

Mountain View United Church
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Words of Welcome

God is good, **all the time...** all the time, **God is good.**

Announcements

Hymn: And On This Path

MV 8

1. And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide
(3x) Open wide! Open wide! Open wide, the gates
are open wide!
2. So enter in, the gates of holiness are open wide, (3x)
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide, the gates are
open wide!

Extinguishing the Lenten Candles:

We gather to celebrate God's light. We also confess our nature, which often seeks to snuff out God's light. Let us pray, fast, and seek refuge in the Lord our God, as we come to find a deeper appreciation for our Savior.

Call to Worship:

Come, let us worship the God of truth, who speaks truth and loves deeply.

We come, weary from whispers that distort and divide.

In a world that normalizes lies, the Lord calls us to His garden of grace, where truth sets us free.

We come to hear His voice above the noise, to resist the serpent's subtle questions.

Like Jesus in the wilderness, let us stand on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

We gather to worship the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Where Are We: First Sunday in Lent

Opening Prayer:

Gracious and truthful God, You who planted humanity in a garden of abundance and spoke boundaries for our good, we enter Your presence today aware of the ancient battle that still rages. The devil whispers lies that erode trust, the flesh hungers for disordered desires, and the world around us normalizes what leads to ruin. Yet You are greater. Your Son faced every temptation and answered with Your Word. Amen.

Hymn: As the Sun with Longer Journey VU111

- 1 As the sun with longer journey melts the winter's snow and ice, with its slowly growing radiance warms the seed beneath the earth, may the sun of Christ's uprising gently bring our hearts to life.
- 2 Through the days of waiting, watching in the desert of our sin, searching on the far horizon for a sign of cloud or wind, we await the healing waters of our Saviour's victory.
- 3 Praise be given to the Maker of the seasons' yearly round: to the Speaker through the Spoken in their living Breath of love as the ever turning seasons roll to their eternal rest.

Children's Song: Jesus Loves Me VU 365

1. Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, in his love we shall be strong.
- R Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.
- 2 Jesus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee, saying, 'Let them come to me.' R

Children's Ministry

Ministry of Music

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have listened to whispers that move us toward temptation and sin. We have entertained doubts, we have believed deceptive ideas that promise freedom but deliver bondage—ideas that play to our disordered desires and are echoed by a fallen world. We confess times we have sought satisfaction apart from You, chosen autonomy over trust, redefined good and evil on our own terms, and allowed lies to take root in our thoughts, words, and actions. Amen.

Scripture

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

read by Mogbonjubola Ogunbambo

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Matthew 4:1-11 read by Rev. Jacob Shaw

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to

him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.” Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: “‘He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’” Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Reflection

Hymn: Jesus, Tempted in the Desert VU 115

1. Jesus, tempted in the desert, lonely, hungry, filled with dread: 'Use your power,' the tempter tells him; 'turn

these barren rocks to bread!' 'Not alone by bread,' he answers, 'can the human heart be filled. Only by the Word that calls us is our deepest hunger stilled!'

- 2 Jesus, tempted at the temple, high above its ancient wall: 'Throw yourself from lofty turret; angels wait to break your fall!' Jesus shuns such empty marvels, feats that fickle crowds request: 'God, whose grace protects, preserves us, we must never vainly test.'
- 3 Jesus, tempted on the mountain by the lure of vast domain: 'Fall before me! Be my servant! Glory, fame, you're sure to gain!' Jesus sees the dazzling vision, turns his eyes another way: 'God alone deserves our homage! God alone will I obey!'
- 4 When we face temptation's power, lonely, struggling, filled with dread, Christ, who knew the tempter's hour, come and be our living bread. By your grace, protect, preserve us lest we fall, your trust betray. Yours, above all other voices, be the Word we hear, obey.

Invitation to Share Offering

Musical Offering

Offertory Prayer:

Loving God, Provider of every good gift, we bring these offerings not out of compulsion, but as an act of trust. We reject the lie that security comes from hoarding or that our

worth is measured by what we possess. Multiply them for Your purposes, that others might hear Your voice over the world's whispers. In the name of Jesus, who gave everything for us, we pray. Amen.

Offering of Personal Prayers to God

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Go Forth For God

VU 418

1. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace; be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace, in God's good Spirit daily to increase, till in the kingdom we see face to face. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.
2. Go forth for God, go to the world in love; strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak; help the afflicted; richly from above God's love supplies the grace and power we seek. Go forth for God, go to the world in love.
3. Go forth for God, go to the world in strength; hold fast the good, be urgent for the right; render to no one evil; Christ at length shall overcome all darkness with his light. Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.

4 Go forth for God, go to the world in joy, to serve God's people every day and hour, and serving Christ, our every gift employ, rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

Spoken Benediction

May the God of truth guard your minds from deceptive ideas, strengthen your wills against disordered desires. May you meditate on Scripture as Jesus did, pray without ceasing, and live in the freedom of truth that sets captives free. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, go in truth, and live it boldly. Amen.

Benediction: Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace. Never be afraid, God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know God will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

Postlude



Announcements

This Week at Mountain View

Today: Community Dinner Sunday

Doors open at 2:00 p.m. with dinner at 3:00

Volunteers always welcome and appreciated!

Mon: Book Club 1:00pm Parlour

This month's book is All The Things We Do For Love by Kristen Hannah

Tues: Bible Study 1:00pm Sanctuary

We continue to watch and discuss Season 5 of The Chosen.

Weds: Choir Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary

Thurs: Lenten Study 7:00pm Parlour

A defense of the truth of the Gospels based on the book "Cold Case Christianity" every Thursday in Lent. All welcome! No materials required.

Coming Up at Mountain View

Congregational Meeting March 8, 2026

A congregational meeting will be held immediately following service. The purpose of the meeting will be to decide whether to continue our worship time at 10:30 or move to 10:00.

Indoor Yard Sale:

Item Drop-Off: Monday through Friday 10:00-2:00

Yard Sale: March 14th 8:30 – 12:00

Tax Receipts – reminder to pick up your tax receipt today after service – any remaining with known addresses will be mailed out this week.

Office Hours – Rev. Jacob is now holding office hours every Wednesday from 9:00am to noon. Please feel free to call or drop by if you wish to speak with him. Visits can still be arranged outside of these times by contacting the office.

Scripture Readers – we are looking for scripture readers to participate during worship service. Please sign up in the Narthex or contact the office to be on our “On-Call” list.

Membership & Baptism – if you are interested in becoming a member or getting baptized, please sign up in the Narthex. Our next new-members and baptism service will take place at Easter.

Offering Envelopes – anyone who has missed picking up their envelopes are asked to please contact the office to retrieve them.

M&S Contributions – if you want any part of your offering to be earmarked for Mission & Service purposes, please include “M&S” and signify the dollar amount on your offering envelope.

Every Tuesday @ 11:30-1:30 – Join Hillside Church at **First Baptist Church** for coffee, snacks, warmth, and fellowship.

Parking Passes – due to ongoing concerns, we have updated our parking passes for 2026. Please contact the office if you need a pass to park at the church for non-church related reasons and we will be happy to issue you one!

If you or you know someone that would like a home or hospital visit from Rev. Shaw please contact the church office. Please note that due to hospital policy, Rev. Shaw is unable to visit patients without an express request from the patient or their next-of-kin. Home visits and/or phone calls can also be arranged by advising the office or calling during Rev. Jacob's Wednesday office hours.

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