

## TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Fellowship and refreshments in the basement before Sunday school. Please keep drinks in the basement. Snacks for children PreK-Grade School are also available. Education opportunities for all ages will be held from 11:15-Noon. Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided in the nursery.



### CHILDREN & YOUTH CLASSES (downstairs)

Pre-K – Grade 2: Room 10/11  
Grades 3 – 5: Room 3  
Youth (Grades 6-12): Room 13

### ADULT CLASSES (upstairs and downstairs)

All Our Grievs to Bear: Sanctuary  
Exploring the Power of God's Love-A Bible Study: Library  
Coffee & Conversation: Room 5 (downstairs)

### THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Visuals: Bev Birkey Potts  
Greeters: Dave & Neta Jackson  
Worship Leader: Martha Moore  
Children's Story: Donna Evans & Phil Martens  
Song Leader: Andrea Welty-Peachey  
Piano: Janet MacLean  
Scripture Reader: Stephanie Thurston  
Sermon & Sharing: Pastor Michael  
Zoom: Phil Martens  
Audio: Emerson Nafziger  
Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Sheryl Dyck  
Sunday school Nursery: Taniya B. & Rachel HL  
Stewards: Cynthia Nafziger & Mary Krick  
Refreshments: Donna Evans & Bev Hertle

### NEXT SUNDAY (MARCH 5) AT FMC:

Lent 2: *Shaped by New Birth*

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4a & John 3:1-17  
Visuals: Bev Birkey Potts  
Greeters: Marcia E Nelson & Laurence Koehn  
Worship Leader: Sheryl Dyck  
Song Leader: Pastor Deb  
Piano: Pam Peña Martin  
Children's Story: Donna Evans & TBD  
Scripture Reader: Amber Anderson  
Sermon & Sharing: Pastor Michael  
Zoom: Rachel Miller-Haughton  
Audio: Randy Nelson  
Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Chuck Gibson  
Sunday school Nursery: Taniya B. & David HL  
Stewards: Chuck Gibson & Perry Biddle  
Refreshments: Karla Woodson & Mary Hines



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# Celebration of Worship

February 26, 2023

*Lent 1: Shaped by Testing*



Centering chimes

Prelude

Welcome & prayer

**\*Call to worship**

Leader: Sing together! Celebrate God!

**People: God protects us from all our trouble.**

Leader: God forgives us and covers our sins.

**People: God surrounds us with songs of deliverance.**

**All: Therefore, let all God's people pray with thanksgiving and worship God.**

**\*Gathering Hymn #303** "O Love, How Deep, How Broad"

**Confession**

Leader: Lord, our desire for control has separated us from you.

In our stubborn independence, we have turned from your love.

We hide our failure and our guilt, yet we feel their weight both day and night.

Here and now, we acknowledge our sins before you and reveal our transgressions.

We confess to the Lord . . .

*(silent prayer)*

Leader: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven.

Our slate is wiped clean.

We are free to follow Jesus in obedience and experience love in every test. Amen.

**\*Hymn #307** "Jesus, Tempted in the Desert"

**Children's story and final offering for Kino Border Initiative (KBI)**

Congregation sings as children come forward (Voices Together #512)

**Scripture** Genesis 2:15-17 and 3:1-7 and Matthew 4:1-11

**Sermon**

**\*Response Hymn #601** "Lead Me, Guide Me"

**Offering & Offertory** *(see note below)*

**Communion**

**Communion Hymn #483** "Word and Sign"

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. The bread is gluten-free. The juice is grape juice (water is also available). Those not yet baptized are encouraged to participate by eating the bread but passing on the juice. Come and partake as the Spirit leads.*

**Congregational sharing and prayer** *(use a mic or text/email prayers to Pastor Michael)*

**Introduction of visitors**

**Work of the church** *(please come forward to the podium mic to make your announcement)*

**\*Sending Hymn #162** "The Love of God"

**\*Benediction**

*\*Stand in body or in spirit. Children are invited to wave the worship ribbons during the hymns.*

*Note: In addition to the general offering, we have an opportunity today to give a special offering to replenish FMC's Mutual Aid Fund, used to support FMCers with needs such as medical care, housing, and other assistance. You are invited to give to one or both offerings. If giving to the special offering, write "Mutual Aid" on your check or envelope. One check may also be written for both offerings, but please designate in the memo line the amount given to each offering.*

We welcome, without exclusion, all who seek God's love and grace . . .

You are welcome here, inclusive of gender, race, country of origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, sexual identity, socioeconomic status, family status, past imprisonment, education, citizenship status and physical or mental abilities. We encourage you to share in the rituals, fellowship and ministry of this congregation.

Hearing devices (T-coil and over-ear) and large print hymnals are available from the greeters.

Childcare (birth – preschool) is provided in the nursery downstairs.