

St. John's at Worship Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

*Call to Worship From Psalm 119

Leader: Blessed are those who seek the Lord with their whole heart and walk in God's ways.

**People: We will praise God with an upright heart!
With my whole heart, I will seek you!**

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord!
We treasure your Word in our hearts
and fix our eyes on your way.

**People: Revive us according to your Word.
Teach us your way and let us cling to you.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

*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.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, heal the wounds in our hearts and minds
that open us to sin.**

**Where we have strayed from you and lived in ways that are
selfish, controlling, or fearful;
where we have treated our bodies, our resources,
our neighbors, and this world unlovingly,
we are ready to be healed.**

**May your faithfulness to us stir up our faithfulness to you,
And by your grace, may we live in love, because you are love,
and we want to live with you.**

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 Deuteronomy 30:15 – 20 (pg. 186) Judy Mileto

Children's Choir Rev. Marshall
*Pre-K through 12th grade may go to Sunday School after the children's time.
Sunday School ends at 10:45.*

Anthem "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" Nelson

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:21 – 37 (pg. 21)

Sermon EXCEEDING RIGHTEOUSNESS Rev. Marshall

*Affirmation of Faith

From the Iona Abbey

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of the One God,
maker and sustainer of earth, sea, and sky.**

**Born of Mary's womb, faithful to the God of Abraham and Sarah,
Jesus healed the sick, served the poor,
and proclaimed heaven on earth.**

**Condemned by the righteous, crucified by the state, he died,
but transformed even death and rose to life everlasting.**

**He blessed the disciples with his Holy Spirit and sent them forth,
east and west, north and south.**

**We commit ourselves to Jesus,
to one another as brothers and sisters,
and to his mission in the world,
in the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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

Offertory "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" *McMichael*

*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 **408** "The Gift of Love"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Peace and Love" *Dexter*

*Postlude "Lead On, O King Eternal" *McMichael*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Virginia Holt*

Ushers *Dave Dalrymple, Tom Higgins,*

Frank Grande, John Shaw

Coffee Service *Youth Group and Women's Fellowship*

Flowers *In loving memory of George R. Horton Jr.,
from your grandchild, Lauren Feldman, and family.*

Guest Musicians *Julia Petters (flute) Cassia Harvey (cello)*

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 greeters, 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!

ST. JOHN'S MONTHLY CONCERT SERIES

Our next monthly concert will be **Sunday, February 19 from 5–6 PM**, featuring Iris Blanco, Lara Kennedy, the Harvey sisters, and others performing "Folk Songs Around the World." These concerts are free and open to the whole community, so please bring a friend and join us for an evening of amazing music!

WOMEN'S LENTEN LUNCHEON

Wednesday, March 1 is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the Lenten season. The Lenten Luncheon is an annual tradition where the women of the church gather to share a meal, worship together, and have communion. This year worship will be led by the Rev. Jane DeFord, an ordained minister currently serving as vacancy coordinator for the Presbytery. Please join us! We will begin at 11:30 AM and conclude around 1:00 PM. We encourage you to bring your friends, sisters, mothers, neighbors – all are welcome! RSVPs are appreciated, and you can sign up during coffee hour or contact Kathy Johnson or Marianne McClennen.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RETREATS

On Saturday, May 6, we will be holding two separate retreats for men and women. Gavin Kerr will be leading the men's retreat here at St. John's, and Nicole Duran will be leading the women's retreat at Daylesford Abbey. This will be a great opportunity to deepen your faith, as well as your relationships with others in the church. More information will be coming soon, but please save the date on your calendar if you are interested!

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.

THANK YOU!

Women's Fellowship would like to thank the St. John's family for making out annual Church World Service Blankets+ drive a success! Your gifts will make a significant difference to a person, family, or community somewhere in the world. Thank you for your generous support!

CARRIAGE CLUB – TOMORROW

Tomorrow 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 can still be made by contacting Virginia Holt.



Today, February 12 – Pancake Breakfast!

Immediately following worship this morning, 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. We will be telling you a little bit about where the group will be going and what they will be doing. Please come down, have some delicious food, and support St. John’s youth!

Sunday, February 26 – Youth Group Mission Project

Meet at the church from 4:30 – 6 PM for food, games, and a surprise mission project!

Sunday, March 19 – Mission Trip Meeting

All youth going on the mission trip (and their parents) are asked to meet in the Carriage House after worship (11 AM until Noon) to start covering some basics for this summer’s mission trip.

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

Sun, Feb 12	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Pancake Breakfast
Mon, Feb 13	12:00 pm	Carriage Club
	7:00 pm	Stated Session Meeting
Wed, Feb 15	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John’s
Thurs, Feb 16	10:00 am	Women’s Bible Study
Sat, Feb 18	8:30 am	Interfaith Group
Sun, Feb 19	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	5:00 pm	St. John’s Concert Series

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 a Saturday, you may call (610) 608-2568.

ST. JOHN’S LEADERSHIP

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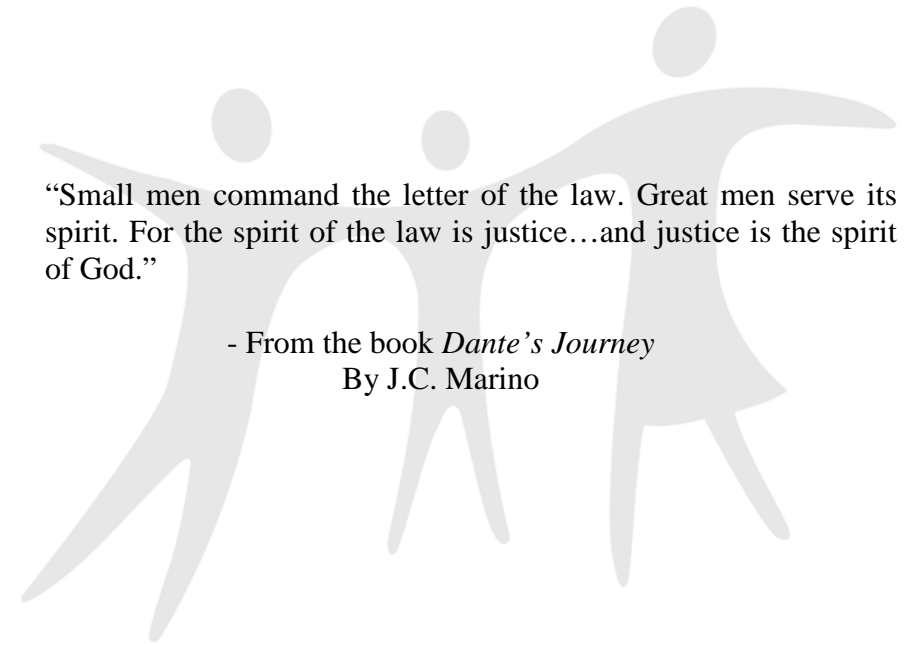


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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



“Small men command the letter of the law. Great men serve its spirit. For the spirit of the law is justice...and justice is the spirit of God.”

- From the book *Dante’s Journey*
By J.C. Marino

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