



West Grove United Methodist Church

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Tempted, Tried, Triumphant

Matthew 4:1-11



First Sunday in Lent
February 26, 2023

11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Tim

Prelude

***Call to Worship** (Based on "Your Grace Is Enough, by Chris Tomlin & Matt Maher) Pastor Jim

Leader: Great is Your faithfulness oh God! You wrestle with the sinner's heart!

People: You lead us by still waters to mercy, and nothing can keep us apart!

Leader: Great is Your love and justice God! You use the weak to lead the strong!

People: You lead us in the song of Your salvation! And your people sing along!

Leader: May heaven reach down to us, and cover us in Your love! Your grace is enough!

People: Lord, remember Your people! Remember Your children! Remember Your promise! Your grace is enough for me!

***Opening Hymn**

"Praise To The Lord, The Almighty"

UMH No. 139

Moment for All Ages

Melanie Jones

(Children are dismissed to room 12 for Children's Worship Activities)

Opening Prayer

Pastor Tim

**Lord, we are assaulted at times with so many distractions
that keep us from setting life's greatest priorities.**

**When we feel unfulfilled and alone,
we especially seem vulnerable to temptations.**

**Lead us by your Holy Spirit to set out into life,
remembering you are with us,**

**and that you desire the best for us and our world,
especially our fellowship and community.**

**Bring us into the fullness of life, and fill us with your heart in ours,
so that we are not seeking anything, or anyone but You.**

May we share Your great gifts with all the people in our lives.

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

***Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 4:1-11

Pastor Tim

Meditation

"Trust Overcomes Temptations"

Pastor Tim

Anthem

"Lead Us Not Into Temptation"

Chancel Choir

Lyrics from Matthew 6:13

Words and Music by Pepper Choplin

Scripture Lesson

Romans 5:12-19

Dick Stuhrke

*Affirmation of Faith

Dick Stuhrke

From Romans 8:35, 37-39" No. 887

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

People: No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Song of Response

"Hallelujah (Your Love Is Amazing)"

PraiseWorks Band

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastor Jim

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Jim

Invitation to the Offering

Pastor Jim

Offertory

"Lord, I Need You"

PraiseWorks Band

*Consecration of the Offering

Pastor Jim

*Closing Song

"Everyday"

PraiseWorks Band

*Benediction

Pastor Tim

Postlude

Please join us for a time of Fellowship following the service.

(*) Please stand as you are able Bold Print = Say in unison

8:30 a.m. Worship

Ministry Opportunities

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Opening Prayer Pastor Tim
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Meditation "Trust Overcomes Temptations" Pastor Tim

Scripture Lesson *Romans 5:12-19* Pastor Tim

***Affirmation of Faith** Pastor Jim
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Sharing of Joys and Concerns Pastor Jim

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Pastor Jim

Invitation to Offering Pastor Jim

***Consecration of the Offering** Pastor Jim

***Closing Hymn** "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us" UMH No. 381

***Benediction** Pastor Tim

Please join us for a time of Fellowship and Sunday School following the service.

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Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4:1-11

The Testing of Jesus

4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ 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.’ ”

⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Scripture Lesson: Romans 5:12-19 (The Message)

The Death-Dealing Sin, the Life-Giving Gift

¹²⁻¹⁴ You know the story of how Adam landed us in the dilemma we’re in—first sin, then death, and no one exempt from either sin or death. That sin disturbed relations with God in everything and everyone, but the extent of the disturbance was not clear until God spelled it out in detail to Moses. So death, this huge abyss separating us from God, dominated the landscape from Adam to Moses. Even those who didn’t sin precisely as Adam did by disobeying a specific command of God still had to experience this termination of life, this separation from God. But Adam, who got us into this, also points ahead to the One who will get us out of it.

¹⁵⁻¹⁷ Yet the rescuing gift is not exactly parallel to the death-dealing sin. If one man’s sin put crowds of people at the dead-end abyss of separation from God, just think what God’s gift poured through one man, Jesus Christ, will do! There’s no comparison between that death-dealing sin and this generous, life-giving gift. The verdict on that one sin was the death sentence; the verdict on the many sins that followed was this wonderful life sentence. If death got the upper hand through one man’s wrongdoing, can you imagine the breathtaking recovery life makes, absolute life, in those who grasp with both hands this wildly extravagant life-gift, this grand setting-everything-right, that the one man Jesus Christ provides?

¹⁸⁻¹⁹ Here it is in a nutshell: Just as one person did it wrong and got us in all this trouble with sin and death, another person did it right and got us out of it. But more than just getting us out of trouble, he got us into life! One man said no to God and put many people in the wrong; one man said yes to God and put many in the right.

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At West Grove UMC, we love God by opening our hearts to Jesus, growing our faith and serving our community and world in God's name.

Welcome, one and all! Church Office: 610-869-9334

Our Website: www.westgroveumc.org Email us at info@westgroveumc.org

WELCOME, ONE AND ALL! Faith, hope and love are gifts of God. May you find them here. If you have come as a guest, we hope that you'll leave as a friend and pray you'll be nourished in faith as you hear God's message for you today. We encourage you to join us again. Please honor us by signing the Friendship Pad. Our Welcome Center, located in the lobby, is a place where guests and new attendees can seek information about our church.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT YOUTH FUNDRAISER! FRIDAY, MARCH 24TH. Need a night out without the kids? WGUMC Youth Group, along with the Preschool, is hosting a Parents' Night Out! **Drop your child/children off begins at 5 p.m. with pick-up at 8p.m.** and enjoy a kid free evening. A pizza dinner will be served! Registration is needed for this event. Please use this Link to Register, and find more information on the attached jpg. Thank You!

[REGISTRATION SIGN-UP HERE](#)

A LENTEN BIBLE STUDY BY PASTOR JIM: Beginning on Monday, March 6th and continuing until April 3, a five-week Bible study on Jesus' Atonement for Sin, entitled, "LAMB OF GOD", will be offered at **6:30 PM in the sanctuary**. The five in-depth lessons will be, 1. As a Lamb sacrificed for our sins; 2. The prophecy of Christ as the Lamb in Isa. 53; 3. Redemption by the blood of the Lamb; 4. Christ as our Passover Lamb; 5. The Lamb on the Throne of God in Revelation 5. We hope you will join us for one or all of them!

SAVE THE DATE! WGUMC CMO and Preschool Art Show with Silent Auction, Monday, April 17th, 5:45-7:00 pm. Every child will have art on display in the Sanctuary. Each class has also created two art projects. We will be auctioning off these class projects through a silent auction. The classes have worked really hard on creating these beautiful works of art and we hope that you will see the love and beauty in each of them.
Abbie Gruscavage, Director cmo@westgroveumc.org 610-806-5393

SAVE THE DATE RUMMAGE SALE: It's time to start cleaning out those closets, attics and garages! The Spring Rummage Sale is coming up fast — **Friday, April 28th and Saturday, April 29th. Donations will be accepted throughout the week beginning Sunday, April 23rd.** The United Methodist Women appreciate your donations and are grateful for your help if you are interested in setting up or cleaning up after the event. Contact Fran Miller or Cindy Haley with your interest.

YOUTH GROUP: Middle School Youth Group meets tonight at 3:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. followed by the High School Youth Group until 5:30 p.m. It's a lively group and everyone has fun. If you haven't ever come, please know you are invited to check it out!

R.A.P. LUNCHEON AND PROGRAM, MARCH 10 AT NOON. We welcome back Charles Shattuck who will present our program, "Nesting and Migrating Birds in Spring." Bring your lunch and enjoy provided desserts and beverages. Come and enjoy our time of fellowship and a great program. **Invite a friend or two! Everyone is welcome!**

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

NEED PRAYER?

Prayer Requests: Please do not leave prayer requests on the prayer chain email. It is not monitored. Email Donna Fackler at office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334 or Email Susan Paisley at sbrintonpais1@verizon.net or call 610-268-3305. Your request will be shared with the prayer chain, and if you would like, it will be noted below in the bulletin Prayer List.

Tom Adams
Lynnea Anderman
(Pastor Tim)
Dianne Bunch
(Stuhrke)
Helen Carlin
Dick & Mildred Chambers
Joann Coates
Pat Crawl (Shiplet)
Dan and Liz DePaul (Jackson)
Irma Devom (Stryjewski)
Lena Douglas
Family of Cindy Engle
(Ramberger)
Linda Eyster (Combs)
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
Joyce Flowers (Mullen)
Mike Hake (May)
Richard Heacock
Alan Herb (Shiplet)
Jennifer Hertzog (Jackson)
Lynn Jackson
Maria Kanno (Mullen)
Debbie Kennedy (Coates)
Erica Lindell (Stryjewski)



Jeff Luttman (Miller)
Ted Lynam
(Stuhrke)
Jim May (Mullen)
Betty Mundell

Tim Mullen
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)
Michael Raineri
Rick Renzulli (McGinley)
Sam Reyburn (Shiplet)
Rich and Joan Saller
Levi Schrum (Carmichael)
Linda Shiplet
Ian Smedley (Heist)
Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)
Jeannette Strewjewski
Gail Stuhrke (Stuhrke)
Jeannie Sullivan
Stephen Syska (Mullen)
Mary Weidman (Miller)
Jill Williams (Miller)
Ruth Wilson (May)
Kay Yates



Anderson S. Camp
Navy, Norfolk, VA (Shaub)

Nathaniel Howard,
USA

Brian Kubo—Washington
(Mullen)

LTC Eric Maxwell,
Fayetteville, NC
(Sara Ann Ramberger)

Chris Weidman—Idaho
(Miller)

Dalton Wolfe-U.S. Marine
Corps

Drew Zumpino—USA
(Beauchamp)

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

*It is your tithes, offerings, and
gifts that impact and change
lives for Christ!*

Report from February 19, 2023

General Offering: \$ 5328

Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 70

Attendance: In-Person and You Tube

8:30: 23 11:00: 50 + 12

Ash Wednesday: 19

Food Pantry: 97 families on Feb. 22-23

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday Morning Servants

Live-Stream	Michael Duvall, Steve May
Digital Audio, Camera	Nate Robinson, Will Stuhrke, Doyle Stuhrke, Maggie Stuhrke and Reed Smith
Audio/Visual/Live-Stream Tech	Mike Wiwel
Officiating:	Rev. Timothy C. Anderman Rev. S. James Mundell
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
Moment for All Ages:	Melanie Jones

	<u>Today: 02/26/23</u>	<u>Next Week: 03/05/23</u>
Nursery Aide:	Open / Open	Open / Amy Castaldi
Children's Worship:	Melanie Jones	Melanie Jones
SS Roamers:	Paulette Bryan	Amy Castaldi
Counters:	Dave Talley and Vicki Owens	Dick Stuhrke and Caryl Stuhrke
Lay Readers:	Dick Stuhrke	TBD
Ushers:	Tom Adams and Charlotte Adams	TBD TBD
Greeter:	Esther Culbertson	TBD

***Thank you to all of our Sunday Morning Servants.
Please prayerfully consider serving on Sunday mornings.
Share your interest with the office and you will be connected with the
correct person to give you information and to sign-up.***