St. John's at Worship Fifth Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements (please pass the fellowship roll)

Introit "Depth of Mercy" Rasbach

*Call to Worship

Leader: For forty days, Jesus wandered through the wilderness and was

tempted by Satan. As we near the end of our journey through the

wilderness of Lent, we *can* celebrate.

People: Beyond the wilderness God always provides a promised land!

Beyond death, God always provides resurrection!

Leader: The season of Lent is a journey toward the death and

resurrection of our Savior.

People: Let us also go, that we may die with him,

and be raised to newness of life.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn **357**, vss. **1**, **5**, **6**

"Just As I Am"

*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

Prayer of Confession

from Psalm 51

All: O Lord, open my lips,

and my mouth will declare your praise. For you have no delight in sacrifice:

if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Leader: How has your spirit been broken?

And how does it *need* to be?

What aspect of your life can you work on this week that will help you take a single step toward the new life of resurrection?

(Silent Confession)

All: May our confession be more than words and thoughts.

May it bring about real transformation in us,

so that we might truly live new lives in Christ. Amen.

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 Luke 18:9 – 14 (pg. 81) Ellen Moeller

The Sacrament of Baptism

Peter Charles Oliver (son of Steve and Ashlee Oliver) Dick Oliver, Elder Assisting As part of the baptismal liturgy, we profess our faith using the 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.

Children and Youth may go to Sunday School after the baptism. Sunday School ends at 10:45.

Anthem "Holy Is the Lord" McDonald

Sermon THE PHARISEE AND THE TAX COLLECTOR Rev.

Marshall

Lenten Series: The Parables of Jesus

Call to Offering

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

Offertory "Offertory"

Neck

*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) "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Hold Us Ever In Your Keeping"

Matheny

Flowers

Postlude "Salut D'Amore" Elgar

*All who are able, please stand

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music Iris Blanco Greeter Virginia Holt

Ushers Bruce Phillips, Nancy Phillips, Mark Ward, Andrew Ward

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

Coffee Service Terry & Ardath Belzer

Guest Musicians *Mirna M. Monclova* (violin), *Lius E. Cuevas* (violin)

Myanna Harvey (viola), Cassia Harvey (cello)

Soloist Miyuki Hashimoto, Brenda Rose, Frank Mercurio,

Jim Ryland

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, Virginia Holt, 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 you will worship with us again soon!

EASTER LILIES

Help us decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday by purchasing a lily for \$10, which is yours to take home following worship. For more information, please see Lisa Estabrook at coffee hour.

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. 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. 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.

WOMEN'S RETREAT - SATURDAY, APRIL 9 (9 AM - 1 PM)

Please join us on **Saturday, April 9** in the Wilson Carriage House for a women's retreat led by Carol Schreck, a retired associate professor at Palmer Seminary and a clinician in Marriage and Family at Kairos Counseling Services in Devon. "The Sacred Journey" is for those who are thirsty for more of God, who are dissatisfied with living on the surface, and who want to travel deeper into God's heart. We will be working with Sharon Brown's book *Sensible Shoes*, which you are encouraged to read prior to the retreat so that you gain familiarity with the spiritual journey being discussed. *Sign-ups are important! Please see Sue Hardin today at coffee fellowship if you plan to attend.* Thank you!

LOST AND FOUND TABLE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please check the LOST AND FOUND table in Fellowship Hall and the front section of the coat rack for jackets and such. Anything remaining after today will be donated to Goodwill.

St. John's Outreach

Want to learn more about the ministries that our church supports? Check out the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall! Every month we highlight two ministries and provide updated information about the two PC(USA) Mission Co-Workers that we support. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact the chair of our Outreach Committee, Janette Scott.

CARRIAGE CLUB

Please join us On Monday, March 14 at Noon for our Carriage Club Luncheon. We will welcome Michael Aichenbaum, Executive Director of Hosts for Hospitals, a nonprofit agency providing free or minimal cost lodging for patients and their families coming to the Greater Philadelphia area for specialized medical care. Reservations are appreciated and can be given to Judy Mileto.



The Middle/High School Youth Group meets from 4:30 to 6:00 PM.

March 13: A look at music and how it relates to faith. We will be exploring a few songs in pop culture and see what they are really saying.

March 20: What does it mean to love your enemy?

March 27: Happy Easter! No Youth Group – enjoy time with your family.

March 28: Devon Horse Show Parking signups will be available online.

April 1: Signup deadline for Sr. High Mission Trip to South Carolina (**Mission Trip participants must sign up for two Devon Horse Show Parking slots**.)

HOLY WEEK

Starting on Palm Sunday, Christians around the world begin a weeklong observance of the events leading up to the death of Jesus on Good Friday and his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday (March 20) Worship at 9:30 AM, with concurrent Sunday School and nursery care. The Sunday School children will take part in the Procession of Palms at the beginning of worship.

Maundy Thursday (March 24) At 7:00 PM St. John's will celebrate the Lord's Supper at a worship service appropriate for all ages. Childcare will be provided for nursery and toddlers through age 4.

Good Friday (March 25) Several churches in our area offer services on this day. Paoli Presbyterian from Noon -3 PM. Wayne Presbyterian from Noon -1 PM. Daylesford Abbey from 3-4 PM.

Egg Hunt (March 26) St. John's will host a community Easter Egg Hunt for children 5th grade and younger on the Carriage House lawn starting at 10:00 AM. Children will hear the Easter story, hunt for eggs, and do a craft. They may bring their Easter basket or we will supply small bags to carry home their goodies.

Easter Sunday (March 29) Celebration of the Resurrection at 9:30 AM worship. No Sunday School or Story Hour on Easter. Childcare will be provided for nursery and toddlers through age 4.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Mar 13	8:00 am	APNC Meeting
	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting
	8:00 am	Women's Biblical Reflections
	11:00 am	Rejoicing Ringers
Mon, Mar 14	12:00 pm	Carriage Club
	7:00 pm	Session Stated Meeting
Wed, Mar 16	5:15 pm	Cherub Choir (age 4-grade 3)
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's
Thurs, Mar 17	6:30 pm	Devon Chapel Bells
	7:45 pm	Chancel Choir
	9:00 pm	Devon Brass

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

"More often than not, the things we detest and judge in others are a reflection of the things we cannot accept about ourselves."

- Iyanla Vanzant