

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

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

Introit "Get Together" *Powers*

*Call to Worship from the hymn *Come Down, O Love Divine*

Leader: Come down, O love divine,

**People: Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardor glowing.**

Leader: O Comforter, draw near,

**People: Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

Leader: O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming.

**People: And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

*Hymn **62, vss. 1, 5, 7** "All Creatures of Our God and King"

*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

**Lord, you call us to love our neighbor *and* our enemy;
to treat others the way we want to be treated.**

While that sounds so simple, it is incredibly hard to live out.

**We confess that we consistently fall short of that calling;
sometimes in big ways,**

sometimes in small, subtle ways that we don't even notice.

May we find forgiveness – with you and with each other.

Make us more aware of *all* our neighbors.

Create room in our hearts for their needs, and not just our own.

**Help us to accept others the way we hope to be accepted;
to love them the way we hope to be loved.**

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 Leviticus 19:1 – 2, 9 – 18 (pg.106) Seth Duncan

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 "Thanks Be to God" *Pote*

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:38 – 48 (pg.4)

Sermon PERFECT LOVE Rev. Marshall

At the end of the sermon, we will have a moment of silent reflection and prayer.

*Affirmation of Faith from 1 John 4

Love is from God.

Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

God's love was revealed among us in this way:

God sent his only son into the world

so that we might live through him.

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that God loved us

and sent his son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

No one has ever *seen* God;

if we love one another, God lives in us,

and his love is perfected in us.

We have seen and do testify

that the Father sent his son as the savior of the world.

So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God,

and God abides in them.

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

Offertory Joy Messengers

*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 **384, vss. 1, 3, 4** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Peace and Love" *Dexter*

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Virginia Holt*

Ushers *Dave Dalrymple, John Shaw*

Coffee Service *Earline Eck*

Flowers *Given by Betsy & Bob Miller, in loving memory of our parents, Robert & Eleanor Miller, and James & Alice Gillespie*

Guest Musicians *Christina Fish (oboe)*

Joy Messengers *Nancy Kimmons, John Senior, Lauren Feldman,*

Linda Duncan, Lisa Howell

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!

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.

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S

Supper at St. John's has reached the mid-point of its winter/spring program. The group discussing Sunday scripture readings with Patrick will continue to meet in the Carriage House. The spiritual disciplines class in the Kean Room will move on to discussing videos of thought-provoking sermons delivered by well-known pastors. Anyone is welcome to join either group following the delicious dinner served every Wednesday at 6 PM.

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.

MISSING COMMUNION CLOTHS

We cannot find the white cloths that are used to cover the communion bread trays. If anyone took them home to wash them or knows where they might be, please contact Pat Churchill or just drop them off in Lara's office.

ST. JOHN'S MONTHLY CONCERT SERIES – TONIGHT!

Our next monthly concert will be **today 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!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST – THANK YOU!

We want to thank everyone who came, cooked, set up, or in any other way helped with last week's Youth Pancake Breakfast. Through your generosity we collected a freewill offering of \$845. That is enough to take almost \$50 off the cost of the trip for everyone going! A very special thank you to Ellen Moeller who organized the whole event. (Although Ellen will tell you that she was just follow previous years' notes, she really did a great job bringing everyone together!) Thank you all for your support of our youth and this year's mission trip!

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Feb 19	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	5:00 pm	St. John's Concert Series
Sun, Feb 26	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
Mon, Feb 27	10:00 am	Sewing Group
Wed, Mar 1	11:30 am	Lenten Luncheon



A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



Sunday, February 26 – Youth Group Mission Project

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

Thursday, March 16 – Mission Trip Fundraiser at Panera Bread

From 4 – 8 PM on Thursday, March 16, a portion of your purchase at Panera Bread in Gateway Shopping Center will be given back to St. John's to benefit our summer mission trip! Everyone is invited to come and eat...just be sure to tell your cashier that you are there for St. John's.

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.

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.



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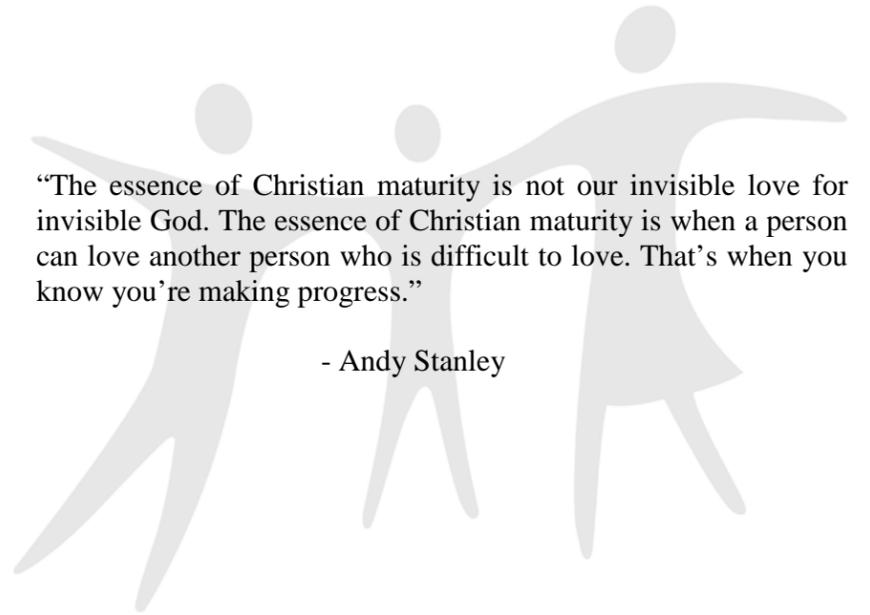
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“The essence of Christian maturity is not our invisible love for invisible God. The essence of Christian maturity is when a person can love another person who is difficult to love. That's when you know you're making progress.”

- Andy Stanley

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