

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
March 13, 2011 ~ First Sunday of Lent
Becoming human: called and shaped by Jesus

Prelude: “Be thou my vision” ~ Brass Ensemble
Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Sing together! Celebrate God!

People: God protects us from all our trouble.

L: God forgives us and covers our sins.

P: In times of distress, God is a hiding place.

L: God surrounds us with songs of deliverance.

All: Therefore let all God’s people pray with thanksgiving and worship God.

***Hymns:** “God is here among us” #16 HWB
“In the stillness of the evening” # 551 HWB (vv. 1, 3, 4)

Prayer of Confession & Silence

Words of Assurance

Leader: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven.

All: Our slate is wiped clean. We are free to follow Jesus in obedience and experience love in every test. Amen.

Scripture readings: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Matthew 4:1-11

Children’s gathering song: “Come and see” #20 HWB

Readers Theatre: Adam, the tempter, and Jesus

Children’s time: Minke Sundseth

Song: “I am weak and I need thy strength” # 553 HWB

Sermon: “Things to remember when we’re tempted”

Silent reflection: What test/temptation are you facing? How might this help you become more human, more deeply connected to Jesus?

Communion

We will gather at the tables at front and back in groups of 10-12 as the ushers guide. Please hold the bread and cup until all are served and then partake together. The bread is gluten free. The cup is grape juice. All who have made a public commitment to follow Christ and share in the life of Christ’s body are invited to the table. Children may come to receive a grape and blessing.

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Our Father/Mother in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours

now and forever. AMEN

Offering & Offertory

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of guests

***Sung benediction:** “Go, my friends, in grace” (insert in back of hymnal)

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

- 10:30 **Fellowship time** – basement fellowship hall

- 10:45 **Children’s singing time / activities**

- 11:00 **Education for all ages**

Adult Christian Education: The conversation on singleness will continue today. Aryn Baxter, Rich Deming, Joan Kreider, Leslie Minkler, Jacob Schlabach, and Matthew Thomas will share their experience as a single person. The rewards and challenges of singleness, the idea and reality of celibacy, and ways in which the congregation can support and celebrate singles are some of the areas that will be shared and discussed. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.

TODAY: Lent 1: Becoming human - Shaped by testing

Worship Leader: Gregg Richardson **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Hermann Weinlick **Piano:** Melissa Falb

Readers: Bruce Brunner, Jacob Schlabach, Matthew Thomas

Brass Ensemble: Matthew Blackwell Kinney, Neil Okerlund, Gregg

Richardson, Matthew Thomas

Ushers: Darrell Martin & Cori Skogerboe

Nursery: Shelly Hendricks & Kristin Green

NEXT SUNDAY: Family, Singleness & Marriage, part 3: Marriage

Worship leader: Alisa Bardo-Martinson **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Adam Nafziger **Piano:** Karen Zeug

Ushers: Rachel Hoskins & Rhonda Martin

Nursery: Pat Eliason & Gerald Schlabach

Fellowship: Arlene & Glenn Geissinger

Snow shoveling: Terry Peterson & Rich Deming

A staffed nursery for toddlers and children up to age 5 is located in the education wing. Please ask an usher if you wish to be guided to the nursery.

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

***Please stand if you are able**

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: March 14-18

Pastor: Mon 1-5 p.m.; Wed & Thurs 9-4; Fri 9-noon. Tuesday is a study day.

Ministry Staff Person: Monday 1-3 p.m., Friday 9-Noon.

Office Assistant, Julie Cross: Tues, Weds & Thurs 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Email all bulletin items before Wednesday evening to:

faithmc@faithmennonite.org. Bulletin is finalized and printed on Thursday.

March 6: Attendance: 91 Offering: not recorded
(Weekly budgeted need: \$2984)

Sanctuary Painting Project Update

Received to date: \$16,500 **Amount remaining:** \$19,500

**TODAY, 2-4 p.m. Seward Longfellow Restorative Justice Partnership
Benefit Concert.** Come for an afternoon of live music by FMC musician
Chris Jones and others and support this fine neighborhood organization.

Church Meetings and Events

March 15 – Lectionary Discussion Group, 8:30 a.m., Trotters Restaurant,
corner of Cleveland & Marshall, SP

March 16 – Church Council, 7 p.m., chapel

March 18-20 – Creating a Culture of Peace nonviolence training, FMC

March 26 – March Birthday Brunch, 10 a.m., Schlabachs

March 29 – Lent sharing with Cabrini Catholic Church, 7 p.m. @ Cabrini

March 30 – Missions & Service Commission, 7 p.m., FMC

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

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God say, “You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?”’ The woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, “You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.”’ But the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Matthew 4:1-11

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

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you”, and “On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.”’

Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is 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; and he said to him, ‘All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.’

Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! for it is written, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.”’ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

L: For the Word of God in Scripture,
For the Word of God within us,
For the Word of God among us,

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Announcements

During the six weeks of **Lent our worship theme is *Becoming human: called and shaped by Jesus***. In this reflective season we have chosen to place a simple drape on the cross and leave our table bare. May the bare table and open Bible invite us to open ourselves to God and strip away the clutter that bombasts our lives daily. The Lent worship planning group is Cleta Roth Gingerich, Kristin Green, Gregg Richardson, Andrew Smale, and Joetta Schlabach.

Interested in joining a small fellowship group? Surveys are in mailboxes today.

Nursery reminder: Nursery staff is **updating information sheets for children**. If you received a form in your mailbox, please **fill it out and return it to the nursery**. If you have a child in the nursery and *did not* receive a form, please stop the nursery by and fill one out. **Sunday, March 20 from 1:30 until 3:00 nursery volunteers will be cleaning the nursery and all toys**. If you are available to help, please do!

Organizing for FMC’s 50th and Jubilee Anniversary Celebration is underway. There is something for everyone. **Please take a moment to review some of the tasks outlined on the sign-up sheet**. Prepare to celebrate our history and people in a special way.

March Birthday Brunch, Saturday March 26, 10-11:30 a.m. If you or a family member has a birthday in March, Pastor Joetta invites you to a birthday brunch at her home, 248 Aurora Ave, St. Paul. (This invitation is for whole families and significant others, not just the birthday person.) Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the fellowship area or email.

Adult Education Series: Family, Singleness and Marriage

February 20 & 27 – Family (coordinated by Ry Siggelkow)

March 6 & 13 – Singleness (coordinated by Kathleen Harder and Joetta Schlabach)

March 20 & 27 – Marriage (coordinated by Richard Westby)

April 3 - Vision for Christian Family & Relationships

In this series we will seek to explore each of these areas, and to offer opportunities for open dialog within the context of a trusting and safe community. In each focus area, we will discuss biblical, theological and historical perspectives; we will listen to testimony from our congregation, as well as to the testimony found in our *Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective*. Planning committee: Matthew Blackwell Kinney, Kathleen Harder, Matthew Hendricks, Katie Hochstedler, Donna Minter, Joetta Schlabach.