



First United Methodist Church
Sunday, March 9, 2025
First Sunday of Lent

Please be aware that our services are livestreamed, and any adults and/or children participating in musical groups, children's messages and liturgist roles will appear on camera.

A nursery for children age 5 and under is on the lower level, and will include a Bible lesson. Sunday School for children K-5th grade will be held in the upper level Children's Lounge following the Children's Message. Please pick up your kids in the Lounge after worship.

Prelude *Rondeau* Elizabeth Jacquet de la Guerre (1665-1729)
 Chant Vespéral Rachel Laurin (1961-2023)

Velda Graham Bell, organ

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

*** Call to Worship** Mark Harvey

One: On this first Sunday in Lent, we join Jesus in the wilderness, a place of wild and dangerous things, of testing and temptation away from the security of home.

All: **God, rescue us in the wilderness!**

One: Once again, we watch and listen as we face temptation after temptation, and we find our security in Jesus, who does not waver from the truth.

All: **God, rescue us in the wilderness!**

One: Once again, we face our own frailty and realize that the wilderness is not nearly as dangerous as our choices to prioritize selfish gain and hoarding of power.

All: **God, rescue us in the wilderness!**

One: Once again, we call upon God in the wilderness of our lives, and we trust God's faithful reply:

All: **"When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them."** Thanks be to God!

*** Hymn** *Would I Have Answered When You Called* The Faith We Sing #2137

Children's Message Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Children 5th grade and under may leave for nursery and Sunday School following the Children's Message.

Morning Prayer Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

Unison Prayer:

All: God, you are our refuge. You are the hands that reach out, you are the ground on which to rest. You are our strength. You are the life we long for, the refusal to give up, and you are the keys of home we carry with us. You are our help in time of trouble. We call on you from the ruins and rubble, from the wilderness and the deep. Thank you for meeting us here in this place.

Prayers of Joy and Concern

***Guests:** Welcome to First United Methodist Church. We are so glad you are worshipping with us today! Please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Narthex; we have a packet and small gift for first-time visitors.*

Join us for coffee and doughnuts in the lower-level Lakeview Social Hall following the worship service.

***Today is Woman Composer Sunday.** For centuries, women were excluded or discouraged from contributing music for the church. Established in 2021 by the Society of Women Organists and Royal College of Organists in the United Kingdom and adopted by the American Guild of Organists, Woman Composer Sunday raises awareness of the contributions of these composers during Women's History Month. Our organist, Velda Graham Bell, is joining others around the world on this day by performing several compositions by women composers.*

***Faith Forum** is held Sunday mornings from 9-9:45am in the Fireside Lounge. Next week, **March 16**, Karen Keenan will talk about "The Immigrant in Us." Who is an immigrant? What does the Bible say about welcoming strangers?*

*The next "Explore FUMC" class will be held after worship **Sunday, March 23**. This is the only session needed to join the church. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex if you're interested in joining the church or just finding out more about FUMC.*

***Ringtones**, the handbell choir for upper elementary-aged children, has started rehearsals again under interim handbell director Christine Winkler Johnson's direction. If your child would like to learn how to play bells as well as learn music fundamentals, this would be a great musical activity, plus, it's a lot of fun! Ringtones rehearse on Wednesdays from 5:00-5:40 in the Bell Room. For more information, please contact Christine Winkler Johnson at christinewinklerjohnson@gmail.com*

***Sound Technician Position Available.** Our current sound technician, Tommy Kishida, will be leaving his position this month, so the church will be hiring a new sound technician. Duties include setting up sound equipment and operating the sound board for Sunday morning worship services and Wednesday evening worship band rehearsals. Candidates with prior sound mixing experience are preferred, but we are willing to train promising candidates with no formal experience mixing sound. Days off can be arranged as needed. If you or someone you know might be interested in this position, please contact Technical Coordinator Alex Flinner at tech@fumcduluth.com.*

***Lenten Book Study:** All are welcome at this year's Lenten book study on six consecutive Monday evenings from 6-7pm, beginning March 10 and concluding April 14, on Zoom. We will join United Methodists across the Minnesota and Dakotas Conferences as we take a deep dive into "The Third Day: Living the Resurrection" by Bishop Tom Berlin. Class will be facilitated by Dr. Maryjane Burdge and Rev. MaryAnne Korsch. Pastor Jeanine will join if her schedule allows. Sign up in the Narthex or call the church office (218-727-5021) to register. Books are available for purchase for \$13 in the church office. The book describes how the resurrection of Jesus Christ profoundly changed the lives of those who followed him and how it can transform ours as well.*

***The Women's Retreat at Camp Amnicon** will be **Saturday, March 29**, 9am-6pm. Join us for a day of renewal, relaxation, and inspiration at Camp Amnicon! This retreat is a chance to step away from the busyness of life and connect with other women from FUMC in a peaceful, scenic setting. Enjoy a day filled with meaningful activities, uplifting conversations, and time for reflection. Whether you're looking to recharge your spirit or make lasting connections, this retreat is the perfect opportunity to nurture your mind, body, and soul. Look for a signup sheet at church. Cost is \$15 to attend. Please email jana.picotte@gmail.com with any questions. Jana will be selling homemade crafts and baked goods to raise money towards costs associated with the Women's Retreat starting March 9 after church on Sundays. Keep an eye out for "Treats for the Women's Retreat!" Cash and Venmo payments will be accepted.*

Habitat for Humanity and Super One Foods are partnering during March to raise funds to help local families build and purchase affordable homes. From **March 7-24**, Super One customers can “round up” at the checkout, with all donations going to Habitat for Humanity. A small donation can make a big impact. Please see the poster on the bulletin board outside the Bell Room for more information.

The Friends of the Felgemaker are hosting a **Birthday Celebration Concert on Friday, March 21 at 7:00pm** at Sacred Heart Music Center (201 W. 4th St.) in Duluth. The Birthday Celebration Concert is a tribute to Johann Sebastian Bach on his 340th birthday and Rev. Dr. David Tryggestad on his 75th birthday. The organ concert will feature our own Velda Graham Bell, along with musicians Rosemary Guiney, Thomas Hamilton, Brian Kapp, Tasha Kapp, Rachael Kresha, Karen Hanson Sande, Charles Sundquist and David Tryggestad. Come hear the masterful music of J.S. Bach and friends played on the beautiful, historic Felgemaker pipe organ at Sacred Heart Music Center. A reception follows with birthday cake! Admission is free but donations are gratefully accepted; all donations will support the Felgemaker Organ Fund, which is used to maintain the Felgemaker pipe organ. Parking is available on the street and in the parking lot diagonally across from Sacred Heart Music Center.

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