

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## March 5, 2017

### WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCSE OF GOD

#### Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time

The Prelude “Jesus Walked his Lonesome Valley”  
by Anna Laura Page

#### \*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession: *The Joy of Forgiveness*  
Our God, you bless everyone whose sins you forgive and wipe away.

**You bless them by saying, “You told me your sins, without trying to hide them, and now I forgive you.”**

Before I confessed my sins, my bones felt limp, and I groaned all day long. Night and day your hand weighed heavily on me, and my strength was gone as in the summer heat.

**So, I confessed my sins and told them all to you. I said, “I’ll tell the Lord each one of my sins.” Then you forgave me and took away my guilt.**

We worship you, Lord, and we should always pray whenever we find out that we have sinned. Then we won’t be swept away by a raging flood.

**You are my hiding place! You protect me from trouble, and you put songs in my heart because you have saved me.**

You said to me, “I will point out the road that you should follow. I will be your teacher and watch over you.”

**All kinds of troubles will strike the wicked, but your kindness shields those who trust you, Lord.**

And so, your good people should celebrate and shout.  
**Psalm 32 Contemporary English Version (CEV)**

#### \*Declaration of Forgiveness

\*Song “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” 254

#### \*Invocational Prayer

\*Song of Faith “At The Cross (Love Ran Red)” Chris Tomlin

**Community and Congregational Prayer – 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory, forever.

### THE SERVICE OF THE WORD OF THE LORD

Old Testament Reading Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

New Testament Epistle Reading Romans 5:12-19

\*Responsorial “Doxology” 34

#### Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Choir Offertory “Borning Cry” 680

Children’s Message (Children dismissed to Junior Church)

\*Scripture and Prayer of Illumination Matthew 4:1-11

Message: “Freedom from the Fear of Failure”  
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

### THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE OF THE LORD

**Invitation to the Lord’s Table – West Side Baptist Church** practices *open communion*. This memorial meal is offered to all persons who profess faith in Jesus Christ and have been baptized. You do not need to be a member of this church to partake of the bread and cup. Please hold each gift until everyone is served, then we will feast together.

†Servers Prepare for the Table of the Lord

Communion Song “I Come to the Cross” 251

The Lord's Supper – Breaking of Bread & Passing of the Cup

The Collection for the Saints and the Needy      Agape Fund

**RESPONDING IN FAITH & SERVICE**

**\*Altar Call of Invitation to Faith and Fellowship** – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to follow Christ in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

**\*Song**                      "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"                      589

**\*Closing Prayer & Spoken Benediction**

**\*Postlude**                      "Postlude in B-flat"                      by Caleb Simper  
\*Please stand if able

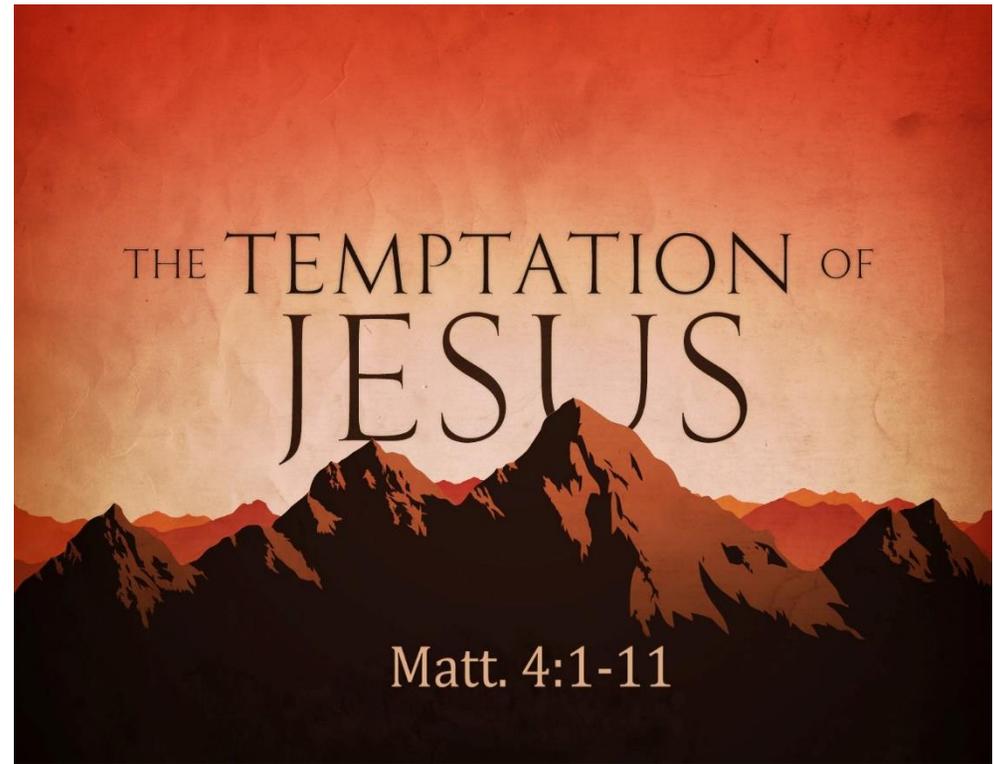
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**THE AGAPE FUND COLLECTION** – West Side Baptist Church receives a benevolence offering for the poor and needy the first Sunday of each month after the Lord's Supper. These funds are generously shared with persons in the church and neighborhood who have financial need. Please see the Pastor or the Moderator to complete an Application for Assistance.



**MISSION:** The vision of West Side Baptist Church shall be that we commit ourselves to continual personal growth, reaching out to win and nurture others in the love of Jesus Christ

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