

# Welcome to Roseville

We Are Honored by Your Presence

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Sunday, March 9, 2025 - 10:30 A.M.

Theme: "When the Block is Hot"

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## OPENING SONG:

Worship Leader: Deacon Eric Bostick

Welcome to the first week of our Lenten journey, 'Jesus Spins the Block'! As we enter this season of reflection and renewal, we're exploring what it means for Jesus to return to a place with a purpose – to restore, reclaim, and transform. Today, we focus on how Jesus, in the wilderness, resisted the pressures of exploitation. Just as Jesus was tempted, many of us are facing pressures, and we ask ourselves how can we be people of resistance and strength.

Please stand for our call to worship

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** *(Ask Congregants to Stand if Able)*

Leader: The wilderness calls, testing our resolve.

**Congregation:** We answer, seeking strength in God.

Leader: Temptations lure us toward exploitation.

**Congregation:** We resist, holding onto God's promise.

Leader: Jesus stands with us, showing the way.

**All:** We worship, finding power to resist!

As we prepare our hearts for worship, let us rise and sing...

## \*SONG OF WORSHIP

With hearts ready to resist temptation, let us pray...

## MORNING PRAYER | INVOCATION:

*(Lay Leader – Not In Unison)*

Deacon Bostick

God of Wilderness and Resistance, You guided Jesus through the temptations in the desert. Guide us as we

face the pressures that seek to exploit our homes, neighborhoods and hearts. Give us the strength to resist the lure of quick fixes and the temptation to disregard our spiritual and material as well as needs of our community. Empower us to be people that stands for justice and transformation. Amen.

## **WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

Deacon Bostick

Good morning and welcome! We're so glad you've chosen to join us for worship today, whether you're here in person or worshipping with us online. A special welcome to our first-time guests—we're honored to have you with us. If you're joining online, stay connected by subscribing to our YouTube channel or liking our Facebook page, where you'll find updates, messages, and devotionals. For everyone here, we invite you to use our guest connection card [show card] to share prayer requests or express interest in ministry. You can place it in the offering plate or basket as you exit, and online participants can type "I want to connect" in the comments. Let's take a moment to greet one another—smile and wave to those around you! Online viewers, drop a greeting in the chat so we can welcome you too. We're so grateful for each of you and pray God's blessings as we worship together. Now, let's continue in worship as the choir leads us in song!

## **SELECTION AFTER WELCOME | Congregation Friendly | ("Glad to Be in the Service")**

**\*\*\* ANNOUNCEMENTS \*\*\***

**\*PASTORAL CONCERNS** (Mission statement)

We believe God is calling the Roseville Presbyterian Church to be:

*"A welcoming congregation committed to respond to Christ's call to nurture and develop leaders, engage and embrace our community through worship, service, and love while passionately spreading the gospel to impact lives."*

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER\***

**PRAYER RESPONSE (SONG/MEDLEY)**

**MUSIC SELECTION**

**OFFERING**

## Call for Offering

Deacon Bostick

Just as Jesus rejected the temptations offered in the wilderness, we offer our resources to resist the forces that seek to harm our community. Let us give generously...

## OFFERTORY SELECTION

*\*Doxology: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow...."*

## Prayer of Dedication

Resisting God, we dedicate these gifts to the work of justice and transformation in our neighborhood. May they empower us to resist exploitation and build a community where all can flourish. Amen.

"Let us hear the story of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, and find strength for our own journey..."

## SCRIPTURE READING:

### Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness,<sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at

all during those days, and when they were over he was famished.<sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread."<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"<sup>5</sup> Then the devil<sup>[a]</sup> led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.<sup>6</sup> And the devil<sup>[b]</sup> said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please."<sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours."<sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.'

<sup>9</sup> Then the devil<sup>[c]</sup> led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,<sup>10</sup> for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'<sup>11</sup> and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"<sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

After this next selection we will be blessed with a message from our own Rev. Marshall

## SERMONIC SELECTION

Choir

**SERMON:**

Rev. Touré Marshall

"When the Block Is Hot – Resisting the Pressures of Exploitation"

**CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP**

Jesus calls us to resist the forces that seek to exploit and divide. How will you stand against the temptations of our time?

**CLOSING HYMN**

**BENEDICTION:**

"Go forth with the strength of Jesus, resisting the pressures of exploitation. May you be a force for justice and transformation in our community. Amen."

**\*Congregational Response: "Amen."**

**\*POSTLUDE.**

**\*Signifies all who are able; please stand.**

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