

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

Theme: Relieving stress

Prelude "Brighter than Snow" *R. E. Schram*
"Softly and Tenderly" THOMPSON
(Joy Messengers)

Congregational Concerns (*please pass the friendship role*)

Call for Prayer Concerns

*Greeting

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Choral Introit "Here, I Stand at the Door" *J. Bell*
*Call to Worship Matthew 6:31-33

Leader: Do not be anxious, saying "What shall we eat?"
or "What shall we drink? or "What shall we wear?"

**People: For the unbelievers seek all these things;
and your heavenly father knows that we need them all.**

Leader: But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness,

People: And all these things shall be ours as well.

*Invocation

*Hymn 140 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 131 (p. 574, OT) Nancy Wolfe

*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

**The world overwhelms us at times, O Lord,
with the tremendous power of sin, fear, and anxiety.**

By faith we look forward to a better life

when we will be taken into your presence by Christ, our redeemer.

But we feel unworthy of such a reward.

Forgive us for our submission to the influence of anxiety in our lives.

Encourage us with renewed faith and devotion,

**that we may remain firm in our loyalty to Christ,
through whom we pray, and in whom we secure our faith. Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 1:18

*Affirmation of Faith thoughts from The Book of Revelation

We say together in faith:

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father, who created all things:

for by his will they were created and have their being.

We believe in God the Son, who was slain:

for with his blood, he purchased us for God,

from every tribe and language, from every people and nation.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'

Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

Anthem "Lord, Make Us One" *N. Dexter*
(Joy Messengers)

Sacrament of Baptism

Sophie Lind, daughter of Ted and Brooke Pekula
Tom Johnson and Kathy Johnson, elders

Baptismal Hymn "Morning Has Broken" BUNESSAN

Morning has broken like the first morning;

Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!

Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!

(teachers may dismiss at their discretion, children may dismiss after the hymn)

*Hymn 534 "Be Still, My Soul" FINLANDIA

Offering

Call to Offering John 12:24

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

Offertory "Like As the Hart Desireth" *G. P. Palestrina*

*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

Gospel Lesson Mathew 6:24-34 (p. 6, NT)

Sermon ANXIETY; THE GOOD-FOR-NOTHING Dr. Wilson

Text: Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or
what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life
more than food, and the body more than clothing? *Matthew 6:25*

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Traditional)

Communion Hymn 405 "Seek Ye First" SEEK YE

Invitation

Words of Institution

Great Thanksgiving, Pastoral Prayers, 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.**

Fraction and Cup

*Hymn 358, vss 3-4 "Dear Lord and Father" REST

Choral Benediction "For Yours Is the Kingdom" *J. Bell*

Benediction *Samuel Longfellow* (1864)

Postlude "Abbott's Leigh" C. Mawby

*Those who are able, please stand

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ALL ARE INVITED TO COFFEE FELLOWSHIP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.

After the service, Bob Miller and Carol Netter will be at the rear of the church

to answer any questions visitors may have about us.

They 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 Tom Littlefield, Debbie Railton, Gordon Wright, Mimi Wright

Greeter Bob Miller, Carol Netter

Coffee Service Kristan Burgess

Flowers *Given by Marie Cantafio in memory of my beloved husband,
Ralph, and my beloved daughter, Gemma.*

Joy Messengers *Linda Duncan, Lauren Feldman, Nancy Kimmons,
Lisa Howell, John Senior, Mike Ruhl*

Joys and Sorrows

Frank and Sue Hollinger mourn the sudden death of Sue's sister:

1361 Glenhardie Road, Wayne 19087

Congratulations to *Beth Kephart* on the publication of her latest young adult
novel, *The Heart is Not a Size*, due in stores March 30. Named to the
Indiebound List for spring, Beth's novel was inspired by her travels with St.
John's Sr. High Mission Team to Juárez, Mexico. All who traveled with her
are acknowledged. Beth will be reading from the novel at the Devon Barnes
& Nobel on Tuesday, April 13 at 3:30 pm.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

AN INVITATION FROM ST. JOHNS DEACONS. . .

Would you like to make a new friend, or become better acquainted with a
fellow congregant? Your Deacons are offering a chance to enrich your lives
while bringing a bit of additional cheer into the lives of our less mobile
members. Think along the lines of being "matched up" with someone who
would enjoy a visit and/or a phone call on a somewhat regular basis. This
would supplement the Deacons' visitation program and Victor's visits. It
would not be a "structured assignment" although the Deacons would appreciate
a quick e-mail after a visit or phone call, particularly if you detect needs we
should address. If you would like to know more, please call Virginia Holt
(610-688-1048) to talk about what many of us have found to be a very
rewarding experience.

PHILABUNDANCE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Tuesday, April 6 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).

EASTER LILIES

You can be part of the beautiful decoration of our sanctuary on Easter
morning. Starting today, Amy Lord will take sign-ups at coffee fellowship to
purchase a lily plant which you may take home following the Easter service.
The cost of these lovely plants is \$10.

DEACONS EASTER FOOD DRIVE

Beginning this Sunday, the Deacons will be handing out slips of paper with
staple food items noted for you to purchase and return by Tuesday, March
30 for the Annual Easter Baskets. Valley Forge REACT distributes these
baskets to needy families in our community. *Please see the display in
Fellowship Hall, or speak to Terry Belzer for more details.*

DEVON BUILDERS' COMPETITION 2010
March 9-10

Greater Philadelphia Expo center in Oaks, PA

Nine competition teams (nearly 100 professionals)
 Local Habitat for Humanity will benefit (9 framing packages)

COME OUT AND SUPPORT US WITH YOUR PRESENCE

*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!

LECTURE AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S

Wednesday, March 11 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.

HOLY WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 28
 9:30 am Worship
Maundy Thursday, April 1
 7:00 pm Family Service of the Lord's Supper
Easter Day, April 8
 9:30 am Worship

Good Friday, April 2

*Services are available in the community,
 time and place to be announced.*

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Mar 7	8:00 am	Women's Biblical Reflection
	9:30 am	Worship and Sunday School
	11:00 am	Alleluia Choir
	11:00 am	Rejoicing Ringers Rehearsal
	5:00 pm	Jr. High Fellowship
	6:00 pm	Jingle Bells
	6:30 pm	Sr. High Fellowship
	7:00 pm	Trustees Meeting
Mon, Mar 8	7:00 pm	Session Stated Meeting
Tues, Mar 9	8:00 am	Builders Competition (thru 3/10)
		Victor's Day of Rest
Wed, Mar 10	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer
	6:00 pm	SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S
	6:45 pm	Confirmation Class
	7:50 pm	New Officer Training
Thurs, Mar 11	6:30 pm	Devon Chapel Bells Rehearsal
	7:45 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 pm	Devon Brass Rehearsal
Sun, Mar 14	8:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Sun, Mar 21	8:00 am	Called Session Meeting (exam. Officers)
	9:30 am	Ordination/Installation during worship
Mon, Mar 22	10:00 am	Baby Bundles Sewing Group

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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

THE WORLDLY HOPE
 From "The Rubáiyát"

XVI
 The Worldly Hope men set their Heart upon
 Turns Ashes—or it prospers; and anon,
 Like Snow upon the desert's dusty Face,
 Lighting a little hour or two—is gone.

XVII
 Think, in this batter'd Caravanseraï
 Whose Portals are alternate Night and Day,
 How Sultán with his Pomp
 Abode his destined Hour, and went his way

*Omar Khayyám, 1070-1123;
 Tr. By Edward Fitzgerald, 1809-1883*

ROUND OUR RESTLESSNESS

Oh, the little birds sang east,
 And the little birds sang west,
 And I smiled to think God's greatness
 Flowed around our incompleteness,—
 Round our restlessness, his rest.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning, 1806-1861

March 7, 2010

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