting

March 30 - Welcome

April 6 – Palm/Passion Sunday – With Others

April 13 – Easter - Witness