

St. John's at Worship
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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

Introit “Ringing Victoriously” *Michael Mazzatenta*

*Call to Worship Based on Micah 6:6 – 8

Leader: With what shall we come before the Lord,
and bow ourselves before God on high?

People: Shall we come before God with offerings of gold and silver?

Leader: Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of songs?
With ten thousand prayers?

**People: God has told us what is good, and what is required of us:
to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.**

Leader: If we can do that, then let us worship God.

*Hymn 139, vss. 1, 2, 5 “Praise to the Lord, the 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.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Jesus said, “Blessed are the poor and the hungry,
the meek and the merciful,
the peacemakers and the persecuted.”**

**But the world around us blesses wealth and power
and those who attain them.**

**And all too often, those are the blessings *we* seek,
and the people we seek to bless.**

**We fail to recognize your blessings among us,
and when we *do* recognize them,
we often take them for granted.**

**We confess, O Lord, that we ask your blessing on that which we desire.
Help us instead to desire that which you have blessed,
through 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 5:1 – 12 (pg.) John Lieberman

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 “Praise to the Lord” *Raney*

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18 – 31 (pg. 166)

Sermon Rev. Marshall

*Affirmation of Faith A Modern Affirmation

**We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all His works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.
Amen.**

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

Offertory “Give Me Jesus” *Carter*

*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 294 (GREEN) “Go to the World!”

*Benediction

*Choral Response “Lord Make Us One” *Dexter*

*Postlude “Love Lifted Me” *McDonald*

ANNUAL MEETING – TODAY

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of St. John's will begin 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
- Update on Lower Level Renovation Project
- Election of Elders, Deacons, and Trustees

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Andrea Zomber*

Ushers *Jeanne and Chuck Lynam, Kathy & Kate Johnson*

Coffee Service *Glenn and Shirley Hughes*

Flowers *Given by Cindy and Paul Wilson, In appreciation of our wonderful St. John's family.*

Rejoicing Ringers *Susan Bain, Brigitte Belzer, Cat Duncan, Sarah Duncan, Connor Feldman, Oliver Feldman, Nate Geiger, Sarah Geiger, Heather Hughes*

Guest Musician *Olga Valiente (piano)*

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, Andrea Zomber, 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!

BLANKET DRIVE – LAST DAY!

Today is the last day to make a contribution to the annual Women's Fellowship Blankets+ drive for Church World Services. Donations will be taken using the envelope included in your bulletin during the offering in worship, 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.

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.

ST. JOHN'S MONTHLY CONCERT SERIES – TONIGHT!

Our next monthly concert will be **today 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!

YOUTH MINISTRY

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.

MILITARY CARE PACKAGES

The deacons are collecting for three care packages intended for troops serving abroad. To help, please see the Deacon's bulletin board in Fellowship Hall with suggested food and toiletry donations. Take 1 or 2 purple hearts, sign-up, and purchase enough of your item to be distributed somewhat equally. Cash donations are welcome so that we can purchase items as needed. Also, one of the most requested items is letters of gratitude, so please note that there will be a table with notepaper for adults and valentine materials for the children. Our collection runs through Feb. 26, and items can be dropped off in the bins below the Deacon's board. For further information, please contact Linda Duncan.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Jan. 29	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Annual Meeting
		NO Rejoicing Ringers rehearsal
	5:00 pm	St. John's Concert Series
Mon, Jan. 30	7:30 pm	Website Committee (Kean Room)
Wed, Feb 1	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's
Thurs, Feb 2	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Devon Chapel Bells rehearsal
Sun, Feb 5	8:00 am	Deacon's Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
		Communion (Intinction)
	5:00 pm	Ladies Night Out



A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

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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What is broken God blesses,
not the perfectly brick-on-brick prison
but the shattered wall
that announces freedom to the world,
proclaims the irascible spirit of the human
rebellious against lies, against betrayal,
against taking what is not deserved;
the human complaint is what God blesses,
our impoverished dirt roads filled with cripples,
what is broken is baptized,
the irreverent disbeliever,
the addict's arm seamed with needle marks
is a thread line of a blanket
frayed and bare from keeping the man warm.
We are all broken ornaments...

We work, we worry, we love
but always with compassion
reflecting our blessings –
in our brokenness
thrives life, thrives light, thrives
the essence of our strength,
each of us a warm fragment,
broken off from the greater
ornament of the unseen,
then rejoined as dust,
to all this is.

From "What Is Broken Is What God Blesses"
by Jimmy Santiago Baca

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