

St. John's at Worship Second Sunday in Lent

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

Introit "Wayfaring Stranger" *Traditional*

*Call to Worship

Leader: We have begun our journey through the wilderness of Lent, toward the cross of Christ and the death of our savior.

People: God walks with us, giving us hope in times of despair, life in times of death!

Leader: We are journeying toward the day when Christ died so that we would live, and rose again so that we would never die.

People: The journey of Lent is a journey of new life! God is making all things new!

Leader: Let us worship God!

*Hymn **129 (GREEN), vss. 1, 2, 4, 5**

"Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights"

*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

We often feel like we have to make life work on our own, apart from you, Lord, and apart from each other.

We trust more in our own strength and ability than we do in yours.

Or we so doubt ourselves that we end up doubting your ability to do anything good in or through us.

The truth is, we need your help.

We cannot make life work on our own.

Our lives and the life of the world around us are proof of that.

We are held captive by fears and doubts; by mistakes and pain.

Heal our wounds, forgive our sins, and set us free.

Apart from you, we can do nothing.

But guided by your Spirit, we can do all things, through Christ who strengthens us.

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 121 (pg. 571)

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

Pre-K through 4th grade may go to Sunday School after the children's time. Sunday School ends at 10:45.

Anthem "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" *arr. Young*

Sermon HELP 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 *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 **132** "All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Word of the Father" *Bell*

*Postlude *Joy Messengers*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco Urgelles*

Greeter *Andrea Zomber*

Ushers *Nancy & Bruce Phillips, Jim & Jordan Little*

Flowers *In loving memory of George J. Fielden, Sr. by his loving family*

Joy Messengers *Nancy Kimmons, John Senior, Lauren Feldman, Linda Duncan, Lisa Howell*

Guest Musicians *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, 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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to sign up to sponsor flowers in 2017, please contact Pat Marshall. 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!

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!

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 by March 18.**

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!



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. You will need to present the flyer included in today's bulletin 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 12	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	11:00 am	Deacon Training, Kean Room
Mon, Mar 13	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
Tues, Mar 14	7:00 pm	Play Rehearsal, Fell. Hall
Wed, Mar 15	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's
Thurs, Mar 16	4 – 8 pm	St. John's Night at Panera

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

Lent by Ann Weems

Lent is a time to take the time
to let the power of our faith story take hold of us,
a time to let the events
get up and walk around in us,
a time to intensify
our living unto Christ,
a time to hover over
the thoughts of our hearts,
a time to place our feet in the streets of Jerusalem
or to walk along the sea and listen to his word,
a time to touch his robe
and feel the healing surge through us,
a time to ponder and a time to wonder...

Lent is a time to allow a fresh new taste of God!

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