

St. John's at Worship Transfiguration of the Lord

Prelude “Allegro Maestoso” (from Water Music) arr. *D. Marlatt*

Welcome and Announcements *(please pass the fellowship roll)*

Introit “Ode to Joy” arr. *D. Marlatt*

*Call to Worship

Leader: On this Transfiguration Sunday, we remember that Jesus and three of his disciples went up on a mountain to pray...

People: While they were there, Jesus was transformed! The glory of God was revealed, and they understood who he was.

Leader: In the same way, *we* have gathered *here* to behold the glory of God, so that *we* might understand who he is and be transformed ourselves.

People: Let your glory shine on us, Lord, as we worship you!

*Hymn 64 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

*Prayer of Invocation 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.

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

In you Father, Son, and Spirit live together as one.

In Christ, human and divine live together as one.

And you call *us*, who are many, to be one like you.

But our hearts and minds are divided, with each other and within ourselves.

And because we do not have harmony *within* us or *between* us, we do not have harmony with *you*.

Forgive *me*, Lord, for the ways that my words, thoughts, and actions have created divisions, in the world and in my own life.

Heal our brokenness, and the brokenness of this world, and help us to be *one*, the way *you* are one, in Christ.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*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.

Scripture Reading Ephesians 4:1 – 16 (pg. 193) Kathy Johnson
(Children and youth may go to Sunday School after the scripture reading.
Sunday School ends at 10:45.)

Anthem “He Keeps Me Singing” *McDonald*

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 3:17 – 4:6 (pg. 234)

Sermon BY POPULAR DEMAND: THE APOSTLES' CREED Rev. Marshall

*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father, Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn 620, vss. 1, 2 “One Bread, One Body”

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Intinction)

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Call to Offering

(Ushers will collect *blue card* prayer requests at the time of the offering.)

Offertory “Abide with Me” *W.H. Monk*, arr. *D. Marlatt*

*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

*Hymn (INSERT) “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

*Benediction

*Choral Response “Father, Give Thy Benediction” *Moore*

Postlude “Canon” *W.A. Mozart*, arr. *D. Marlatt*

*All who are able, please stand

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco*
Greeter *Jennifer Roberts*
Ushers *Dave Dalrymple, Libby Dalrymple, Steve Collett*
Flowers *Given In memory of Louise Wilson from your children and your husband. We miss you so much*

Coffee Service *John & Barbara McClintick*

Devon Brass: *Mark Ator, Jeff Estabrook, Frank Mercurio*

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

We are so happy that you have joined us for worship this morning, and we hope that you experience the love of Jesus Christ here with us! If there is anything we can do to help you feel more at home, please feel free to ask one of the ushers located at each of the sanctuary doors. We would love for you to join us for refreshments downstairs immediately following worship. Our greeter, Jennifer Roberts, will be available in the back of the sanctuary after worship to answer any questions you might have about St. John's. We are glad that you are here, and hope that you will worship with us again soon!

CARRIAGE CLUB TOMORROW

Monday, February 8 at Noon, St. John's Carriage Club will hold its monthly luncheon. Following a light lunch of soup and sandwiches, Gary Stolz, park ranger, biologist, and land manager will give a presentation on wildlife and the importance of conservation. Gary will include a hands-on demonstration with artifacts such as pelts, bones, and antlers of animals native to our area. If your schedule does not allow you to be present for the entire program, please feel free to come and go as you must. Reservations are greatly appreciated and may be made by responding to the forthcoming e-mail or by calling Marianne McClennen.

WOMEN'S LENTEN LUNCHEON & COMMUNION SERVICE

On Ash Wednesday, February 10, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM, we will mark the beginning of the Lenten season with lunch and worship. Leading us in worship this year is the Rev. Emily Chudy. Emily grew up at St. John's and is currently the Co-Pastor of Central Presbyterian Church in Downingtown. Signups will be taking place during coffee fellowship today. Childcare will be provided (please indicate your need when making your reservation). Please contact Kathy Johnson or Sharon Griffin to RSVP or for more information. We hope that you will join us and bring a friend!

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S – WEDNESDAYS, 6 PM

Please join us on Wednesday nights at 6 PM through March 16 for a delicious dinner and your choice of classes:

- *Major Religions: So What Is the Difference?* (10 weeks)
- *Jesus in the Letters of Paul* (5 weeks, now through Feb. 10)
- *Iran: An Interactive Discussion About the Past, Present, and Future* (5 weeks, Feb. 17 through March 16)

Sign up with Carla Chieffo.

BLANKET DRIVE

Please consider a contribution to the annual Women's Fellowship Blankets+drive for Church World Service. Donations will be taken in the envelope included in your bulletin during the offering or at coffee hour. All around the world, Church World Services helps impoverished communities with the basic tools they need to sustain their families. Your gifts provide warm blankets, hygiene kits, clean-up buckets, seeds and tools for farming, and food for those in need. Checks may be made payable to St. John's, with “Women's Fellowship” in the memo. Please give a gift of hope to those who have so little.

CHERUB CHOIR

All children ages 4 through 3rd grade are invited to join the **Cherub Choir**, which meets every Wednesday from 5:15 – 5:45 PM. For those new to the program, the purpose of the Cherub Choir is to learn about God's amazing love for us by singing songs, talking about the Bible stories behind the songs, and playing with our friends. The Choir sings in worship on a monthly basis. It's not too late to join! As the seasons change we know your schedules do too, and we welcome all children as their schedules permit. If interested please contact Debbie Ealer.

MILITARY CARE PACKAGES DEADLINE TODAY

Our Deacons are collecting goods for the Military Care Packages. Valentine hearts with decorating materials are on the stage in Fellowship Hall for you to add a person touch during coffee hour. A list of suggested items will be on a box on the stage, or you can visit www.thesoldiersfamily.com. For more information, please contact Shirley Hughes.



BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY YOUTH GROUP WILL BE SUNDAYS FROM 4:30 TO 6:00 PM.

February 7: Faith Stories

Eric will share his faith story!

February 14: ValenGROG!

Love is in the air and that can only mean one thing: it's time to play GROG again!

February 21: Faith Stories

Marcy will share her testimony of faith!

February 28: Faith Stories

An adult or possibly a youth will be sharing personal faith stories!

MEN'S RETREAT – "THE FOURTH QUARTER"

A men's retreat/workshop moderated by Howard Friend is being offered in the Wilson Carriage House **Saturday March 5 from 7:30 am - noon**. The workshop will focus on *discernment for whatever stage in life one may be in*. How is God *calling* me just now, what *gifts* is God inviting me to gather and claim, what *purpose* is God seeking to focus with me. Individuals are to think of the verse: "God is working all things together for good for those who love God and are called according to God's purposes." Even the syntax of the sentence suggests that we provide the "all things" to be worked together for good! If you are interested please contact Jim Little or call the office.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Feb 7	8:00 am	Trustees' Meeting
	8:00 am	Deacons Meeting
	8:00 am	APNC Meeting
Mon, Feb 8	Noon	Carriage Club
	7:00 pm	Stated Session Meeting
Wed, Feb 10	11:30 am	Women's Lenten Luncheon
	5:15 pm	Cherub Choir
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's
Thurs, Feb 18	10:00 am	Women's Morning Bible Study

A Reminder about Staff Days Off

Patrick is out of the office on Fridays and Saturdays.

Eric is out on Saturdays and Tuesdays.

Rody is out on Saturdays and Sundays.

If you email or call on those days, you may not get a response until they are back in the office. Thank you for understanding!



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

It was sad and quiet on that Saturday
He had somewhere to visit before the stone rolled away
He went straight to hell where he knew we would go
So in the worst of our darkness we are never alone

Oh, even then
There is hope, there is grace
Even hell is not a God-forsaken place

- from "God-forsaken Place" by Andy Gullahorn

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