

St. John's at Worship Transfiguration of the Lord

Prelude "I'm Getting Ready to Believe" *Kiwanuka*

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

Introit "Morning Canticle" *Tucker*

*Call to Worship

Leader: On this Transfiguration Sunday, we remember that Jesus and three of his disciples went up on a mountain to pray...

**People: While they were there, Jesus was transformed!
The glory of God was revealed,
and they understood who he was.**

Leader: In the same way, *we* have gathered *here* to behold the glory of God, so that *we* might understand who he is and be transformed ourselves.

People: Let your glory shine on us, Lord, as we worship you!

*Hymn 73, vss. 1, 2, 5 "O Worship the 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

**You call us to be holy, as *you* are holy,
and reflect a different way of living and being in the world:
to care for the poor and the hungry, the sick and the suffering;
to make a place for those who do not belong;
to stand up against injustice and oppression,
and speak up for those who have no voices;
to be compassionate in the face of indifference,
and merciful in the face of judgment;
to forgive as we have been forgiven and love as we are loved.
And we do...sometimes...when it is easy or convenient.
For the times that we fall short, we seek your forgiveness,
that your grace would lead us to greater love for our neighbor,
because when we fail to love our neighbor, we fail to love 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 Matthew 17:1 – 9 (pg. 18) Paul Steege

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 "Go Up to the Mountain of God" *Helman*

Scripture Reading Psalm 99 (pg. 552)

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

*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.
He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father, Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

Offertory "Waiting on an Angel" *Harper*

*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 103, vss. 1, 3, 4 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Peace and Love" *Dexter*

*Postlude "Timshel" *Mumford*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Debbie Ealer*

Ushers *Tom Higgins, John Sha, Dave Dalrymple, David Sheep*

Coffee Service *Cindy and Gavin Kerr*

Flowers *Given by the Estabrook family in honor of our parents:
Leonard & Sara Luckenbach and Kenneth & Virginia
Estabrook*

Handbell Choir *Brigitte Belzer, Marilyn Benton, Sue Chudy, Cat Duncan,
Sarah Duncan, Christina Fish, Sarah Geiger, Nate Geiger,
Heather Hughes, Sue Beth Johnson, Elizabeth Unger,
Andrew Ward*

Guest Musicians *Anders Hyatt (voice/guitar), Julia Petters (flute)*

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, Debbie Ealer, 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!

CONGREGATIONAL JOYS & CONCERNS

We celebrate with Jennifer Roberts and her husband Steve Primiano as they celebrate the birth of their daughter Elisha on Wednesday!

Our hearts go out to Ken & Nancy Coradi and family on the death of Nancy's mother this past week.

Janette Scott would like to thank everyone who has reached out with cards and calls over the past few weeks following her mother's passing. The love and support of the St. John's family has been such a blessing during this time.

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 – ENDS TODAY!

Today is the last day to donate items for care packages for troops serving abroad. To help, please see the Deacon's bulletin board in Fellowship Hall with suggested food and toiletry donations. Items can be dropped off in the bins below the Deacon's board. You can also make a card or write a personal note that will be included in the packages. 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.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

A local theater company was in need of space to rehearse for an upcoming production of *The Addams Family*. St. John's has gladly opened our doors to them and allowed them to use the Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays at 7 PM, from now through the month of March. To show their appreciation, they are generously donating 25 tickets for anyone who would be interested in attending. The show will run in late April and May, and we will let you know how to sign up for tickets in the coming weeks.

WOMEN'S LENTEN LUNCHEON – WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday 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.



Sunday, February 26 – Youth Group Mission Project

Meet in the Fellowship Hall 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.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Feb 26	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	4:30 pm	Youth Group
Mon, Feb 27	10:00 am	Sewing Group
	7:00 pm	Adult Christian Ed. Meeting
Tues, Feb 28	7:00 pm	Play Rehearsal in Fellowship Hall
Wed, Mar 1	11:30 am	Lenten Luncheon
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's
Sun, Mar 5	8:00 am	Deacons Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School

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.

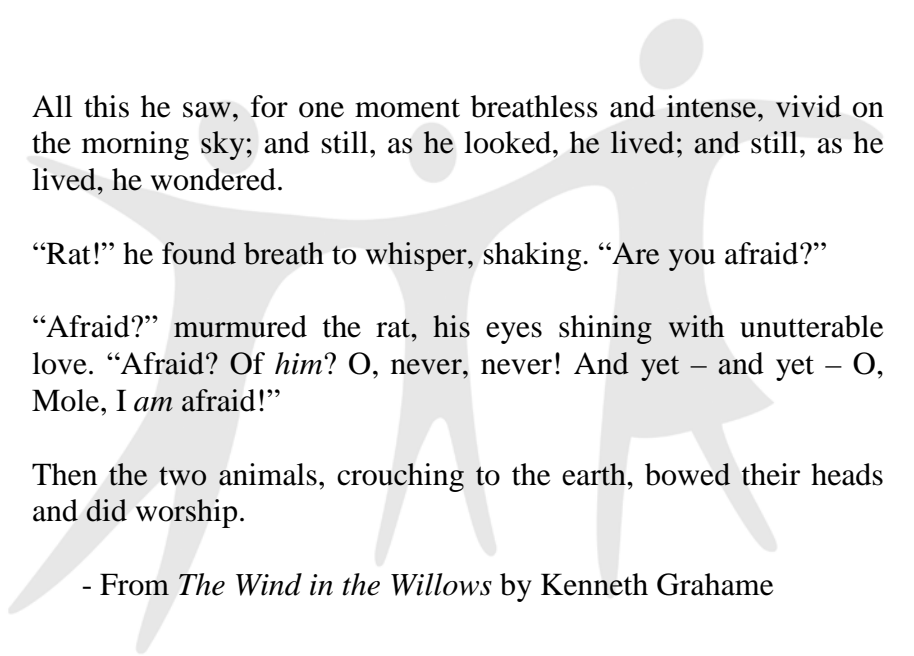


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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



All this he saw, for one moment breathless and intense, vivid on the morning sky; and still, as he looked, he lived; and still, as he lived, he wondered.

“Rat!” he found breath to whisper, shaking. “Are you afraid?”

“Afraid?” murmured the rat, his eyes shining with unutterable love. “Afraid? Of *him*? O, never, never! And yet – and yet – O, Mole, I *am* afraid!”

Then the two animals, crouching to the earth, bowed their heads and did worship.

- From *The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame

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