



**February 22, 2015**  
**First Sunday in Lent**  
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### The People of God Gather

[\* = "Please stand if able and comfortable"]

#### **Welcoming Guests**

Please sign one of the blue tablets in the pews.

#### **Sharing Joys and Concerns as a Community in Christ:**

#### **Preparing Our Hearts & Minds for Worship:**

*A time of silence to prepare our hearts and minds to encounter God.*

**Prelude:**                    “”

Ruth Smith

**Introit:**

**\*Doxology: #592**

***“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”***

**\*Gospel Lesson:**

**Mark 1:9-15**

*One of the ideas underlying the practice of “Lent”: Jesus is baptized and is driven by the Spirit into the wilderness where . . .*

**\*Call to Worship:**

**Psalm 25:1-10**

**\*Opening Hymn: #80**

***“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”***

#### **Ritual of Confession and Assurance of God’s Grace:**

**Prayer of Confession:**

**Silent Confession:**

**Words of Assurance of God’s Grace: (Response: “Thanks be to God.”)**

**\*The Passing of Christ’s Peace & Joy:**

**\*Gloria Patri: #579**

**Children Sunday School with Marge Thompson**

### The Word Is Proclaimed

**Prayer for Illumination:**

**Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 9:8-17**

*Lent was established by the Church, apparently originally as a period to prepare communicants to be baptized on Easter, and is forty days long (Sundays are excepted). The number, “40,” is a number recurrent in the Scriptures, and the story that precedes today’s reading is the story of The Great Flood and Noah; remember how long the rain lasted?*

**New Testament/Epistle Lesson: 1 Peter 3:18-22**

*In this epistle, the writer relates the Great Flood to the concept of baptism.*

Sermon:

*Survivor – Desert Edition*  
1. *Tarantulas and Tempters*

The People of God Respond to the Word

\*Hymn: #522/691

*“Lord, When I Came into this Life”*

Pastoral Prayer & The Prayers of the People:

Lord’s Prayer:

Offering:

Offertory: “ ”

\*Doxology:

\*Prayer of Dedication:

The People Take the Word into the World

\*Blessing and Benediction:

\*Parting Hymn:

Postlude:

Ruth Smith

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The Annual Meeting(s) of the Congregation and Corporation will immediately follow worship today.

Fellowship downstairs will follow the meeting (Soup & Salad)

**No** Tuesday Bible Study this week.

**FEBRUARY SCHEDULE**

**Annual Church Yard Sale** will be held Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>. Food items should be taken to the Florence Baptist church or call 520-868-1728. *We want your furniture, bedding (clean), clothing (clean), appliances (working) and interesting things. The funds collected help us bring you the Live Nativity.* To donate contact: Sharon Liedl at 520-431-0883 [arizonacraft@wmconnect.com](mailto:arizonacraft@wmconnect.com) or Sandra Saunders at 480-656-8816 [asaunders1010@cox.net](mailto:asaunders1010@cox.net)

***Let Allen-Sandra Saunders or BJ know if there is a mistake in the Church Phone Directory. Sandra (480-656-8816) or BJ (602-989-2108)***

The church East door, the church office and the manse (Matilda St. Learning Center) door locks are being changed end of February (date to be announced.) Contact Allen Saunders (480-656-8816) or Sec., Joan Phillips (868-5634) so we can make a list of who needs what keys.

The church has a new email address...please note the following [FlorencePresby1@icloud.com](mailto:FlorencePresby1@icloud.com)

All Newsletter information should be sent to: Larry & Denise Kollert at: [225butte@gmail.com](mailto:225butte@gmail.com)

Next Ladies afternoon Bible Study- March 4<sup>th</sup> (Lesson 11- Luke.) 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 1pm.

Monthly Ladies Luncheon March 13<sup>th</sup> (where is to be announced)

Men’s Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. at 9 am at Old Pueblo. Next dates: Wed. March 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> .