

St. John's at Worship Palm Sunday

Prelude "Palm Sunday Medley" arr. G.
Poehlmann

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

Minute for Mission Community Garden Ryan Hollinger

Introit "Sing Hosanna, Alleluia" *Bonasso*

Scripture Reading Matthew 21:1 – 11 (pg. 23)

*Call to Worship

Leader: Let us wave our palms and join our voices with the multitude, singing, "Hosanna! Save us!"

**People: Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

Leader: Let us worship God!

*Hymn 278 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
PROCESSION OF THE CHILDREN WITH PALMS

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

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

**At the beginning of this holy week,
we are part of the crowd waving palms and shouting, "Hosanna!"
But by the end of the week,
we will be part of the crowd shouting, "Crucify him!"
We praise you one moment, and betray you the next,
through our words, our thoughts, and our actions;
the ways we treat each other,
and the ways we treat your world.
Our lives do not bear the fruit of your Kingdom.
So we cry out, "Hosanna,"
hoping that you will save us,
from our sin and from ourselves.**

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 Matthew 21:12 – 17 (pg. 23) Charlie Krueger

Ordination & Installation of Elders, Deacons, and Trustees, Class of 2019

Presentation of Elected Officers for Ordination

Elder: *Jeff Ealer, Pat Churchill*

Deacon: *Kristi Thomson*

Presentation of Previously Ordained Officers for Installation

Elders: *Jeff Estabrook, Barbara McConnell*

Deacons: *Seth Duncan*

Questions of Ordination and Installation

Ordination Prayer

All those who have previously been ordained as Deacons, Ruling Elders, or Teaching Elders of the church are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.

Commissioning of Trustees

John Lieberman, Jim Little, Jeff Starke

Questions of Commissioning

Commissioning Prayer

Declaration of Ordination, Installation, and Commissioning

Congregational Prayer

We thank you, Lord, for these men and women whom you have called to greater service in the life of the church. Guide them in your way and bless them with everything they need to live out your calling. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, now and forever. May they lead with humility and faithfulness, even as they *are* led by your Holy Spirit. We ask your blessing upon them, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Welcome to the Ministry

Children and Youth may go to Sunday School after the baptism.

Sunday School ends at 10:45.

Anthem "The King of Glory" *Martin*

Scripture Reading Matthew 21:33 – 46 (pg. 24)

Sermon THE PARABLE OF THE VINEYARD 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 "Lift Thine Eyes" arr. *J.J. Hilfiger*

*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 129 (GREEN), vss. 1, 5, 6

"Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Hosanna! The Time Has Come"
Erickson

Postlude "Canon" arr. *D. Marlatt*

*All who are able, please stand

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco*

Greeter *Cammy Wagner*

Ushers *Lauren Feldman, Oliver Feldman,
Carolyn Repke, Matthew Repke*

Flowers *Given by Pam Schafer in memory of my mother
with gratitude, love, joy and sorrow.*

Coffee Service *Dave & Libby Dalrymple*

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

Soloists *Miyuki Hashimoto, Brenda Rose, Jeff Estabrook*

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS, CLASS OF 2016

Session: Mark Ator, Libby Dalrymple, Carolyn Repke, Jim Ryland

Deacons: Lisa Estabrook, Shirley Hughes, Christine Markle, David Sheep

Trustees: Bob Chudy, John Elliott, Alberto Urbina

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, Cammy Wagner, 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.

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!

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.

DINNER CELEBRATING BOB RISK – THIS WEDNESDAY

Join us at Fellini's Cafe in Berwyn for a dinner celebrating the life of Bob Risk on Wednesday, March 23, starting at 5:30 PM. Fellini's was Bob's favorite restaurant, and so many of us have shared meals with him there throughout the years. Wednesday nights feature an opera singer, which Bob especially loved. Seating is limited (40 people max), so it is important that you RSVP with Jen Marshall by Monday, March 21. We hope that you will join us for a night of great food, fellowship, and lots of laughter!

DINNER & A MOVIE – SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Join us from 5 – 8 PM on Sunday, April 17 as we watch and discuss the movie *Life of Pi*. Pizza and drinks will be provided, but we are asking you to bring a dessert for a dessert contest, judged by our youth! More details will be coming soon, but for now, please save the date on your calendar!



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

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 today, 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.

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 27) 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – FIRST NOTICE

A special Congregational Meeting has been called for **Sunday, April 10 at 10:30 AM**, for the purpose of electing the 2016 Congregational Nominating Committee. The proposed candidates are:

Steve Barnes
Judy Mileto
Cammy Wagner

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Wed, Mar 23	5:30 pm	Bob Risk Dinner @ Fellini's
Thurs, Mar 24	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
	7:45 pm	Chancel Choir
	9:00 pm	Devon Brass
Sat, Mar 25	10:00 am	Egg Hunt
Sun, Mar 27	9:30 am	Easter Sunday Worship
Mon, Mar 28		Church Office Closed

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

They cut branches down and handed them round,
a symbol of joy and praising.
And they lined the way for Jesus that day,
palms and voices ready for raising.

Jesus, meantime, had his followers find
a young donkey on which he could ride.
He'd come to that place to show God's saving grace,
that God's on the sufferer's side.

From "The Story of Palm Sunday (As Told for the Young)"
By Andrew King

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