

Pastor D's Letter January 30, 2022

Jesus was tempted in every way as we-yet without sin.
Hebrews 4:15.

Until Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2nd, our "Year With Jesus" will continue to focus on **Temptations Jesus Faced**. This week the temptation we will focus on is "THE TEMPTATION TO TEST GOD" (Matthew 4:1-11). In February the temptations we will explore are:

February 6, 2022	The Temptation To Do Good By Evil Means.	Mt. 4:1-11
February 13, 2022	The Temptation To Hold Back Grace.	LK 6:6-11
February 20, 2022	The Temptation to Despair.	Mt. 26:36-56
February 27, 2022	The Temptation To Be Diverted From God's Call	Mt. 17:1-13

As we examine the temptations Jesus faced, we will see ourselves and our struggles. As we see how Jesus overcame temptation, we will find strength for our journey. Join us as we continue our "YEAR WITH JESUS." And, as we travel this year together:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,
So that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
(Romans 15:13)

Dr. D

P.S. I don't know about you but I've never missed a Super Bowl. I kept stats from the first one on top of a box until I was turned 16. I had written down the stats to share with my dad when he came home after the game. Several years ago, for me, the focus of the Super Bowl changed into a focus on the SOUPER BOWL. The Souper Bowl of Caring started in 1990 when a Presbyterian Youth Group decided to raise money to feed hungry people in their home town by having a "Chili-Cookoff" and taking donations to feed hungry people. Today "The Souper Bowl of Caring" is a nationwide event on Super Bowl Sunday with all the money raised staying in the city in which it was raised - to feed hungry people.

On February 13, Super Bowl Sunday (which is also Scout Sunday) SVPC will once more have its own Chili-Cookoff and Soup Showdown. The congregation is invited to bring crock pots full of soup or chili to the fellowship hall BEFORE WORSHIP. During Fellowship Time we will taste them all and select the winner of the best Chili and the best Soup. We will also receive donations to feed the hungry and the money will go to Crossroads Mission to support their feeding program which offers three meals a day 366 (includes leap year) days a year. Join us in making Souper Bowl a "Super" event on Super Bowl (Scout) Sunday!

NEWS UPDATES

- ANNUAL MEETING IN THE SANCTUARY AFTER WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY (JANUARY 30TH).
- Join us for **Fellowship after church** in the Fellowship Hall.
- Due to the Annual Meeting this Sunday after worship, there will be no Adult SUNDAY SCHOOL at 10:30.
- **WWN Bible Study this Wednesday (February 2nd) Luke 3.**
- **MASKS ARE OPTIONAL** IN WORSHIP! Be considerate of those who choose to wear masks and maintain social distance.
- If you cannot come in person, we continue to broadcast our **SERVICE LIVE** every Sunday at 9 a.m. on <https://www.facebook.com/SierraVistaPresbyterianChurch/>. Our account is public. **YOU DO NOT NEED A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT TO WATCH.** If you come to worship in person or watch at home, **invite a friend to join you.** **Worship sheets** are available on our website at <https://www.sierravistayuma.com/> under the NEWS Tab.
- MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY, February 6th following Worship.
- If you wish to receive the monthly **newsletter** or know someone who wants to receive **Pastor D's Letter**, contact the church office with your email information.
- **THANK YOU for your CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT** of the church by giving in person, mailing a check, or giving ONLINE.