

Welcome!

We are grateful that you joined us today. Please come downstairs after worship for fellowship and refreshments hosted by our Faithfulness Hospitality Group, followed by adult Sunday School. **If you have children with you**, we have options! Our nursery is open throughout the service; Children's Church is for 3-5 year olds, and up to 3rd grade. Children leave during Passing of the Peace and return during the Communion Hymn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFRESHMENTS NEXT SUNDAY: Joy Hospitality Group. Contact Brie Powell 540-969-9523. **GRIEFSHARE:** Mount Calvary Baptist Church is offering GriefShare sessions for anyone dealing with loss. You are welcome to attend any or all sessions on Sunday nights from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Light refreshments and child care will be provided. The class will continue for 12 more weeks. **NEWSPAPERS NEEDED** for the Humane Society. If you have any, there is a box at the front of the church. They could really use them!! **FINANCIAL HELP AVAILABLE:** If you know someone impacted by Helene who would benefit from financial help, reach out to Mike Brown at (828) 898-3079. **COFFEE!** We are still selling 5lb bags of whole bean coffee for \$75. \$35 goes back to a Young Life camp in Nicaragua to help support their ministry. **BIBLE STUDIES:** Women's 8:15 a.m. on Wednesdays and Men's 8:15 a.m. on Thursdays. Enter the back of the church. Email the church at arbordalechurch@gmail.com to be added to the Bible Study list for info about the upcoming study. You can also indicate if you'd like to receive our weekly email about our upcoming Sunday Service. **OFFERINGS:** The offering is not taken up during the service. There are offering plates in the Narthex, on the lower shelf of the Altar and as you exit the Sanctuary to go downstairs. There is a link on the website if you'd prefer to donate on-line. **2025 DIRECTORY** is available to download from the link provided in the weekly email. Also if you prefer a printed copy, please email Patty at keeneyplk@gmail.com.

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"Tempted"

*Still wet behind the ears, he's Spirit-pushed
up Jordan's banks into the wilderness.
Angels hover praying 'round his head.
Animals couch against his knees and ankles
intuiting a better master. The Man
in the middle—new Adam in old Eden—
is up against it, matched with the ancient
Adversary. For forty days and nights
he tests the baptismal blessing and proves to his dismay
the Man is made of sterner stuff than Adam:
the Man will choose to be the Son God made him."*
~ Eugene H. Peterson

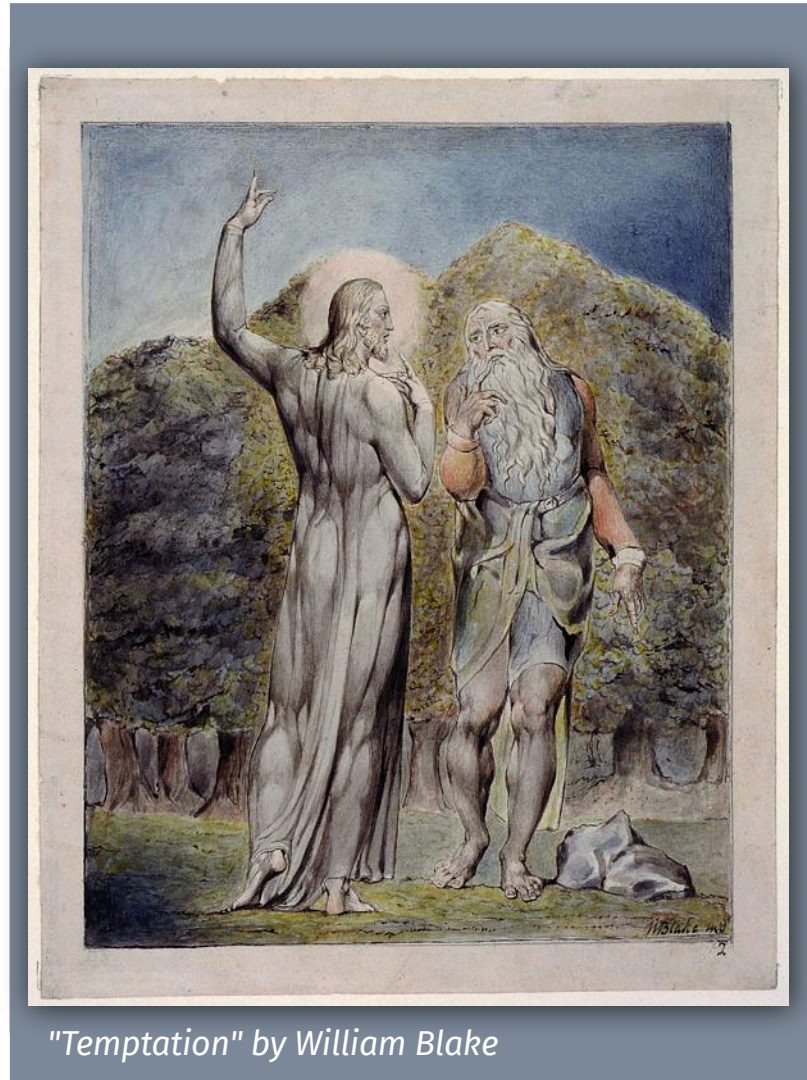
PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*Batter my heart, three-person'd God, for you
As yet but knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend;
That I may rise and stand, o'erthrow me, and bend
Your force to break, blow, burn, and make me new.
I, like an usurp'd town to another due,
Labor to admit you, but oh, to no end;
Reason, your viceroy in me, me should defend,
But is captiv'd, and proves weak or untrue.
Yet dearly I love you, and would be lov'd fain,
But am betroth'd unto your enemy;
Divorce me, untie or break that knot again,
Take me to you, imprison me, for I,
Except you enthrall me, never shall be free,
Nor ever chaste, except you ravish me."*
~ John Donne

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Service for the Lord's Day

March 9, 2025



"Temptation" by William Blake

* Congregation Stands

GREETING

Leader: *The Lord be with You*

All: And also with You

PRELUDE

*Not a Stranger
(See insert to follow along)*

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 91

* **HYMN of PRAISE**

*#486 Come Ye Sinners
Poor and Needy*

CALL TO CONFESSION

In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him! ~ Isaiah 30:15, 18, NIV

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

~ based on Psalm 51:10-12

* **Assurance of Pardon:**

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. —1 Peter 2:24, NRSV

* **PASSING THE PEACE**

* **DOXOLOGY**

* **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Apostles Creed

My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: b in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

* **PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

Leader: Lord in your Mercy

People: Hear our prayer

* **HYMN OF PREPARATION**

*In Christ Alone
(See insert)*

SCRIPTURE AND SERMON

*Luke 4:1-13
Peter Barnes*

* **COMMUNION HYMN**

*Nothing to Fear
(See insert)*

* **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

* **HYMN OF SENDING**

*#300 All Glory Laud
and Honor*

* **BENEDICTION**