

## St. John's at Worship Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

Introit **11 (GREEN), vs. 1** “Be Still, for the Presence”

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus says that we do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**People: We come to God because there is a hunger in our hearts  
that cannot be satisfied by food.**

Leader: Jesus says, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me.  
Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.”

**People: We come to God because our souls are thirsty  
for what only God can give.**

Leader: Jesus says, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for  
righteousness, for they will be filled!”

**People: May our hunger and thirst be filled as we worship God.**

\*Hymn **81 (INSERT)** “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 *The Book of Common Prayer*

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
in word, thought, and deed,  
by what we have said and done,  
and by what we have left *unsaid* and *undone*.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart,  
and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**May our confession lead to true repentance,  
turning away from sin, and turning back to you.**

**Have mercy on us and remind us of your forgiveness;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

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 130 (pg. 573) Nancy Davis

Cherub Choir “Light of the World” Debbie Ealer, Director  
*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 LAMENT Rev. Marshall  
*At the end of the sermon, we will have a moment of silent reflection and prayer.*

Anthem “O Sacred Head Now Wounded” *Leaf*

**Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper** (Intinction)

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion of the People

*You are invited to come forward by the center aisle, take a piece of bread,  
dip it in the cup, and return to your seat by the outside aisle.*

Prayer after Communion

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

Offertory “I Wanna Be Ready” *Miller*

\*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 **178, vss. 1, 2, 4** “Hope of the World”

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response “Lord in Your Mercy” *Bell*

\*Postlude “The Love of God” *Lehman*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Director of Music**

*Iris Blanco*

**Greeter**

*Jim Netter*

**Ushers**

*Don & Ginger Black, Jim Little, Jordan Little*

**Flowers**

*Given by Bruce & Nancy Phillips*

*“Happy birthday, Mom. We miss you!”*

**Coffee Service**

*Tom & Nancy Higgins*

**Guest Musicians**

*Luciana Piovan (Soprano), Crystal Charles (mezzo),*

*Julia Peters (clarinet)*

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!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

From now until Easter Sunday, we will be collecting the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering. This offering goes to provide water, food, and disaster relief for those in need around the world. Please use the envelopes in your bulletin (and if you don’t use them, please leave them here so we can use them next week).

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

We are still in need of flower sponsors for the spring and summer! If you would like to sign up, please contact Pat Marshall. Cowan’s Flowers creates the bouquets and bills the sponsor directly at a cost of \$48. You may take the flowers home after worship or donate them to one of our homebound or hospitalized members.

EASTER LILIES

Help us decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday by purchasing a lily for \$10, which is yours to take home following worship. You can sign up today in the Fellowship Hall.

**JOIN THE SANDY RELIEF TEAM: APRIL 4–6**

Join us from Tuesday, April 4 to Thursday, April 6, for one, two, or all three days as we continue the work of rebuilding homes destroyed by Hurricane Sandy. We are poised to finish a home so the owner can finally move in! Contact Howard Friend to sign up or with questions.

CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY – APRIL 23

Help us prepare for the upcoming renovation project! Following worship on Sunday, April 23, we will be cleaning out the kitchen and closets, reorganizing storage areas, and disposing of unneeded items. You can wear your work clothes to worship, and lunch will be provided for all who help.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER – APRIL 29

The arrival of spring means it’s time for St. John’s Annual Progressive Dinner. Plan to join us on **Saturday, April 29 at 6 PM** at the home of Andrea and Michael Zomber, conveniently located right across from the church. After some time for conversation with appetizers and drinks, we will split into small groups for dinner and dessert in individual homes. It’s a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends or meet new ones! You can sign up during Coffee Fellowship or by contacting Nancy Phillips. Please consider hosting a dinner where we will supply the recipes for the entrée, and the guests supply the rest, including drinks. The cost is \$5 per person or \$10 per couple (no fee for hosts). We look forward to seeing you on April 29!

MEN’S AND WOMEN’S RETREATS

On Saturday, May 6, we will be holding two separate retreats for men and women. The men’s retreat is titled, “Building Your Legacy in God’s Grace,” and will be led by Gavin Kerr here at St. John’s. Contact Jim Little to sign up. The women’s retreat is titled, “Bread for the Journey,” and will be led by Nicole Duran at Daylesford Abbey. Contact Carla Chieffo to sign up. Both Jim and Carla will be available to answer questions or sign you up at coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall following worship. This will be a great opportunity to deepen your faith, as well as your relationships with others in the church!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING OUR CLERK OF SESSION

For the past six years, Jeff Wagner has served faithfully and well as St. John's Clerk of Session. As of yesterday, his term has ended and he is moving into a time of much-deserved rest. We are happy to announce that Sam Hillier will be taking over as Clerk of Session! If you have any items that require the Session's attention, please contact Sam Hillier. (The Session meets on the second Monday of each month.)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – TODAY

A special meeting of the Congregation & Corporation of St. John's will be held immediately following worship today, 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:

*“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 serve two consecutive terms, after which time he/she may not be re-elected or appointed until one (1) year has elapsed.*

HOLY WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

**Palm Sunday (April 9)** Worship at 9:30 AM, with concurrent Sunday School and nursery care. The Sunday School children will take part in the Procession of Palms at the beginning of worship.

**Maundy Thursday (April 13)** At 7:00 PM St. John's will celebrate the Lord's Supper at a worship service appropriate for all ages. Childcare will be provided for nursery and toddlers through age 4.

**Egg Hunt (April 15)** St. John's will host a community Easter Egg Hunt for children 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger on the Carriage House lawn starting at 10 AM. Children will hear the Easter story, hunt for eggs, and play games. They may bring their Easter basket or we will supply small bags to carry home their goodies.

**Easter Sunday (April 16)** Celebration of the Resurrection at 9:30 AM worship. There will not be Sunday School on Easter, however childcare will be provided for nursery and toddlers through age 4.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

<b>Sun, April 2</b>	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School Communion (Intinction)
	10:30 am	Special Meeting of the Congregation/Corporation
<b>Mon, April 3</b>	7:30 pm	Trustees Election of Officers
<b>Sun, April 9</b>		<b>Palm Sunday</b>
	8:00 am	Trustees Stated Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
<b>Mon, April 10</b>	6:00 pm	All Boards Dinner
	7:00 pm	Session Meeting (Kean Room)
	7:00 pm	Deacons Meeting (Carr. House)
<b>Thur, April 13</b>		<b>Maundy Thursday</b>
	7:00 pm	Worship & Communion
<b>Sat, April 15</b>	10:00 am	Egg Hunt (Carriage House)
<b>Sun, April 16</b>		<b>Easter Sunday</b>
	9:30 am	Worship

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.

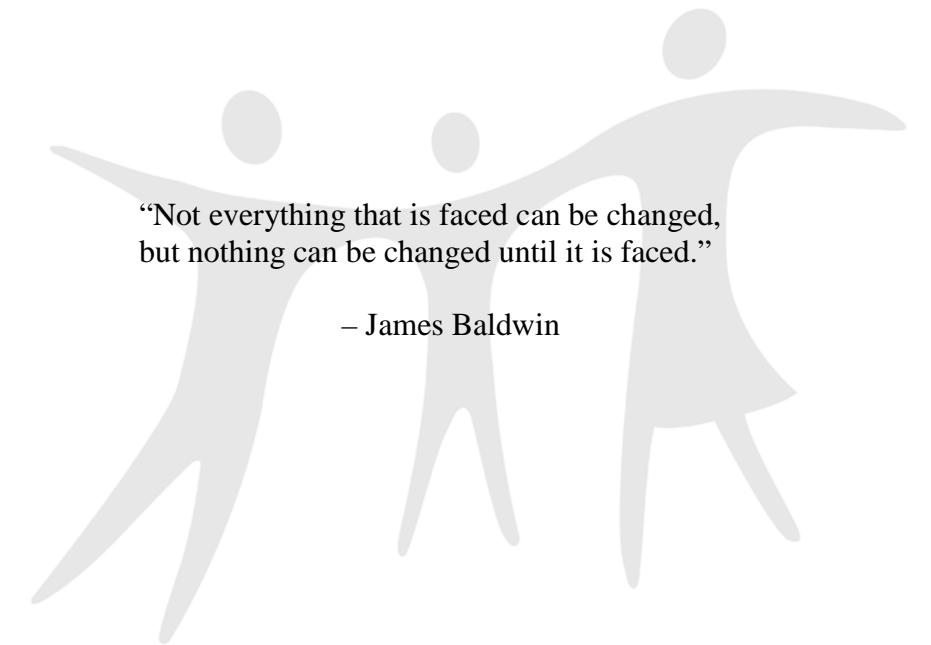


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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



“Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.”

– James Baldwin

April 2, 2017  
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