



Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – March 6, 2022

First Sunday in Lent

Church in person at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Livestream on YouTube at 11:00 a.m.

Opening Music

(9:30)

“Ubi Caritas Et Amor”

Gerald Near

Mary Maldarelli, organ

(11:00)

“There in God’s Garden”

Welcome *Please sign our guestbook using the QR code on the back of the bulletin, or with the online link, or on paper in the church Gathering Space. Need help? Ask any usher.*

Call to Worship [*responsive*]

Jesus began his ministry to the world,
led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

**As we begin our Lenten journey,
let us be led by the Spirit.**

In those forty days,
Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt
and temptation.

**As we seek to follow Jesus,
we are ready to go
even into uncomfortable places.**

Jesus left the wilderness,
faithful and obedient to God,
rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.

**As we continue on our path to faithfulness,
we will be led by our Christ,
rejoicing in the Lord our God.**

Let us worship God together.

Opening Prayer

Hymn [*stand*]

“Change My Heart, Oh God”
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Eddie Espinosa

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession [*responsive*]

Facing temptation,
Jesus refused to turn stones into bread.

**Facing temptation,
we too often turn bread into stones.**

Facing temptation,
Jesus refused to use power for its own sake.

**Facing temptation,
we too often take power
that belongs to someone else.**

Facing temptation,
Jesus refused to test the promises of God.

**Facing temptation,
we too often want God to do
what we should do ourselves.**

Forgive us, Lord, we pray.

[*Silence for Personal Prayer*]

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God's Word

Children's Message

Carolyn Hayes

Children and youth stay in worship today.

Scripture

Matthew 4:1–4

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' ⁴But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God'."

Matthew 6:16–18

'And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

For those worshipping in the sanctuary:

Please come forward by the inside aisles and return by the side aisles. If you would like to be served in your seat, wave at the servers and they will happily come to you. The elements at GPC are always gluten free.

Prayer after Communion

We Depart for Service

Announcements

Sending Song [*stand*]

(9:30)

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Glory to God #725

Verses 1, 3, 4.

(11:00)

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Paul Baloche

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Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Closing Blessing

Closing Music

“Polonaise in A-flat major, Op. 53”

Frederic Chopin

Wade Meyers, piano

Dedicated to the people of Ukraine. Chopin was effectively exiled from his homeland at the start of the Polish-Russian War of 1830-31. He remained staunchly patriotic, and the heroic heart of his people is heard in this polonaise, a heroic heart that is also found in Ukraine.

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Participating in the service:

Ms. Sarah Mecklenburg and Mr. Andy Polack, Worship Leaders (9:30)
Mr. Johan Choi, Ms. Carrie Larsen, Director of Youth and College Ministries, and
Mr. Max Young, Worship Leaders (11:00)
Mr. Wade Meyers, Director of Music and Worship Arts
Ms. Carolyn Hayes, Director of Children and Young Families
Rev. Mary Austin

The Call to Worship is adapted from the writing of Thom Shuman.



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