

St. John's at Worship
First Sunday in Lent, 9:30 am

Theme: Lent as giving oneself away

Prelude *J. S. Bach*
"Aus Liebe will mein Heiland sterben" from St. Matthew's Passion, BWV 244

Congregational Concerns (*please pass the friendship role*)
Call for Prayer Concerns

*Greeting

Choral Introit "I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me" *W. Billings*
*Call to Worship Luke 10:25-27

Leader: What must we do to inherit eternal life?
**People: We must love the Lord our God with all our hearts,
and with all our souls, and with all our strength,
and with all our minds,**

Leader: And our neighbors
People: As ourselves

*Invocation

*Hymn 66 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" LAUDA ANIMA
Old Testament Lesson Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (p. 548, OT) Ellen Moeller

*Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

*Silent Prayer

*Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God,
you make all things new and forgive old wrongs we strive to forget.
We confess we have wasted time without loving,
even years without purpose.
Daily we miss doing your will
and do instead things you would rather went undone.
Cover all that now with your love, we pray;
do not let past wrong shame or cripple us.
Lead us into the future: free from sin, free to love,
ready to make amends, ready to work for your Son,
in whose great name we pray. Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon Ephesians 1:4-5a, 7

*Affirmation of Faith A Trinitarian Affirmation

**We believe in God the Creator,
who gives to us our providential earth in all its richness;
God, who cherishes every family on earth and seeks its wholeness,
who waits like the prodigal's father to welcome us home.
We believe in God the Son, Jesus the Christ,
who overcame death and bestows eternal life though our believing;
who yearns to enrich every soul;
who fills us with love for God, for one another, and for our best selves.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from within,
who speaks for us when the words won't come,
who stands with us in all things, in heartbreak and thanksgiving.
We believe in one God, the lover of our souls;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

(teachers may dismiss at their discretion, children may dismiss after the sermonette)
Anthem "He Who Dwells in the Shelter of the Most High" *C. Schalk*
Sermonette Stephanie Eft
*Hymn 378, vss 1-2, 5-6 "Amazing Grace" AMAZING GRACE
Offering

Call to Offering 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

(Ushers will collect *blue card* prayer requests with the offering: *please print briefly. Thank you*)

Offertory "Panis Angelicus" from Messe a trois voix *C Franck*

*Doxology and Presentation of the Offering
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise
him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication of the Offering

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will
be done on 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.**

Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 13:1-8a (p. 175, NT)

Sermon LENT AND FALLING IN LOVE Dr. Wilson

Text: Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or
rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does
not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. Love bears all things,
believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. *1 Corinthians 13:4-7*

*Hymn 139 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

Choral Benediction "Keep Us, Heavenly Father" *M. Schweizer*

Benediction Philippians 4:8-9

Postlude *J. S. Bach*

"Et exsultavit spiritus meus" from Magnificat in D, BWV 243

*Those who are able, please stand

THE SECOND CALLING

A Congregational Meeting is called for **Sunday, February 28 at 10:30 am**, for
the purpose of election of officers (Elders, Deacons, Trustees; see bio insert)

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ALL ARE INVITED TO COFFEE FELLOWSHIP IN THE CARRIAGE HOUSE TODAY.

After the service, Jim Little will be at the rear of the church to answer any questions
visitors may have about us. He will also be available at coffee fellowship.

SERVING GOD THROUGH SERVICE TO ONE ANOTHER

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music Diane Legnini

Ushers Herb Thal, Bob Lund, Dave Dalrymple, Libby Dalrymple

Greeter Jim Little

Coffee Service Christine Markle and Ellen Moeller

Flowers Given by Frank & Julie Rockhold, in loving memory of our
sisters, Michele Callahan Takats & Andrea Rockhold Pomroy

Guest Musicians

Winthrop Consort

Sara Jane Duffey, soprano; Terry Belzer, oboe;

Gael Abbasi, cello; Linda Child, piano

Joys & Sorrows

Pat Churchill mourns the death of her mother, Dorothy Meade:

123 Valley Stream Circle, Wayne 19087

Nader & Susanne Engheta mourn the death of Nader's nephew:
1539 Fox Creek Road, Berwyn 19312

Special Thanks

Your prayers for my brother have meant the world to his family. On behalf
of all of us, thank you from the bottom of my heart. *Rody*

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

MOMS MORNING OUT

The Membership Enrichment Committee (Bob Miller, chair, Nancy
Higgins, Dick Oliver, Lyn Strickler, Carol Netter, Jim Little,
and Melody Ticknor) is interested in sponsoring a Mom's Morning Out
group which would meet at St John's. Would you, or perhaps you and a
friend be interested in starting a group? The ideal candidate would have
young, pre-school age children and the desire to start a group which would
meet the interests and requirements of other young families. If you have the
willingness to investigate this possibility or wish to discuss it further with
the committee please talk to any of the committee members listed above or
email Melody at birtic@comcast.net.

PHILABUNDANCE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Tuesday, March 2 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 p.m. Please meet at St. John's by
5 p.m. Please R.S.V.P. in advance to Kathy Shaw at
Kathryn_shaw@vanguard.com (610.308.9646 cell) or Brian Bouvier at
bbouvier@duanemorris.com (610.873.9856).

ACME SUPPORTS WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Acme Markets donates to St. John's (and other non-profits) 1% of the total
dollars on receipts we submit. This can amount to a tidy sum if we all
bring our grocery receipts to the marked slot on the notice board outside
the kitchen in Fellowship Hall. Women's Fellowship tallies and tracks the
exchange—all you need to do is provide your weekly grocery receipts.
Thank you so much.

DEVON BUILDERS' COMPETITION 2010

Goals have been set to host 8-10 competition teams which will
produce as many house framing packages for local Habitat for
Humanity affiliates. *This year's event will be staged indoors at
the Greater Philadelphia Expo center in Oaks, PA
March 9-10, 2010.*

Our event will run concurrently with the Philadelphia
Construction Expo slated for the same dates at the Expo center.
You can be part of this life-changing experience.
*To sign-up as a volunteer, please contact John McClintick at
johnemclintick@earthlink.net.
To donate, please make your check payable to
St. John's Presbyterian Church,
With Builders Competition in the memo.*

Thank you for your usual generous support!

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Chancel Flower sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in fellowship hall. Several Sundays in April through August are still available. You may take the arrangements home with you after the service or the Deacons will deliver them to parishioners whom they visit in hospitals, nursing homes or at home. Contact Barbara McConnell for more information 610-722-0692.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

SHOWCASING OUR ARTISTS

Please join us in the Carriage House following worship for a special coffee fellowship as we conclude the 2010 St. John's Artists Showcase. Our exhibit will be open until 2:00 pm today for your viewing pleasure.

SR. HIGH MISSION TRIP TEAM MEETING FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

If you are signed up for the Mission Trip 2010, or have interest in joining our team, please attend one of our informational meeting in February. There are two dates to choose from (you do not need to attend both meetings): **Sunday, February 14, 11:15 am or Sunday, February 21, 11:15 am**, both in the Sr. High Room of the Carriage House. We look forward to seeing you there.

LECTURE AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

INWARD JOURNEY

This group meets in the Carriage House on **Thursdays from 10:00 am to 11:30 am** to read and discuss Luke's Gospel, our current study. *For Thursday, February 25, please read Luke chapter 22.* Led by Victor.

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S

Wednesday, February 24 at 6:00 pm. Following dinner, three studies are available: the Gospel of Mark; "The Death and Resurrection of the Messiah"; and Disciple One. SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S will have ten sessions, ending before Palm Sunday. You may sign up at www.stjohnsdevon.com—on the home page scroll to Supper at St. John's, and click on the link, Sign Up for Spring 2010. You may also report your absence for dinner at the link *I Can't Attend Supper This Week.* Or call the office: 610-688-5222. Your participation in our dinner fellowship and study groups is very appreciated. Also very appreciated is your own contribution to our delicious meals – preparation, serving, clean-up. Please contact Betsy Miller to find out more: 610-647-0807.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Feb 21	8:00 am	Women's Biblical Reflection
	9:30 am	Worship and Sunday School Coffee Fellowship in the Carriage House
	11:00 am	Alleluia Choir
	11:00 am	Rejoicing Ringers Rehearsal
	11:15 am	Sr. High Mission Trip Meeting
	5:00 pm	Jr. High Fellowship
	6:00 pm	Jingle Bells
	6:30 pm	Sr. High Fellowship
Mon, Feb 22	10:00 am	Baby Bundles Sewing Group
Tues, Feb 23		Victor's Day of Rest
Wed, Feb 24	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer
	6:00 pm	SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S
	6:45 pm	Confirmation Class
Thurs, Feb 25	6:30 pm	Devon Chapel Bells Rehearsal
	7:45 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 pm	Devon Brass Rehearsal
Wed, Mar 3	7:50 pm	First New Officer Training (3/10, 3/17)

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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

TO KEEP A TRUE LENT

Is this a Fast, to keep
The larder lean,
And clean
From fat of veals and sheep?

Is it to quit the dish
Of flesh, yet still
To fill
The platter high with fish?

Is it to fast an hour,
Or ragg'd to go
Or show
A downcast look and sour?

No: 'tis a Fast to dole
Thy sheaf of wheat
And meat,
Unto the hungry soul.

It is to fast from strife,
From old debate
And hate;
To circumcise thy life.

To show a heart grief-rent;
To starve thy sin,
No bin:
And that's to keep thy Lent.

Robert Herrick, 1591-1674

February 21, 2010

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