

SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 9, 2025 11:00am

First Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE

“Lamb of God”

Paris

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL**

***INTROIT #305 / Refrain**

“Jesus Paid It All”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

People: The journey begins in the wilderness.

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

People: Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us. God’s word is on our lips.

Leader: Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God’s will in all things.

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

***OPENING PRAYER**

(ALL)

God Most High, thank you for signs of your power and grace, shown to us even in the wilderness. Give us courage to stand firm in your Word in every time of trial and testing, that we

may enter the land of your freedom and receive the salvation you so generously give; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

God is faithful, leading us into freedom, but we are conditioned to the slavery of sin. Comfortable with the way things are, we lose sight of the way God intends them to be. We bring our confession before the One who is more powerful than Pharoah in Egypt, mightier than the devil in the wilderness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(ALL)

O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world. In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend. Forgive us, we pray. Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation. In Christ's name we pray.

Moment for silent prayer and reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Scripture declares, the Lord is generous to all who call on God's name. Friends, believe the good news: God does not turn away from us, but desires to bring us into the glorious freedom offered in Jesus Christ. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Praise God! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (ALL)

Again, Father, we need Your help. We cannot begin to grasp the weight and the significance of your words unless, by your grace, you are pleased to illumine them by your Holy Spirit. So, stoop, please, to our weakness. Give us ears to hear and hearts that are open to embrace the truth of these words. For we ask it in Jesus’ name. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 3: 1-6
Page 5

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Jesus In the Wilderness”

Mabry

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 4: 1-13
Pages 1594-1595

SERMON

“First – the Temptation”

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

hymnal, back cover

***HYMN #444 (vs. 1, 2, 4)**

“I Love to Tell the Story”

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS #641

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Karvonen

***DOXOLOGY**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

***CLOSING HYMN #527**

"I Know Whom I Have Believed"

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

SEE SCREEN

“Go Now in Peace”

***POSTLUDE**

“Glory to Our Lord and King”

Ritter

*Please stand, if you are able.