

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

Theme: Reconciliation

Prelude "Gavotte" *J. Kuhnau*
"Andante" *L. Beethoven*

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

Choral Introit "Here, I Stand at the Door" *J. Bell*
*Call to Worship 2 Corinthians 5:16-19 Emily Chudy

Leader: From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way.

People: So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Leader: All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation;

All: That is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

*Invocation
*Hymn **384, vss 1, 3-4** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" BEECHER
Responsive Reading Psalm 32 (p. 766, Hymnal) Kathy Johnson
(*Congregation reads bolded lines*)

*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

Father of all mercies and all love, we confess that we have strayed too often from the way of Christ. We acknowledge that in our dealings with one another we have been too mindful of the desires of our own heart; that we have sometimes approached each other, even those whom we profess to love, with an attitude of tolerance rather than in the spirit of love. Forgive our sins, we pray, and encourage us to be more mindful of the needs and of the sheltered fears of others. By your grace may we grow more like him whom we serve together, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon Colossians 3:12-13
*Affirmation of Faith A Colossian Creed

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. In him all things in heaven and on earth were created,

things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him, for him. Christ himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Christ is the head of the body, the church. For in him the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

Minute for Mission Pam Schafer, Deacon's Compassion Fund
Anthem "God of Grace and God of Glory" *K. McChesney*
(Devon Chapel Bells)

(teachers may dismiss at their discretion, children may dismiss after the sermonette)
Sermonette Cat sun catcher brought by Lily Weiss Emily Chudy
*Hymn **383, vss 1-3** "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" BEGINNINGS

Offering
Call to Offering Deuteronomy 15:7-8
(Ushers will collect *blue card* prayer requests with the offering: *please print briefly. Thank you*)
Offertory "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" *G. Martin*

*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 Prayers, and the Lord's Prayer (please use the words most familiar to you)
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.

Gospel Lesson Luke 15:1-3, 11-24 (p. 78, NT)
Sermon THE PRODIGAL SONS Dr. Wilson
Text: I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you." *Luke 15:18*

*Hymn **348, vss 1-3** "Softly and Tenderly" THOMPSON
Choral Benediction "For Yours Is the Kingdom" *J. Bell*
Benediction Philippians 4:8-9
Postlude "Rhosymedre" *R. Vaughan Williams*
*Those who are able, please stand

ALL ARE INVITED TO COFFEE FELLOWSHIP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.
After the service, Bob Miller 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 *Ken Dilloway, Lee Holt, Terry Belzer, Jerre Lieberman*
Greeter *Bob Miller*
Coffee Service *Kristan Burgess*
Flowers *Given by Pam Schafer in memory of my mother, with gratitude, love, joy, and sorrow.*

Devon Chapel Bells

Susan Bain, Marilyn Benton, Becca Chudy, Sue Chudy, Christina Fish, Judy Graham, Sue Hardin, Christie McConnell, Margot Moore, Elizabeth Unger, Nancy Wolfe

Devon Brass *Mark Ator, Jeff Estabrook, Frank Mercurio, Mike Ruhl, Paul Steege*

Joys and Sorrows

Coralie Moorhead recovering from surgery:
2545 Rosemont Avenue, Ardmore 19003

Emily Chudy will be accepted as a candidate for Minister of the Word and Sacrament at Paoli Presbyterian Church, Saturday, March 20, 1:30 pm. All are welcome to join us in support of Emily on this milestone day.

MATCHING GIFT PROGRAMS

If your employer participates in a matching gifts to non-profits program, and you would like your contributions to St. John's to be matched, please contact Rody for more details about adding St. John's name to your employer's list of qualified charities.

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).

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.*

LECTURE AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S

Wednesday, March 17 at 6:00 pm. Our final session will be March 24. *You may 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.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Christian Education will be sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 3, starting at 10:00 am.** Teens are invited to help decorate and hide the eggs, and children are invited to try their hand at finding them all! Church families, community members, and friends are all invited to participate. Please see Stephanie for more details.

MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN

Join us **Friday, March 19 from 7:00 pm to Saturday, 10:00 am** for a night of fun, fellowship, food, and of course... grog! Friends are welcome! All students must have a medical consent form on file or bring one with them. These forms can be picked up at the church office or can be downloaded at <http://www.stjohnsdevon.com/youth.htm> Hope to see you there!

BUILDERS COMPETITION 2010

THREE CHEERS TO ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORTED THIS EVENT

John E. McClintick, Event Coordinator

St. John's Team Builders

John Alexander
Tom Johnson
Rick Shinnars
Becky Wagner
Mike Wagner

St. John's Corps of On-Site Volunteers

Joe Birmingham Kyle Birmingham
Don Black Ginger Black
Lee Duke Janet Duke
John Elliott Nancy Fielden
Tom Higgins Tom Littlefield
Betsy Miller Ellen Moeller
Carol Netter Jim Netter
Debbie Railton Cynthia Schumacker
Scott Schumacker Melody Ticknor
Herb Thal Nancy Wolfe

Thanks to all those who have sent monetary contributions, without which this event that provided 9 house framing packages for local Habitat for Humanity would not take place!

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.*

For Sunday, March 21

Theme: Senseless acts of beauty
Scripture: Isaiah 43:16-21; John 12:1-8

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Mar 14 8:00 am Deacons Meeting
 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
Tues, Mar 16 Victor's Day of Rest
Wed, Mar 17 9:00 am Companions in Prayer
 6:00 pm **SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S**
 6:45 pm Confirmation Class
Thurs, Mar 18 6:30 pm Devon Chapel Bells Rehearsal
 7:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 9:00 pm Devon Brass Rehearsal
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
Mon, Apr 12 **6:00 pm** **All Boards Dinner & Meetings**

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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

For if while we were enemies,
we were reconciled to God
through the death of his son,
much more surely, having been reconciled,
we will be saved by his life.
But, more than that, we even boast in God
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have now
received reconciliation.

Romans 5:10-11

For in him all the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell, and through him
God was pleased to reconcile to himself
all things, whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Colossians 1:19-20

March 14, 2010

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