

Facing Temptation

I'm no fisherman, but I'm told an excellent way to catch bass is to use a trick worm. A trick worm is a plastic worm that mimics the movement of a real worm, through seductive motion and color. They dazzle with names like Disco Violet, Green Pumpkin Orange, and Bubble Gum. And the bass love them, falling for the colorful trick worms by thinking they're real. The outcome is predictable. The bass take the bait, get hooked, and meet their demise.

The same is true for us. When tricked and hooked by colorful enticements, we meet our demise. So, we pray to the Lord to lead us away from our "trick worms" and the evil casting their lot. Such petition is crucial, for we cannot resist temptation on our own.

Jesus models this in the wilderness in Luke 4. Three times Satan tempts Jesus, alluring him. Each time, however, Jesus relies on God's sovereignty and strength, resisting temptation. Jesus did so using three strategies:

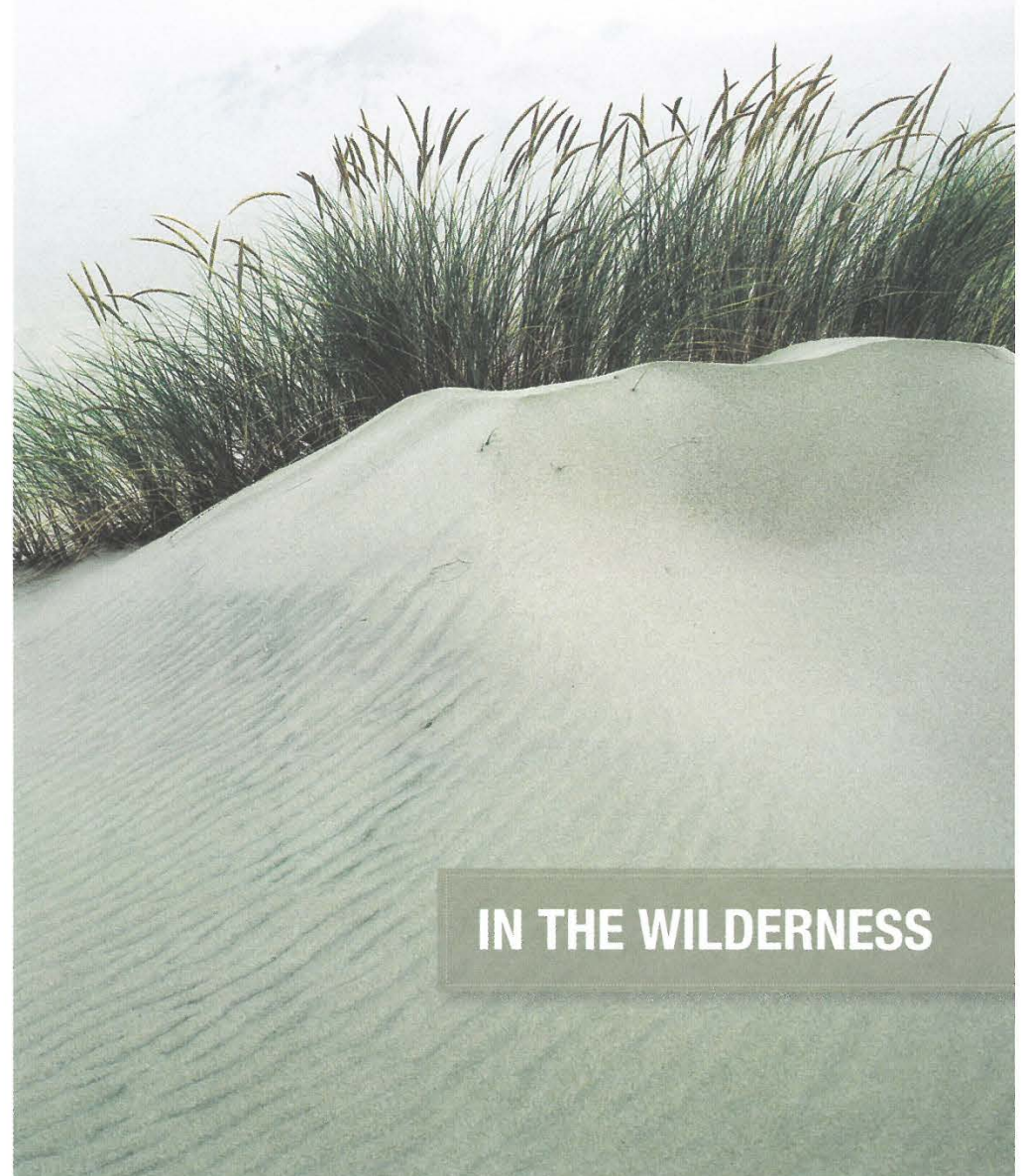
1. *Jesus didn't cave to discomfort.* Verse 2 tells us Jesus wasn't just hungry, he was famished. Despite such distress, Jesus opted for the priority of God.
2. *Jesus established truth.* Jesus clarified what was accurate, amid Satan's assertions. Jesus set Satan straight: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him" (v. 8).
3. *Jesus got assertive.* Matthew's version of our story underscores this aspect of Jesus' response. After bantering back and forth, Jesus let rip: "Away with you, Satan!" (4:10).

We also need to push back against temptation and the wiles of the devil. When we're in the wilderness, we must counter the trick worms! "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you" (James 4:7-8a).

—Paul Munday
Frederick, Maryland

Text for today: "Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit *in the wilderness*, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil" (Luke 4:1-2a, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13 (1).

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BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

at Worship March 10, 2019 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE (11:00) Prelude on the AVE VERUM W.A. Mozart

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER Jeff Carr

Please sign and pass the *Friendship Register* pad located at the inside aisle of the pew. Signing helps us learn the names of those worshipping near us. After all have signed, the pad can be passed back to the inside aisle.

THE NORFOLK CHIME (11:00) The Congregational Church, Norfolk, CT

CALL TO WORSHIP ~Feasting on the Word, Lenten Companion, adapted

One: Come to the Lord with openness,

All: We come seeking God's presence whatever it brings.

One: Bring Doubt, Bring Belief.

All: We come to seek the Lord and Live.

***HYMN # 7** Here, O Lord, your servants gather TOKYO

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00) Linetta Ballew

Children of ALL ages are invited to the front of the sanctuary for a time of building upon and connecting to faith through stories and interactions. Following the Children's Story, all children preschool through 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Worship in the Agape Room.

OFFERING

Moment for Mission Brethren Woods Doug Phillips

Offertory

(8:30) We bring our tithes and offerings to the worship center.

(11:00) Ushers receive our tithes and offerings.

Pastorale on FOREST GREEN Richard I. Purvis

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 NRSV

ANTHEM (11:00) Ave Verum Corpus W.A. Mozart

SERMON "Dwelling Places" Jeff Carr

RESPONDING

***HYMN # 367** For the healing of the nations REGENT SQUARE

REFLECTIONS (8:30) ...a time for conversation.

LENTEN LITURGY

Invitation to Intercession

Call to Prayer O Lord, hear my prayer Hymn # 348

Silence

Prayers of the People... concluding with *The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

***HYMN # 362** Help us to help each other BALERMA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (11:00) Postludium Flor Peeters

* Rise as able in body and spirit.

TODAY'S ANTHEM TEXT:

Ave, verum corpus
Natum de Maria Virgine,
Vere passum immolatum
In Cruce pro homine
Cujus latus perforatum
Unda Fluxit et sanguine
Esto nobis praegustatum

Hail, true Body
born of the Virgin Mary
who having truly suffered
was sacrificed on the cross for mankind
whose pierced side
flowed with water and blood
May it be for us a foretaste
[of the Heavenly banquet]
In the trial of death.

In mortis examine.

MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

March 10-16, 2019 (All events are p.m. unless noted)

This is a church events calendar and does not include all building events use.
Please be sure to schedule ALL EVENTS through the church office.

Sun.		Children's Worship during Worship at 11 – Agape Room	
	6:00	Youth Sunday Night Live	Dayton COB
Mon.	Noon	Retired Ministers & Spouses	Maple Terrace
	7:00	Finance Commission	Lounge
Wed.	8 a.m.	Bridgewater Ministers	Maple Terrace
	5:15	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Agape Room
	5:30	Wednesday Night Meal	Social Hall
		<i>Catered by Jalapeño Southwest Grill</i>	
		<i>Menu: Choice of Burrito or Quesadilla (Chicken, Beef, Cheese, Veggie), Cilantro Lime Rice, Black Beans, Cheese, Sour Cream & Pico de Gallo, Chips with Salsa & Guacamole, Salad</i>	
		<i>Suggested Minimum Donation: \$10 adults / \$5 kids</i>	
	5:45	Carol Choir Rehearsal	Agape Room
	6:30	Yorffs Rehearsal	Room # 35
	6:30	Friendship Circle – Wampler Wing	Activity Room
	7:00	JOY Circle	Seekers Room
Thurs.	6:00	Brethren Student Movement	Carter Center
	6:30	Puppets Rehearsal	Agape Room
	7:30	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

NEXT SUNDAY– March 17, 2019 – Second Sunday in Lent

Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary

Preaching: Pastor Chris Zepp

Scripture Reading: Psalm 27

Homily: “Thin Places of Waiting”

(Anointing will be offered during the service.)

Bell Choir Rehearsal – 9 a.m. – Choir Room

Blood Pressure Clinic – 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. – Lounge

Sunday School – 9:45 a.m. – Classrooms

BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

*An inclusive family of faith seeking to follow Jesus
and live the love of God.*

Our Mission...

As an inclusive community of faith, we commit ourselves to embody the love of God and to share our diverse lives and gifts with each other and the world. Through faith formation, worship, mission, and fellowship we boldly proclaim the peace and love of Christ. Together we work for justice, extend grace, and partner with God to offer abundant life, healing, and hope to our community and the world.

Our Values...

*Sharing life together and including all persons in our common life.
Growing in faith, compassion, and understanding.
Serving one another and our neighbor's good.
Sharing the love of God and the God that is love.*

PASTORAL MINISTRY STAFF

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SUNDAY MORNING INFORMATION & TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

HOSPITALITY CENTER in the Greeting Hall

Nametags; large-print Bibles, hymnals, & bulletins; listening receivers; and information are available here.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45 a.m.

PARKING ASSISTANCE: 10:30-10:55 a.m. every Sunday.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!

Children are always welcome among us and in our corporate worship gatherings. Activity bags are available in the greeting hall for their use and enjoyment. Additionally, childcare for children ages birth to kindergarten is available as well as a "cry room" for those who wish to listen and see the worship service in a separate room from the sanctuary. Ushers are more than willing to help you locate these resources.

Decorators – Dwyann & Tony Stovall

Fellowship Host – Nikki Watson

Deacon Caregivers – Dwyann & Tony Stovall

Head Usher – Palmer Lee Berry

Pianist (8:30) – Cindy Fike

Van Driver – Teshome Molalenge

Worship Leader – Linetta Ballew

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 3/3/19

Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 18 11:00 – 208 Sunday School:112

Pledges & Envelope Giving	\$15,597.60
Loose Offering	331.07
Church User Fees	100.00
<i>Messenger</i> Subscriptions	30.00
Brethren Disaster Ministries	500.00
Remote Area Medical (RAM)	80.00
Rent – Refugee House	750.00
Wednesday Night Meals	145.00
Nigeria EYN	1,000.00
Youth Programs	946.00
Journey Bags	795.00
Olive Mae Grove Memorial Fund	175.00

ANNUAL PICTORIAL DIRECTORY SUPPLEMENT

If you were not pictured in our last pictorial directory, we want to add your picture to our annual Pictorial Directory Supplement! Lisa Houff Photography will be in the lounge today from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., with the exception of during Worship at 11. You do not need an appointment. This sitting is provided at no charge to you, but you may purchase pictures if you desire. If you have questions, please contact Pam Mason.

BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE SYMPOSIUM

On March 14-15, Bridgewater College will present a symposium on "The Status of Brethren Organizations: Demise and Momentum." The event is open to the public. The symposium will present a scholarly consideration of four major Brethren institutions over the previous twenty-five years: Annual Conference, Bethany Theological Seminary, Brethren Press, and the Mission and Ministry Board. Over the generations, these organizations fostered the Christian faith and Brethren identity of many, but in recent years they have significantly declined in budget, staffing, and participation. Presenters are Ben Barlow (Board); Scott Holland (Brethren Press); Ruthann Knechel Johansen (Bethany), and Carol Scheppard (Annual Conference). Jeff Carter (Bethany), Chris Douglas (Annual Conference), Wendy McFadden (Brethren Press), and David Steele (Board), will respond. Robert P. Jones, author of *The End of White Christian America* (2016), will begin the symposium on Thursday evening, March 14, (Cole Hall) with an Endowed Lecture on his book, and the other presentations, including a Q & A by Jones, will occur on the 15th (Boitnott Room). The Lyceum is free; the Friday session has a registration fee of \$20, mostly to cover lunch. The sponsor of the event is the Forum for Brethren Studies. Advance registration is greatly appreciated, but walk-ups are welcome. For information and to register, contact Steve Longenecker slongene@bridgewater.edu.

*Holding you
in thought and prayer*

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Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

¹ You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
² will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust."

⁹ Because you have made the LORD your refuge
the Most High your dwelling place,
¹⁰ no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.

¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
¹² On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.
¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder,
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

¹⁴ Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.
¹⁵ When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them.
¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.