

# The Order of Worship

March 1, 2009  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

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Minister: Rev. James Adams	Organist/Pianist: Debbie Mink
Lay Leader: Dr. Gary Brown	Nursery: Phyllis Shepherd
Music/Worship Director: Rebecca Haywood	Secretary: Vickie Ellis

**Bold Print** indicates a congregational response      \* Indicates to stand, if able

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## Gathering Before God

Prelude                      *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*                      Wesley Bells

### \* Welcome and Call to Worship

This first Sunday in Lent we are led from the Jordan to the wilderness.

**In the wilderness we will meet our greatest fears.**

In this wilderness we will be tempted to turn and walk away.

**But God has placed us here for a reason.**

Discover the powerful presence of God in your lives.

**Lord, help us to find the courage to be in the wilderness and then on the journey.  
AMEN.**

\* Hymn      *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*                      No. 269

Tune: *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing*

### \* Opening Prayer

\* Song or Chorus of Praise      *Fill My Cup Lord*                      No. 641

### \* A Time of Personal Greetings

## Hearing God's Word

Chorus of Preparation      *Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet*      (Chorus twice)

Scripture Lesson      1 Peter 3:18-22                      Robin Smith

Gospel Lesson      Mark 1:9-15

(after the Scripture is read, the following response)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

People:              **Thanks be to God.**

Today's Message              "That's Bad- No That's Good"              Rev. Adams

## Responding to God

\* An Affirmation of Faith    No. 887

Preparation for Holy Communion      *I Lift My Hands to You*      Chancel Choir

## Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession

**Patient God, you know how easy it is for us to just sit back and listen to the story of Jesus; from life and ministry to his death.**

**We would rather be observers than to think about the many things that weigh us down; the many ways in which we have turned away from you.**

**We are terribly afraid. Forgive us and heal us, O Lord. Give us courage to face our fears and faith to place our trust in your guiding mercy. In**

**Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN**

## Offertory

\* Doxology

Thanksgiving and Communion    See Insert

## The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*Holy Communion is offered to all who love God. As we receive the bread and the cup we are reminded of the love of Jesus Christ for each and every one of us. All persons are welcome to receive the bread and cup. If you heart so leads, come forward as the ushers direct. Use this time begin or renew your relationship with God through Jesus Christ our Lord. If this time of communion is your first step in seeking a new relationship with God, please tell Rev. Adams after the service so that he might celebrate this Good News with you.*

## Serving God in the World

\* Benediction and Sending Forth

\* Final Song

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

**Today:**

- 10:55 Morning Worship
- 2:30 District U.M.W.(rescheduled from last week)
- 5:00 Hand-Bells
- 6:00 Chasing Daylight Class
- 7:00 United Methodist Women

**Monday, March 2**

- 6:00 Financial Peace University

**Wednesday, March 4**

- 6:00 Bible Study
- 7:00 Choir

**Thursday, March 5**

- 10:00 Sewing Circle
- 6:30 Worship Committee
- 7:00 Boy Scouts Roundtable

**Saturday, March 7**

- 8:00 Seventh-Day Adventist Conference

***Nursery Volunteer for Today, March 1 – Susan Spurlock***

***Nursery Volunteer for Sunday, March 8 – Amy Burchett***

***Children's Church for Today, March 1 – Diane Turner***

***Children's Church for Sunday, March 8 – Kristin Garrett***

***Ushers for March – Eddy Clark, Charlie Miller, Josh Turner, Neil Turner***

***Greeters for Today, Mar. 1 – Keane Hale, Sharon Hobson***

***Greeters for Sunday, Mar. 8 – Helen Neeley, Becky Derosssett***

***Record of our Faithfulness: Sunday, Feb. 22 Morning Worship-91, Sunday***

***School-39General Fund-\$2072.00, Building -FLC-\$45.00, Total Givings - \$2664.00; Needed weekly- \$5260. Year to Date: Givings-\$40,308.76; Budget- \$46,078.00.***

***Next Sunday, make plans to attend a luncheon/dessert auction on March 8th immediately after our morning worship service. We will accept contributions for the meal and will be auctioning dessert items to the highest bidders. We are praying for a great turn out to help us raise money for the FLC project and our local women's abuse center. Come and join in the fellowship! Also, we are collecting underpants for Elementary boys & girls, ages 5 –11 and Middle School & High School Girls, size 4-7. Look for the "Drop Your Draws" boxes.***