

## St. John's at Worship Third Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" *Rhouda*

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

Introit "O God Our Help in Ages Past" *Watts*

\*Call to Worship Isaiah 9

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!

**People: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.**

Leader: You have increased our joy and we rejoice before you!

**People: For the yoke of our burden and the bar across our shoulders, the rod of our oppressor, you have broken.**

Leader: Let us come to God together in worship!

\*Hymn 8 (GREEN), vss. 1, 3, 4 "Gather Us In"

\*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.**

Unison Prayer of Confession

**We recognize the ways that we have failed to live lives worthy of our calling.**

**You call us to empty ourselves out for the world,**

**but we build ourselves up with money, possessions, and ego.**

**You call us to share your good news,**

**but we focus on the negative.**

**You call us to forgive,**

**but we justify our grudges.**

**You call us to be your people, doing your work in this world,**

**but in so many ways, we serve ourselves.**

**We have not been the people you created and called us to be.**

**Keep creating us.**

**Keep calling us.**

**Keep forgiving us and healing us and loving us,**

**that in the midst of our flaws and failures,**

**our lives might bear witness to the grace and glory**

**that are yours in Jesus 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. Amen.**

Scripture Reading Matthew 4:12 – 23 (pg. 3) Nancy Johnson

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

*Pre-K through 12th grade may go to Sunday School after the children's time.*

*Sunday School ends at 10:45.*

Anthem "Rejoice in God" *arr. Grundahl*

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 1:10 – 18 (pg. 166)

Sermon CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY Rev. Marshall

\*Affirmation of Faith A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,**

**who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,**

**to reconcile and make new,**

**who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,**

**to love and serve others,**

**to seek justice and resist evil,**

**to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,**

**our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Offering (Ushers will also collect blue prayer request cards at the time of the offering.)

Offertory "March of the Priests" *Mozart*

\*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 (If you need to sit for the prayer, please feel free.)

\*Hymn 547, vss. 1 – 3 "O Church of God, United"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "Lord Make Us One" *Dexter*

\*Postlude "Lead On, Oh King Eternal" *Lancashire*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Director of Music** *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

**Greeter** *Carol Netter*

**Ushers** *Jeanne and Chuck Lynam, Don and Ginger Black*

**Coffee Service** *Megan and Sam Hillier*

**Flowers** *Given by Marie Cantafio in memory of her beloved*

*husband, Ralph, and her beloved daughter, Gemma.*

**Guest Musician** *Julia Petters (flute)*

**Devon Brass** *Frank Mercurio and Jeff Estabrook (trumpets),*

*Mark Ator (French horn) and Paul Steege (trombone)*

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, Carol Netter, 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!

**SANDY RELIEF TRIP**

St. John's Sandy Relief Team continues to make monthly trips to New Jersey to help those still recovering from 2012's Hurricane Sandy. The next trips are January 23-25 and March 14-16. You can come for all three days, or just one. Pro or novice, there is always meaningful work to do. For more information, please contact Joe Birmingham, John Griffin, or Howard Friend.

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES

Our next monthly concert will be on **Sunday, January 29 from 5–6 PM**, featuring the music of American composers Cole Porter, Leonard Bernstein, and George Gershwin, sung by Lara Kennedy with Iris and the Harvey sisters, as well as pianist Olga Valiente and flutist Amanda Heckman. These concerts are free and open to the whole community, so please bring a friend and join us for an evening of amazing music!

**BLANKET DRIVE**

Please consider a contribution to the annual Women's Fellowship Blankets+ drive for Church World Service. Donations will be taken using the envelope included in your bulletin during the offering in worship, or at coffee hour January 22 and 29. 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.

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING PANEL – TODAY!**

A panel on human trafficking will be held **today, January 22** from 1–2 PM at Good Samaritan Episcopal Church. Presentations will be coordinated by Julie Uebler, an attorney and member of Good Samaritan, as well as St. John's own Betsy Friend, and a member of the steering committee of Chester County Anti Trafficking Coalition. Professionals in the field will speak on topics such as legislative issues, children and the dangers of the internet, and presentations will be made by a staff member of the newly opened New Day New Home center for 18–24-year-old survivors. Come see how far we have come, and learn ways that you can be involved!

CARRIAGE CLUB

On Monday, February 13 at Noon, Carriage Club will hold its first luncheon of 2017. We will be treated to a presentation by Katie Hoyt McNabb, a local resident and author of the book "Does It Really Say That in the Bible?" The title of her presentation will be "What's the Bible Got to Do With It?" Reservations may be made by contacting Virginia Holt.

**SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S IS BACK!**

Join us on Wednesday night at 6 PM for a delicious meal, great fellowship, and your choice of Adult Education classes (one on spiritual practices and the other, a Bible study on the coming Sunday's scripture readings). For more information, contact Carla Chieffo.

**ANNUAL MEETING – SECOND NOTICE**

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of St. John's is called for **Sunday, January 29 at 10:30 AM** (immediately following worship), for the purpose of:

- Distribution of the Annual Report
- Presentation of the Approved 2017 Budget
- Approval of Pastor's Terms of Call for 2017
- Presentation of the Investment Portfolio
- Update on Lower Level Renovation Project
- Election of Elders, Deacons, and Trustees

The current slate of nominees for officers of the church is as follows:

ELDERS

1. Christine Markle
2. Laurie Cato
3. Pending

DEACONS

1. Patrick Bullock
2. Mary K DaRin
3. Mary Dilloway
4. Stella Urbina

TRUSTEES

1. John McClintick
2. Rich Scott
3. Skip McClennen

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

<b>Sun, Jan. 22</b>	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	10:45 am	Called Session Meeting (Kean Room)
	11:00 am	Music & Worship Committee Meeting (Kean Room)
<b>Mon, Jan. 23</b>	10:00 am	Sewing Group
<b>Wed, Jan. 25</b>	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's
<b>Sun, Jan. 29</b>	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Annual Meeting

Patrick is out of the office on Fridays and Saturdays.  
 Lara 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. If you have a pastoral emergency on Saturday or Sunday, you may call (610) 608-2568.



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**Friday, January 27 – Snow Tubing!**

Meet at the church at 5 PM, and we will drive to AvalanceXpress in York for a fun night of snow tubing, hot chocolate, and games! The cost is \$20 per person (\$3 extra if you want to ice skate).

**Sunday, February 12 – Pancake Breakfast!**

On Sunday, February 12, immediately following worship, the youth will be hosting a pancake breakfast for the whole congregation in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a freewill offering that goes to benefit the Summer Mission Trip, but even if you are not going on the mission trip, we would love for you to help! If you have questions or would like to help, contact Ellen Moeller.



A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

“At its best, the church functions much like a recovery group, a safe place where a bunch of struggling, imperfect people come together to speak difficult truths to one another.

We come as we are – no hiding, no acting, no fear.

We come with our materialism, our pride, our petty grievances against our neighbors.

We come with our fear of death, our desperation to be loved, our troubled marriages, our persistent doubts, our preoccupation with status and image.

We come with our addictions – to substances, to work, to affirmation, to control, to food.

We come with our differences, be they political, theological, racial, or socioeconomic.

We come in search of sanctuary, a safe place to shed the masks and exhale.

We come to air our dirty laundry before God and everybody else because when we do it together we don't have to be afraid.”

- From *Searching for Sunday* by Rachel Held Evans

January 22, 2017  
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