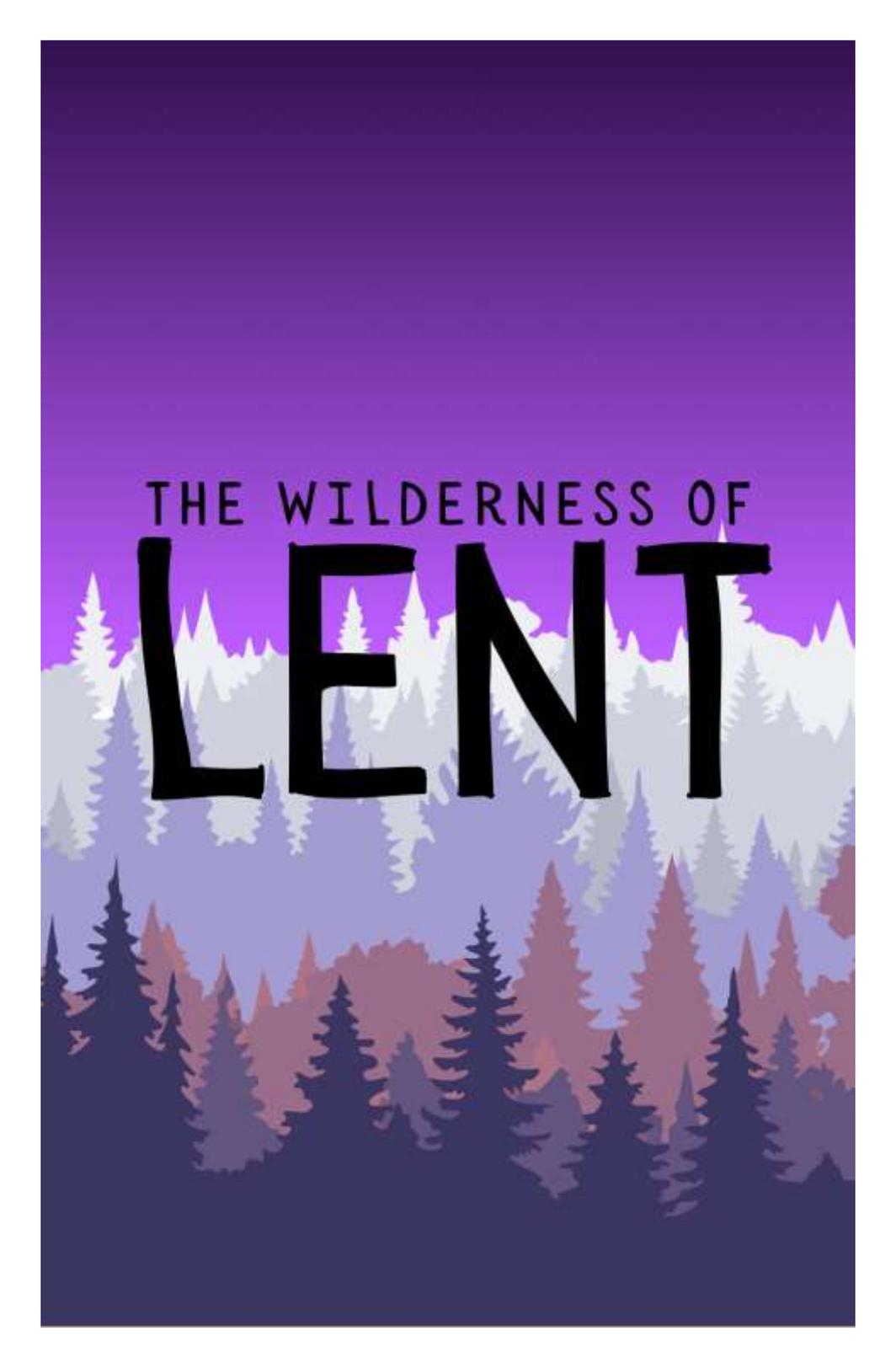


THE WILDERNESS OF

# LENT

The background of the image is a stylized forest. The sky is a gradient from dark purple at the top to a lighter purple. The trees are represented by silhouettes in various shades of purple, blue, and red, creating a layered effect. The word "LENT" is written in large, bold, black, sans-serif capital letters across the middle of the image, with the smaller text "THE WILDERNESS OF" positioned above it.

## Welcome

Today is the First Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season of recommitment, renewal, and repentance. **Make sure to grab a Lent Travel Companion in the lobby to learn more about this season!**

## The Candle

The candle on the altar is the Christ Candle, first lit on Christmas Eve. It represents the life of Jesus. As we watch it burn, week over week, we watch the “emptying” of Christ’s life.

## Serving Today

**Children’s Ministry:** Christine Nandera, Eric Quarm, Eva Quarm

**Coffee:** Dennis Seman

**Communion Passing:** Meg Schaeffer-Utter, Tom Sippy

**Communion to Shut Ins:** Rob Ehlers

**Greeters:** Stella Muller

**Pulpit Assistants:** Marion Greaser, Todd Morra, Roy Ratcliff

**Tech Booth:** Anna Marie Morra, Kathi Seman

**Worship Team:** Aidan Bakker, Sharon Messmore, Todd Morra,  
Lauren Tomlinson

## Connect With Us

Fill out a **connect card** to let us know you were here, to update your contact information, or to let us know a prayer request. You can also fill out a digital Connect Card by scanning the QR code to the right.



## Numbers at a Glance

***Last Week’s Attendance:*** 51

***Last Week’s Giving:*** \$ 4080.60

***Weekly Expense Budget:*** 4,328.62

***Giving Year to Date:*** \$32,533.60

***YTD Expense Budget:*** \$34,629

## **Worship Order**

**\* say together**

Songs from the Bible with our children \*

Welcome and opening prayer

“Unstoppable God” \*

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalm 32 \*

Romans 5:12-19

“Jesus Messiah” \*

“Be Thou My Vision”\*

Prayer

*Have a prayer request? Fill out a connect card.*

Sermon Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

*Children Dismissed to Children’s Church*

Sermon:

“From the Inside Out” \*

Communion

*Communion is open to all who believe in Jesus.*

*Please take and hold the elements, we will be led in eating and drinking together.*

Closing

Benediction \*

## **Announcements**

### **Techwise Family Class—Begins Next Week**

*Drew is leading our next Family Rhythms Class through Andy Crouch’s Tech-wise Family. This class is all about establishing good rhythms and boundaries for technology in the life of our homes. No matter our age, or our family dynamic this will be helpful!*

### **Candy Donations for Egg Hunt**

*Over the month of March, would you bring in candy to help us fill eggs for our annual Easter Egg hunt?*

## **Sermon Notes: Matthew 4:1-11**

*Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"*

*Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, 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.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"*

*Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.*

**Today I witnessed God this way:**



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