

St. John's at Worship First Sunday in Lent

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

*Call to Worship

Leader: For forty days Noah wandered the wilderness of the flooded earth.

**People: We wander with him now,
searching for a place where we can begin again.**

Leader: For forty years Moses and the people of Israel wandered through the wilderness of Sin.

**People: We wander with them now,
searching for a promised land.**

Leader: For forty days Jesus wandered through the wilderness and was tempted by Satan.

**People: We wander with him now,
searching for the righteousness of God.**

Leader: As we begin our forty days of wandering through the wilderness of Lent, let us worship God!

*Hymn **269, vss. 1 – 4** “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

*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

From Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you – you alone – have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight.**

Purge me...and I shall be clean.

Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.**

**Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

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

Psalm 32 (pg. 506)

Mildred Del Valle

Cherub Choir

“Jesus Loves Me”

Debbie Ealer, Director

“Deep and Wide”

Pre-K through 4th grade may go to Sunday School after the cherub choir.

Grades 5 – 12 stay for communion. Sunday School ends at 10:45.

Sermon

CONFESSION

Rev. Marshall

Anthem

“Just As I Am, I Come”

McDonald

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Traditional)

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

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

Offertory

“Abide With Me”

arr. Newman

*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 **390**

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

*Benediction

*Choral Response

“Word of the Father”

Bell

*Postlude

“Because I Have Been Given Much”

arr. Valadez

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music

Iris Blanco-Urgelles

Greeter

Andrea Zomber

Ushers

Gordon & Mimi Wright, Skip & Marianne McClennen

Flowers

Given by Marie Cantafio in memory of my beloved

husband, Ralph, and my beloved daughter, Gemma.

Cherub Choir

James Adams, Ryan Crill, Sarah Crill, Luke Ealer,

Brandon Marshall, Emily Marshall, and Ryan Marshall

Guest Musicians

Tom McCauley (viola)

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!

SANDY RELIEF TRIP MARCH 14–16

March 14–16 will be our 44th trip over four plus years. We now have the joy of completing homes, becoming ready for residents to finally move back in. We welcome two, three, and four-day volunteers. Six are already signed up for three days this trip. We have arranged extra sleeping space in the home next door to our regular host...we'd love to use it! Contact Dan Sutton, Howard Friend, or Joe Birmingham to sign up or with questions.

THANK YOU FROM THE DEACONS

The Deacons want to thank you for your generous donations to our military package project. On Feb. 28, our youth helped to package and inventory four care packages enclosed with your many items, including valentines and letters of gratitude. These packages were sent abroad to our four military contacts, and it is our hope that they will serve to brighten and facilitate a soldier's day. Perhaps most of all they will be reminded that their sacrifice and service is not forgotten. Thank you again for your generous contributions and for helping us to spread some cheer.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to sign up to sponsor flowers in 2017, please contact Lauren Feldman. Cowan's Flowers creates the bouquets and bills the sponsor directly at a cost of \$48. Sponsors may take the flowers home after worship on Sunday, or donate them to one of our homebound or hospitalized members. We are still in need of flower sponsors for the spring and summer! In addition, we are in need of quart-sized containers. Do you eat large containers of yogurt, pre-made soups, or soups from Chinese takeout? Save your containers and leave them in the flower cabinet of the kitchen. Thank you!

TEACHER APPRECIATION DINNER

The Christian Education committee invites all teachers (children's Sunday School and adult classes, too) along with their spouses/significant other to dinner at Howard and Betsy Friend's house on Saturday, April 1 at 6:30 PM. We are grateful for all that you do in the classroom to lead others to Christ. Teaching is such a tremendous gift to give to our congregation and we could not be able to provide such a wonderful set of programs without your help. (This is an adults-only event.) Please RSVP to Jeff Ealer at by March 18.

ST. JOHN'S MONTHLY CONCERT SERIES

Our next monthly concert will be on **Sunday, March 26 at 4 PM** as we welcome The Brandywine Singers to perform two J.S. Bach motets. Tickets are required for this event, and may be purchased by visiting www.thebrandywinesingers.org or seeing Lara in the office during regular hours. Please join us for an evening of beautiful music!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

The Associate Pastor's office received a much-needed paint job this past week and looks fantastic! Stop in and check it out.



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. We will be distributing flyers that you will need to present to your cashier in order for the church to get credit.

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, Mar 5	8:00 am	Deacons Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
Tues, Mar 7	7:00 pm	Play Rehearsal in Fell. Hall
Wed, Mar 8	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's
Sun, Mar 12	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
Mon, Mar 13	7:00 pm	Session 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 a Saturday, you may call (610) 608-2568.



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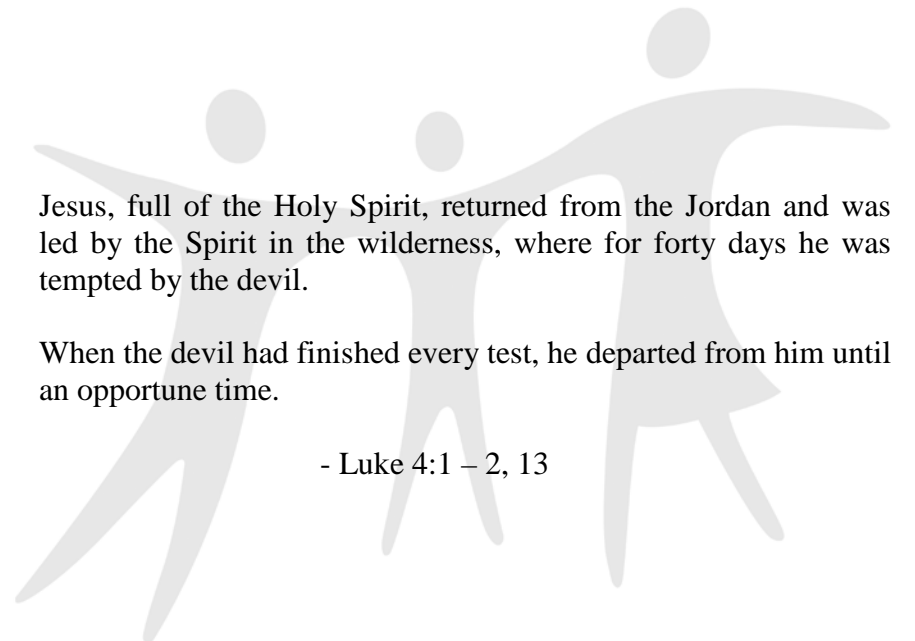
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Lara Kennedy, Church Administrator (lara.kennedy@stjohnsdevon.com)



A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.

When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

- Luke 4:1 – 2, 13

March 5, 2017

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