

GILBERT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Glorify God
Plant seeds of Faith
Cultivate Disciples

ALL ARE
WELCOME!



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March 9, 2025
1st Sunday in Lent

WELCOMING OF VISITORS AND

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Pastor George Prohaska

PRELUDE

I Will Call Upon the Lord

arr. Hayes
Susan Martinez

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist – John Stover

Leader: Tested by Satan in the wilderness, Jesus said:

All: You shall worship the Lord your God alone.

Leader: God's promise is for all generations;

All: God's covenant is with every living thing.

Leader: The word of God is near to us.

All: Call on the Lord and you will be saved.

***THE MORNING PRAYER**

Liturgist – John Stover

Almighty God, your son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin. Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

***HYMN**

I Believe in God the Father

Hymn 481

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Jesus said: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

People: O Savior, help me. I am slow to learn, prone to forget, and weak to climb. I am in the foothills when I should be on the heights; I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days, my poverty of love, my wasted hours, and my unspent opportunities. I am blind while light shines around me: take the scales from my eyes, and grind to dust my heart of unbelief. Make it my greatest joy to gaze upon you, to sit like Mary at your feet, and to appeal like Peter to your love.

Leader: Now in silence, let us continue our confession (Time of silent prayer) Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Jesus said: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

*** RESPONSE**

Hymn 223 verse 1

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

***SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

SPECIAL MUSIC

This We Pray

Althouse

Vocal Duet by Bret & Britney Blackburn

GOD'S WORD FOR OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are welcome in the front

Parents - livestream in progress (kids in front will be viewed online)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Cheri Peterson

Lenten Soup, Bread & Salad Dinner

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE

Liturgist – John Stover

Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open wounded hearts to the balm of your Word. Speak to us in clear tones so that we might feel our spirits leap for joy and skip with hope as your resurrection witnesses. Amen.

Epistle Lesson: Romans 10:8b-13

Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:1-13

SERMON

Temptation

Pastor George Prohaska

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

John Henry Waliszewski

son of Jaimie and Cody Waliszewski

OFFERTORY

Broken Vessels

arr. Shackley

***DOXOLOGY**

Hymn 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gracious God...we pray together the prayer Jesus taught saying:

****Our Father who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen***

HYMN

When We Are Tested

Hymn 783

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor George Prohaska

POSTLUDE

When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

arr. Smith

Susan Martinez

***If you are able, please stand.**

Attendance last week: 62

Thank you to our Worship and Tech Teams, Susan Martinez, Gail Blackburn, Roy & Alex Martin, and Amy Johnston.

Thank you to those Serving today:

Liturgist: John Stover

Pianist/Organist: Susan Martinez

Music Director: Amy Johnston

Hymn Leaders: Bret Blackburn, Britney Blackburn

Ushers: Sean Gallagher, Karen Gallagher, Cheryl Williams

Announcements

BOOK GROUP

For our March Book Group, we will be discussing *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. This book is widely available on Amazon or your local library. We will meet on Friday, March 21 @ 10:00 in the overflow to discuss the entire book. All are welcome.

CITRUS COLLECTION FOR ST. MARY'S FOOD BANK

We continue to collect citrus from your citrus trees. You can drop off citrus on **Sunday's or Wednesday's ONLY**. Please contact the church office to let us know what day you will be dropping off. Thank you.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

Join us Thursday's at 4:00 pm as we continue our Bible Study Series. We are studying *the Interpretation Bible Studies of the book of Genesis* by Celia Sinclair. Interpretation Bible Studies (IBS) offers solid biblical content in a creative study format. We meet in Room 7 of the Palmer Center. All are welcome!

WALKING THROUGH LENT TO THE GLORY OF EASTER.

Join us for a special Lenten meditation and Soup Dinner, **Thursday, March 20, 2025 from 5-7pm in the Palmer Center**. A 9 minute video meditation about Lent and a short discussion to follow at your table. A sign up sheet for soup, salad, cracker/rolls and dessert will be available to sign up to contribute to the dinner. Not everyone needs to bring something. If you plan to attend, please let Cheri Peterson know so we can plan accordingly. **We need** six crock pots of different soup, six salad dishes, 6 dozen rolls or boxes of crackers and six desserts. If we have a good interest in this fellowship dinner, we may need additional food. Cheri Peterson will present a minute for mission on Sunday about the Lenten dinner and will have a sign up sheet in hand.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S GROUP

PW will be meeting on Saturday, March 15 at 10:00 am in the Palmer Center. All are welcome!

GPC General Information

FIRST TIME GUESTS - Welcome to our first-time visitors. A packet of information about our church is available in the entryway or from an usher. We're glad you're here!

OFFERINGS/DONATIONS – You may donate to Gilbert Presbyterian by going to <https://www.azgpc.org/giving-options.html>. Thank you for your support.

REMINDER – Please silence all phones/electronic devices. Thank you.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – We meet in Room 7 at 11:00 am each Sunday. All are welcome!

SUNDAY VIDEO CLASS

We are continuing our video series, *The Final Days: A Lenten Journey through the Gospels* by Matt Rawle, this series focuses on the stories of Jesus' final days as they are told in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Attend one or all and enjoy the faith and fellowship of this class. We meet in Room 6 at 11:00 am each Sunday.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? - If you're thinking about joining Gilbert Presbyterian Church, PC(USA), or would like a refresher course on what being a Presbyterian Christian means, please call the church office at 480-892-6753 to let us know of your interest.

NURSERY CARE - Nursery care is available in the Palmer Center for Nursery/Toddler care thru 5 years old with our Nursery Attendant Britney Blackburn.

FELLOWSHIP TIME - We invite everyone to join us following our worship service this morning for a time of refreshments and fellowship in the Palmer Center.

THURSDAY GAME CLUB is a pop-up TTRPG (Tabletop Role-playing Games) experience for kids 8-12. If you know of someone interested in participating in the Game Club, look for the QR code in the weekly eblast to preregister and see when the next event is. If you have any questions, speak to Amy Johnston or Jessica Dickens.

THIS WEEK AT GPC

Sunday, March 9, 2025

9:30 am – Online & In Person Worship Service

10:30 am – Coffee Time in the Palmer Center

11:00 am – Adult Sunday School meets in Room 7

1:00 pm – Revival Presbyterian Church Service

Monday, March 10

7:00 pm – Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, March 11

8:00 am – Men's Breakfast

7:00 pm – Building & Grounds Meeting

Wednesday, March 12

6:00 pm – Worship Committee Meeting

7:00 pm – Finance Meeting

Thursday, March 13

4:00 pm – Midweek Bible Study

7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, March 15

10:00 am – Presbyterian Women's Meeting

Sunday, March 16

9:30 am – Online & In Person Worship Service

10:30 am – Coffee Time in the Palmer Center

11:00 am – Adult Sunday School meets in Room 7

11:00 am – Video Sunday School meets in Room 6

1:00 pm – Revival Presbyterian Church Service

Happy Birthday this week to:

March 9: Judy Davis

March 12: Amy Johnston

HYMN INSERTS

I Believe in God the Father 481

1 I be-lieve in God the Fa - ther, mer - ci - ful and might-y Lord,
 2 Un - der Pi - late, Je - sus suf - fered, faith - ful to his fi - nal breath.
 3 I be-lieve in God the Spir - it, and the church in ev - ery place;

mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, whom we wor-ship and a - dore;
 He was cru - ci - fied and bur - ied, and de-scend-ed in - to death.
 saints in glo - ri - ous com - mu - nion, all for - giv - en, full of grace;

and in Je - sus Christ the Son, on - ly Sav - ior, sov - ereign one,
 From the grave he did a - rise; he as - cend - ed through the skies;
 flesh and blood will live a - gain; life in Christ will nev - er end.

by the Ho - ly Spir - it giv - en, born of Mar - y, bless - ed vir - gin.
 now en - throned with God in heav - en, he will judge the dead and liv - ing.
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Son and Fa - ther: I will praise your name for - ev - er.

This text is a 21st-century metrical paraphrase of the Apostles' Creed (in the manner of Calvin's Strasbourg liturgy). Its connections with Reformed tradition are further strengthened by being set to the tune created for Psalm 42 in the 1551 Genevan Psalter (see also no. 87).

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 223

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The treble staff contains the vocal line with lyrics, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment. The lyrics are: 1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the; 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the; 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and; 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

The second system of music continues the vocal and accompaniment lines. The lyrics are: Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I; death of Christ my God; all the vain things that; love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and; pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

The third system of music concludes the piece. The lyrics are: count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.; charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.; sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?; so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

This familiar text from the beginning of the 18th century grew out of Isaac Watts's desire to give Christians the ability to sing about gospel events. It is set here to a very restrained tune from the early 19th century inspired by the patterns of Gregorian chant.

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Praise God, from Whom
All Blessings Flow
Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures

here be-low; praise *him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

**Or "God"*

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
LM

When We Are Tested

783

Capo 2: (Dm)

(Am)

(Dm)

(Am)

Em

Bm

Em

Bm



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
 2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
 3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
 4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,

(Em)

(B7)

(Em)

(Dsus) (D)

F#m

C#7

F#m

· Esus E



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
 plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
 trad - ing the truth for the power to con - trol,
 sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,

(G)

(D)

(Em7)

(F)

A

E

F#m7

G



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
 lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
 teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
 Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,

(Am6)

(C)

(Dm)

(Am) (E)

Bm6

D

Em

Bm F#



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
 trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
 seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Although the Temptation of Christ is mentioned in all three synoptic gospels (Matthew 4:1–11/Mark 1:12–13/Luke 4:1–13), this hymn is based on the Lukan version. It is notable that each stanza begins “when,” not “if”; temptation is not an optional feature of the spiritual life.

Scripture Readings – March 9, 2025

EPISTLE LESSON -

John Stover

Romans 10:8b-13

‘The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

“THIS ENDS THE READING OF OUR FIRST SCRIPTURE”

GOSPEL LESSON -

Pastor George Prohaska

Luke 4:1-13

4 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.”’ 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.”’ 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.