

St. John's at Worship Third Sunday in Lent

Prelude "Canon of Grace" *Linda Lamb*

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

Introit "I Feel My Savior's Love" *arr. Valadez*

*Call to Worship From Psalm 100

Leader: Even in the midst of our journey through the Lenten wilderness, we *can* celebrate.

People: Beyond the wilderness God always provides a promised land! Beyond death, God always provides resurrection!

Leader: So make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

People: Worship the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to the Lord and bless God's name!

People: For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations!

*Hymn **25 (GREEN)** "Psalm 95: Come, Worship God"

*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

There are so many voices, in us and around us, that speak louder than yours, Lord.

Voices of power and greed and pride; voices of anger and fear and shame.

It is so easy to listen to *those* voices and let them tell us who we are and how we should live.

It is much harder to hear and heed *your* voice.

Forgive us for the ways we do not listen, to you and to our neighbors.

Heal our spiritual deafness, that we may have ears to hear your voice, faith to trust that what you say is true, and courage to live it out, in Christ.

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 95 (pg. 550) Jim Little

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 God, Your Love Has Called Us" *Busarow*

Sermon LISTEN Rev. Marshall

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

*Affirmation of Faith from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1983)

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,

praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Offertory "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" *Zipp*

*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 **21 (GREEN), vss. 1 – 3** "We Will Glorify"

*Benediction

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

*Postlude "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" *McMichael*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco Urgelles*

Greeter *Jim Netter*

Ushers *John & Barbara Alexander, Jim & Jordan Little*

Flowers *In loving memory of my mother with gratitude, love, joy, and sorrow, given by Pam Schafer.*

Bells *Susan Bain, Marilyn Benton, Sue Chudy, Christina Fish, Sue Johnson, Sue Hardin, Elizabeth Unger, Andrew Ward*

Guest Musicians *Crystal Charles (mezzo soprano)*

Myanna Harvey (violin/viola)

Alexandr Kislitsyn (violin)

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, Jim Netter, 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!

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!

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!

DID YOU KNOW...?

Our Outreach Committee has a bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall that highlights several of our mission partners each month. Stop by, take a look, and learn a little more about the ways that St. John's is supporting God's work in the world!

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 as soon as possible.**



Today – 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – FIRST NOTICE

A special meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of St. John’s has been called for **Sunday, April 2**, immediately following morning worship, for two purposes:

First, we will be electing the congregational representatives for the 2017 Nominating Committee. The proposed candidates are: **Don Black, Janette Scott, and Libby Dalrymple.**

Second, we will be voting on a proposed amendment to the Bylaws of the Corporation. Article IV, Section 2 currently reads:

“The Board of Trustees shall consist of nine (9) individuals, three (3) of whom shall be elected annually from among the members of the Corporation. The term of said Trustees shall be three (3) years. All new terms shall begin on April 1. A Trustee upon completion of a full term may not be re-elected or appointed until one (1) year has elapsed.

The proposed amendment will change this section to read:

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ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

Tues, Mar 21	7:00 pm	Play Rehearsal, Fell. Hall
Wed, Mar 22	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John’s
Sun, Mar 26	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School Installation of new Elders, Deacons, and Trustees
Sun, April 1	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School Communion (Intinction)

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

“Worship does not satisfy our hunger for God – it whets our appetite. Our need for God is not taken care of by engaging in worship – it deepens.”

– From *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*
by Eugene Peterson

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