Homecrest Presbyterian Church

Worship of the Lord's Day February 14th, 2016

1st Sunday in Lent



"...do not put the Lord your God to the test"

Luke 4:13

<u>Gathering Around the WORD</u> Call To Worship

(Based on Luke 4:1 and Romans 10:8)

The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

The journey begins in the wilderness.

We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us. God's Word is on our lips.

Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God's will in all things.

For God leads us not only into the wilderness,
but also through the wilderness.

Gathering Hymn #167 "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

Forty days and forty nights you were fasting in the wild; forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.

Shall not we your sorrow share and from worldly joys abstain, fasting with unceasing prayer, strong with you to suffer pain?

Gathering Hymn#167 "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

Then if Satan on us press, flesh or spirit to assail, victor in the wilderness, grant that we not faint nor fail!

So shall we have peace divine: holier gladness ours shall be; round us, too, shall angels shine, such as served you faithfully.

Gathering Hymn#167 "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by your side, that with you we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.

<u>Gathering Around the WORD</u> Call to Confession

(Based on Romans 10:9-13)

If we confess with our lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will not be put to shame but will be saved.

Gathering Around the WORD Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, open our eyes to see injustice in our world. Give us courage to resist the powers that oppress the poor. Open our ears to hear the cry of the needy. Teach us generosity for sharing the abundance of your creation. Open our minds to imagine an end to human strife.

Grant us wisdom to pursue the ways of peace. Open our hearts to love our neighbors and our enemies near and far. Give us desire to embody the compassion of Christ. For the sake of the world, in the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

Gathering Around the WORD Declaration of Forgiveness (Based on John 3:16)

For God so LOVED the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. This is how God demonstrated God's love to us, by hearing our confessions, forgiving our sins, and giving us new hope and new life through Christ. In Christ, we are LOVED, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God, Amen.



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.

Gathering Around the WORD Passing of the Peace of Christ

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

(I John 4:7-8)



Proclaiming the WORD Message to the Youth/ Prayer of Illumination

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name.

³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." 4 When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, 5 you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.

6 When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, 7 we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. 8 The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; 9 and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Proclaiming the WORD Scripture Reading (Luke 4:1-13)

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." 4 Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone."

Proclaiming the WORD Scripture Reading (Luke 4:1-13)

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Proclaiming the WORD Scripture Reading (Luke 4:1-13)

⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10 for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' 11 and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." 12 Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

13 When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Proclaiming the WORD Putting it to the Test

(Deuteronomy 26:1-11 and Luke 4:1-13)















8 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave, who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:

O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

8 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard, who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage did sleep:

O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

#8 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude, and bade its angry tumult cease, and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:

O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

#8 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger's hour; from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go; thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

Responding to the WORD Affirmation of Faith

(Philippians 2:5-11)

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Bearing and Following the WORD into the World Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

- We will resume our regular afternoon Bible Study group Today. We will be studying a seven-part series on the Seven Days of Glory: Holy Week in preparation of the coming Lenten Season. Please join us downstairs at 12:30 in the basement. All are welcomed.
- The Women's Group will be meeting over at the Manse (2048 E 14th Street) every Wednesday evening @ 7:30pm. They are currently studying the book of Genesis. They will also be meeting every other Sunday morning before service at 9:30am over at the Manse for prayers and fellowship. For more information, please contact Margaret Lesman or Cara Chin.

Bearing and Following the WORD into the World Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

- The Session will be meeting Tomorrow at 7pm.
- Upcoming Dates:

Lenten Breakfast: 2/28, 3/6, 3/13

Women's Sunday:

3/6 Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Grace May

St. Patrick's Day Dinner: Saturday, 3/19

Bearing and Following the WORD into the World Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

NYC Presbytery's Leadership Development Day will be held on Saturday, 2/17 8:30am-3:30pm at Brick Presbyterian
 Church. The cost of registration, including breakfast and lunch is only \$10. This is not only for church officers but for any members as well.

Bearing and Following the WORD into the World Prayer of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven.

Halloweth be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts; as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptations, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory forever.

Amen.

Bearing and Following the WORD into the World Offering of our Gifts and our Lives Special Music: # 292 "As the Wind Song"

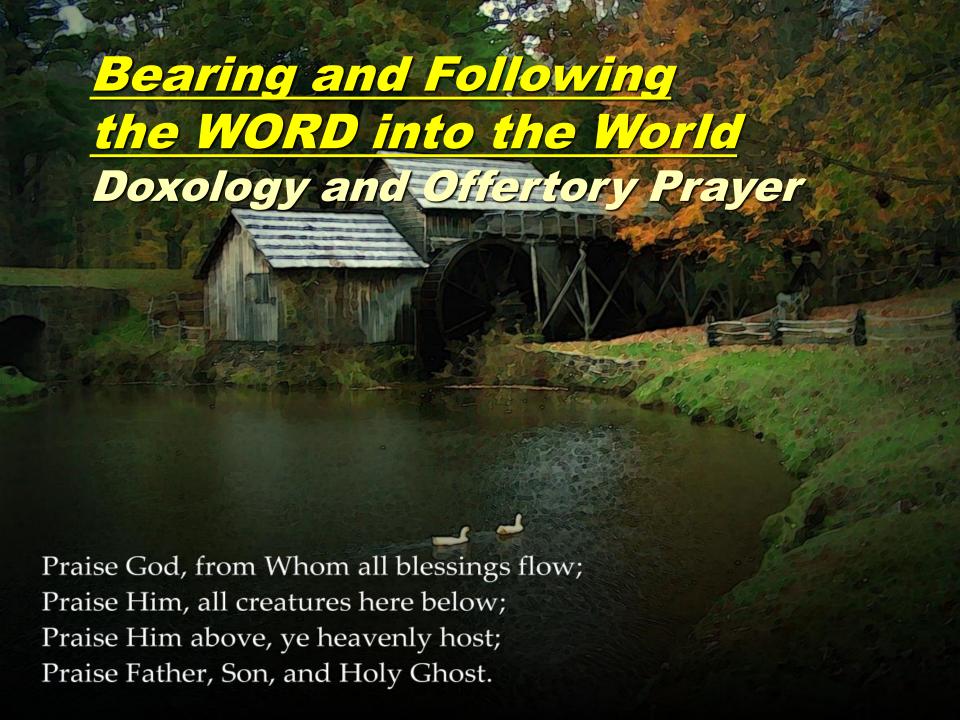
Let's Honor The Lord With Our Giving

"Remember this, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly.

And whoever sows generously will also reap generously."

2 Corinthians 9:6





Sending Hymn

765 "May the God of Hope Go with Us"

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace; Singing, share our joy with all; Working for a world that's new, Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Bearing and Following the WORD into the World The Charge and Benediction



Bearing and Following the WORD into the World Benediction Response

#140 "Shalom, Chavarim! Farewell, Good Friends"

Shalom, Good friends!
Shalom, Good friends!
Shalom, Shalom!
Till we meet again, till we meet again,
Shalom, Shalom.

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