

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Interim Minister: Rev. Dr. Mark Chiang
1st Sunday in Lent February 18, 2024

Duty Elder: Harold Magnus **Service Leader:** Patty Hofforth
Musician: Sheryl Cale, Rosemary Brown
Scripture Reader: David Malthouse

*When this symbol appears please stand if you are able

Musical Prelude – Time for Quiet Meditation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME: *Video*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: On this first Sunday of Lent, we find Jesus in the wilderness, facing temptation. And forty days in the wilderness is a long time.

All: We too experience wilderness times of temptation, challenge and change.

One: Yet even in the wilderness and among the wild beasts the angels cared for Jesus.

All: As we make our way in the wilderness, we hear the good news that we are not alone — that the reign of God has come near in Christ.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

***HYMN # 205:** *O love how deep (Hymn of the Month)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Wise and Merciful God,
you made a covenant with us in faithfulness,
but we confess we are not always so faithful to you.
We grow tired and restless when things don't go our way.
We lose patience with others.**

**We lack compassion for our neighbours in need,
and forget to express love for those closest to us.
Forgive us.**

**Make us prisms of your love,
with the light of Christ shining through us.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART: *Video*

***HYMN # 27:** *As the deer*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING:

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 9: 8-17 (pg 8)

Psalms 25 (pg. 502)

SCRIPTURE: Mark 1: 9-15 (pg. 44)

MEDITATION: *Video*

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

HYMN # 201: *We come to ask your forgiveness*

WE GIVE TO GOD'S WORK

PRAISE RESPONSE #830: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***PRAYER FOR OURSELVES & OTHERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

***CLOSING HYMN # 744:** *Will your anchor hold*

***Commissioning and BENEDICTION:** *Video*

***SUNG BENEDICTION:** *Go now in Peace*

Birthday greetings this week go out to Brian Magnus & Henry Cole
One License: Registration #A-607931(for music & podcast/streaming)

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