

“Jesus is Tempted by the Devil”- Tissot

Sunday February 14, 2016
First Sunday of Lent
New Member Sunday
10:30 am

Jesus Justice Prayer Peace

** Indicates to rise in body or spirit*

Welcome

Yolanda Adams

Please pass the red friendship pads to sign in at this time. If this is your first time visiting, please legibly write your name and address so we may send you a letter of welcome and more information about our church.

Chimes

Voluntary

“Jesu Kreuz, Leiden und Pein”- Engel

Call to Worship

(Based on Psalm 91)

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say:

People: “My refuge and my fortress; my God in whom I trust.”

L: For God will deliver you from hidden traps and shield you from deadly hazards; under the feathers of God’s wings you will find shelter.

P: God’s faithfulness will shield us.

L: Because you have made Yahweh your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no disaster come near your tent.

P: For God will give angels to guard us; on their hands they will bear us up so that we will not stumble or fall.

*Hymn #25

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Call to Reconciliation

God makes no distinction between us. We are all children of God, we are all sinners, we are all precious to God, and we are all saved by God. Because God is so impartial, let us confess our common humanity to the One who is generous to all.

Prayer (spoken by all)

Most holy God,

we admit to you and each other

that we are so dazzled by the false gods of this age,

that we find it hard to recognize who we are,

where we came from, or where we are going.

**We easily become caught up in selfishness,
seduced by cynicism,**

waylaid by glittering consumerism,
and led astray by powerful, vested interests.

Open our eyes that we may see ourselves more clearly,
and seek you more diligently.

Bring us to an honest repentance, the forgiveness of sins,
and the renewal of our faith and love, through Jesus Christ, the
Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.

Amen.

Words of Assurance

Leader: God has called us and will lead us, even in the wilderness places.

People: Through Christ, we trust that God loves us and will
always be with us.

L: Give thanks, then people of God! We are forgiven.

P: That is the good news that sets us free to begin again and to
live and love more boldly.

Sung Response

“Kyrie”

Sung together, led by the choir

Kyrie eleison on our world and on our way.

Kyrie eleison everyday.

First Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 6:1-2, 4-6, 13, 16-17

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Amen

Anthem

“Lonesome Valley” - Martin

Baptism of Andrew Dean Potts

Reception of New Members

Tara Darby

Ruth and Richard Howe

Jerry and Betty Dillashaw

Andy Potts

Joanne Rouderbush

Tammy Sheppler

Unison Prayer

Loving God, we give thanks for each of these people and for gathering all of us into your Church. Send your Holy Spirit to be among us, knitting us one to another that we may share in the life and worship of the church, building one another up in love, and serving the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

*(Children may accompany Gary Mitchell to Children's Church at this time or remain with us.
Children will return to the sanctuary after the sermon.)*

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 4: 1-13

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Amen

Sermon

“Speak of the Devil”

Rev. Margot Pickett

Affirmation of our Faith

We are convinced 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 Jesus Christ. (Romans 8:38-39)

***Hymn #211**

“Lord Jesus, Who through Forty Days”

Ministry Updates

Yolanda Adams

Sharing Our Gifts

Call for the Offering

Offertory “Christus Lag Ein Todesbanden”- JS Bach

Prayer of Dedication

Sharing Cares and Concerns

Prayer

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Prayer of Jesus (Maori Version)

**Earth Maker, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer,
Source of all that is and all that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**May the hallowing of your name
echo through the universe!**

**May your heavenly will be done
by all creatures great and small!**

**And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth!**

With the bread we need this day, feed us.

For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us.

Through times of temptation, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love. Amen.

***Hymn # 43**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Benediction

In honor of Black History Month, the Pastoral Prayer read by Yolanda is from “Conversations with God: Two Centuries of Prayers by African Americans” by James Washington, Ph.D.

Welcome!

We are a progressive, risk-taking Christian faith community.

We follow the way of Jesus as the Christ and are welcome, open, and affirming to all.

We believe God is vibrant, alive, and still speaking to us!

We believe that God encourages us to engage the world through acts of mercy, peace, and justice.

For Today's Service

Greeters/Ushers: Al Mojonier & Julie Everett

Liturgist: Sandy Gill Clark

Deacon of the Month: Julie Everett

Alternate Deacon of the Month: Beaver Wyatt

(Handicap Door)

Childcare/Nursery: Denise Potts

Our Staff

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Current Faith Formation Classes

More information on our website: www.uccasheville.org

Bible Study of 2 Corinthians with Rev. Brenda Lewis: Join us when you can on Sundays at 9:15 in E-103.

Youth Sunday School: The last Sunday of each month, Youth Group (middle and high schoolers) will have Sunday School in the tower room starting at 9:15 am. Breakfast will be served. Next meeting is Feb. 28th.

Events and Opportunities to Connect

More information on our website: www.uccasheville.org

Lunch Bunch: Are you new to the church or Asheville and looking for an informal way to meet new people? Most Sundays, a varying group of us leave from the church and head to a local eatery close by and just have a good time getting to know each other. All are welcome and for more information please contact Beaver Wyatt at 828-231-3113 or beaverwyatt@bellsouth.net OR just find her at church. Ask a greeter or usher for help finding Beaver or the lunch bunch!

ECO-JUSTICE COALITION: Exploratory meeting TODAY after worship in E-101.

Rev. Karen Richardson Dunn, a member of First Congregational and an activist with Creation Care Alliance of WNC, recently met with Dr. Edward Davis, the Conference Minister of the UCC's Southern Conference, to discuss a proposal for creating an eco-justice coalition among the Conference's congregations. Dr. Davis has affirmed that it's "*time to put flesh on the Gospel*" and begin the work of mobilizing the Conference around eco-justice issues; his hope is that First Congregational might be a "cornerstone" in the creation of this coalition. At the meeting, Karen and members of the Earth Team will discuss this proposal, and we invite all members of the church who are interested in environmental justice to gather with us as we explore this exciting Creation ministry opportunity. For more information, you can contact Karen at krichdunn@gmail.com or [828-782-7109](tel:828-782-7109).

Stir the Soul Café: Wednesdays from 2-4 pm, you can join Loraine Tuenge in the church library for a time of conversation and coffee or tea. Everyone is welcome to stop by! During Lent, there will be a Lenten study from 2-3 and coffee/tea 3-4.

Sacred Pause: Come and use artmaking/coloring as a way to find some meditative quiet in your life. Mondays 5:45-8PM Room 105 in the education wing of FCUCC. Everyone is welcome but please arrive on time.

Friendship Time: Each Sunday after church, please come to the Friendship Hall for light refreshments. To help us keep our Hospitality budget in line we are always looking for donations of food or funds to set a nice Welcome Table. Will you consider bringing some savory items, such as cheese, hummus, nuts and fruit? We also take cookies and decadent goodies as well. Please leave all items in the kitchen prior to Sunday School or worship.

Faith & Flicks: TONIGHT'S SCREENING HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

ROOM IN THE INN: We will be hosting Room In the Inn once again February 28th to March 6th and we would like to have a clothes closet available for the ladies to get gently used clothes, shoes, and accessories such as some warm socks, hats and scarves. Do you have a nice backpack you are not using? Bring it in for the ladies to take and use. Personal care items are also welcomed such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, brushes, deodorant. If you would like to donate things for Room In the Inn or any others in need please contact Beaver Wyatt. Beaver also will pick up items from your house as well. If you want to do so contact Beaver at 828.231.3113

There are still plenty of opportunities to volunteer for providing food: breakfast, bag lunches or dinner, transportation driving the van back and forth to AHOPE, being overnight hosts and setting up and break down of beds and linens. Before worship you can sign up in the Gallery and after worship you can sign up in the Friendship Hall. For more information, please contact our Inn Keepers: Kristy and Sondra Helton-Moeller 405.822.7280/571.319.6989.

MID-WINTER DINNERS: Host sign up sheet now ready in the Narthex.

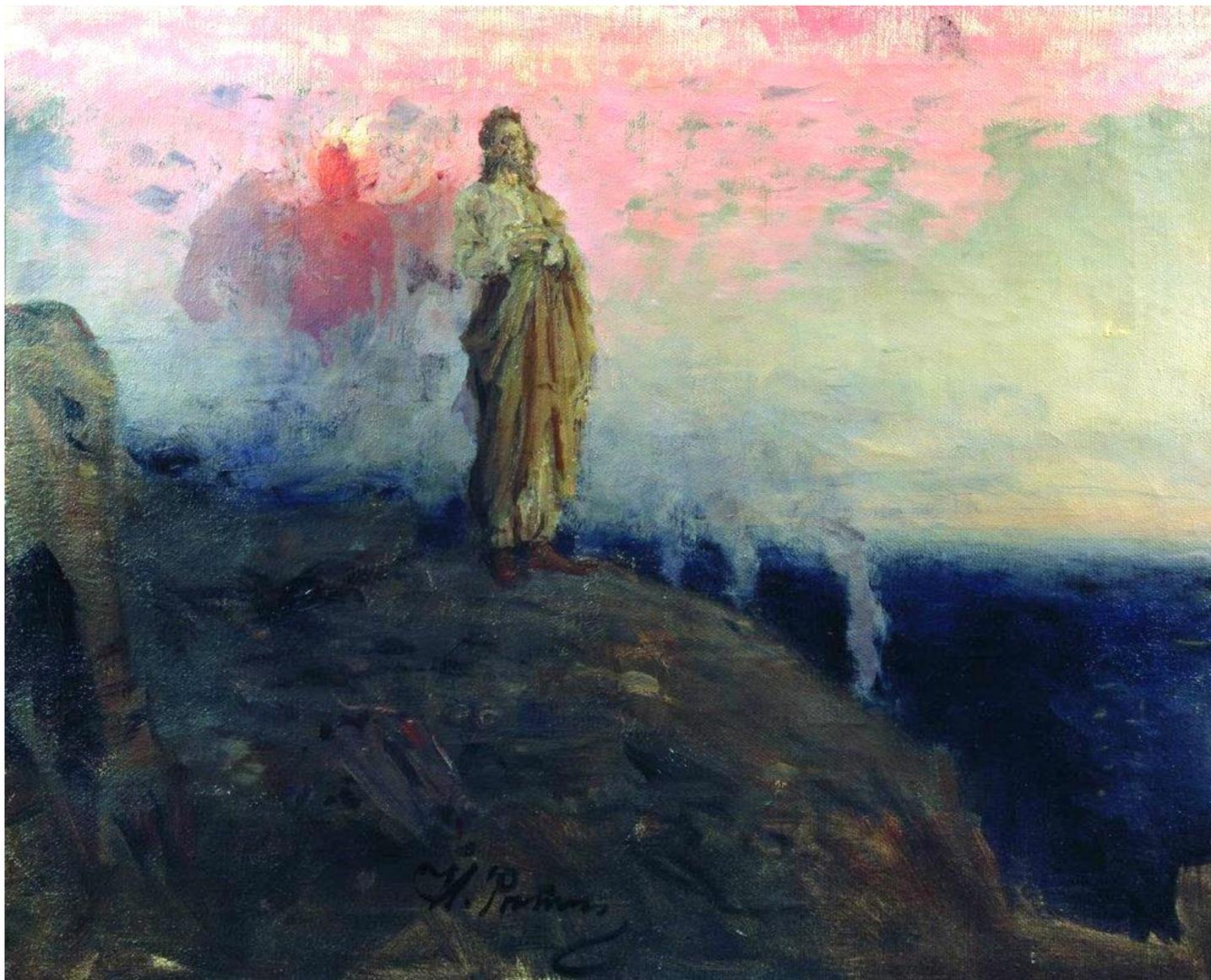
These dinners are a way to enjoy the warmth of each other's company by either attending or hosting a dinner at a home. For three weekends beginning Friday, February 26th we are looking for hosts and hostesses to have a dinner at your house. You may have a potluck, provide a complete meal, have a theme or co-host with others. You could even host at a local restaurant and dine out! There will be sign-up sheets available in the Narthex beginning on February 14th. Coordinators are Julie Everett and Terry Kaeser. Julie's phone number is 414.803.0496 and Terry's is 618.889.9082. Call them if you would like to host. Each host will state how many people may attend at what the menu will be.

Lenten Devotionals

The Lenten devotionals written by the UCC Writer's Group are available for \$5 each at the back of the sanctuary.

**Financial statements are available to pick up after worship today.
Please save us the postage of having to mail yours!**

2015 Annual Reports are available in the Narthex.



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