



March 1, 2015
Second 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:

"Live in Charity" (Ubi Carnitas)

Choir

***Doxology: #592**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 22:23-31

***Opening Hymn: #477/299**

"You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

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**

Sunday School with Patty Brink

The Word Is Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination:

Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 17:1-11, 15-17

Christians and Jews – and Muslims – are followers of what are called "Abrahamic" religions, referring to the patriarch, Abraham. In this incredibly rich story from the Jahwist (in which Abraham gets his name), we are again exposed to a word we heard last week when God made the first "covenant" ("promise") with Noah (of which the rainbow was to be the sign). One might also note that age is no limitation for, well, we shall get to that in our closing verses.

New Testament/Epistle Lesson: Romans 4:13, 16, 19-25

Paul speaks of the covenant God made to Abraham.

***Gospel Lesson: Mark 8:27-38**

Peter declares Jesus the Messiah, and Jesus tells what it means to follow him.

Sermon: *Survivor – Desert Edition*
2. *Follow the Guide*

The People of God Respond to the Word

*Hymn: #354/741 *“Guide My Feet”*

Pastoral Prayer & The Prayers of the People:

Lord’s Prayer:

Offering:

Offertory: *“Battle of Jericho”* Choir

*Doxology:

*Prayer of Dedication:

The People Take the Word into the World

*Blessing and Benediction:

*Parting Hymn:

Postlude: Ruth Smith

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Fellowship follows worship downstairs.


Tuesday Bible Study resumes this week.

MARCH SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday Service is to be held on April 2 in Hannah Hall at 6pm. (Downstairs)

Three Coolidge churches have been invited. Please bring soup (in any container as we have crock pots) & we need 5-6 loaves of uncut shepherd bread. Let’s all join together in this special service. See BJ, Sandra Saunders, or Laura Hofmann.

Annual Church Yard Sale will be held Saturday March 14th. 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 or Sandra Saunders at 480-656-8816 asaunders1010@cox.net

 **March 7th, 7:00 p.m. & March 8th, 2:00 p.m.** Florence Gardens 33rd annual Musical. Tickets \$5.00 at the door or in the clubhouse during office hours. Over a dozen of our fellow worshippers are participating in the chorus and in stage acts. Clubhouse location: 3830 N. Florence Boulevard.

The church has a new email address...please note the following FlorencePresby1@icloud.com

Our new church website is now operating at: FlorencePresby1@icloud.co (not com but co)

All Newsletter information should be sent to: Larry & Denise Kollert at: 225butte@gmail.com

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

Monthly Ladies Luncheon March 13th (where is to be announced)

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