

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

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

Introit

Scripture Reading Matthew 4:1 – 11 (pg. 3, NT)

\*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 day journey 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

**Jesus was tempted in the wilderness for forty days,  
and never gave in to that temptation.**

**We live lives of comfort and ease, far from any wilderness,  
yet we regularly give in to temptation.**

**You promise us that you are enough for us,  
that you will provide us with what we need to live,  
but sometimes that promise is *so hard* to trust.**

**We are tempted to take matters into our own hands,  
trusting in our *own* ability more than *yours*,  
and bowing down before more convenient gods.**

**As you strengthened Jesus during his forty days,  
strengthen *us* during *ours*,  
because we need your help.**

***I* need your help.**

**Set our feet back on your right path,  
and help us to live in ways that trust you,  
especially when it is hard.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

\*Hymn **292, vs. 1** “What Wondrous Love Is This”

Scripture Reading Luke 9:51 – 62 (pg. 70, NT) John Alexander

Children's Time Rev. Joyner  
*At this time Pre-K – 12<sup>th</sup> grade leave for Sunday School until 10:45.*

Anthem “Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” *Sharpe*

Sermon SETTING OUR FACES Rev. Marshall  
*At the end of the sermon, there will be 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

\*Doxology

**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 **172 (GREEN)** “Faith Begins by Letting Go”

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response “Believe” *Hopson*

\*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD  
**Director of Music** *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*  
**Greeter** *Jim Netter*  
**Ushers** *Will Joyner, Matt Crill, Dave Dalrymple*  
**Flowers** *In loving memory of Louise Wilson from your children  
and your husband, Hank. We miss you so much.*  
**Refreshments** *Earline Eck*

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 in the Fellowship Hall 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!

**BLANKET DRIVE**

Please consider a contribution to the annual Women's Fellowship Blankets+drive for Church World Service. Donations will be taken using the envelope included in your bulletin during the offering in worship, or at coffee hour. All around the world, Church World Services helps impoverished communities with the basic tools they need to sustain their families. Your gifts provide warm blankets, hygiene kits, clean-up buckets, seeds and tools for farming, and food for those in need. Checks may be made payable to St. John's, with “Women's Fellowship” in the memo.

MILITARY CARE PACKAGES

We are putting together care packages for two troops connected to our congregation. A list of requested items is available in the Fellowship Hall. The collection will run through the end of the month. Tables will be set up for writing notes/valentines in the coming weeks. The youth will be packing the boxes on February 25, and we will mail them by the beginning of March.

TEXAS MISSION OPPORTUNITY

In partnership with local churches and the First Presbyterian Church of Houston, **St. John's has been invited to participate in three mission trips to Houston to repair homes damaged by Hurricane Harvey.** Teams will be going on the following dates: **April 21–29, June 23–30, and July 1–8.** The 20-member teams will stay in a home owned by First Presbyterian. The estimated per person trip cost is a \$800. St. John's will contribute towards this cost for our volunteers. The idea for these trips grew out of a Mission Conference that took place in September. We hope that working together on projects such as this will result in stronger ties among our local churches and positively impact our larger community. Most importantly, we will be demonstrating God's love at work. For more information, see table in Fellowship Hall or contact Christine Markle.

GREAT VALLEY FOOD CUPBOARD

The Deacons Great Valley Food Cupboard Easter food drive is coming in March but in the meantime there are a few items that are needed: juice boxes, oil, salt and pepper, dish soap, paper goods, spam, and boxed milk. If you would like to donate any of these items, there is a food collection box at the end of the hallway just past the kitchen and nursery classroom. Thank you!

CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY – SAVE THE DATE

We will be taking pictures for a new pictorial directory on Saturday, April 14, Tuesday, April 17, and Wednesday, April 18. More details, including signup information, is coming soon.

#### YOUNG ADULT/YOUNG FAMILIES GATHERING

Please join Ridgley for a special “Pop Up” event for Young Adults and Young Families (with children ages 0-3) on **Monday, February 26 at 6 PM**. We will be gathering at City Works in the King of Prussia Town Center to get to know each another, discuss a current event, and see what threads of scripture, faith, and life are woven within it! Invite your friends...all are welcome!

#### ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES

There will NOT be a concert in March. Our next monthly concert will be **Sunday, April 29 from 5–6 PM**, and will focus on Spanish Composers. These concerts are free of charge and open to the community. Each month's concert focuses on a different theme, style of music, or composer, along with different instruments and vocalists. Please bring a friend and join us for an evening of amazing music!



Follow us on Instagram! @StJohnsDevonYouth  
Join our group text! Text “@Sjpcyouth” to 81010  
Join our Parents Facebook Group: “St. John's Devon Youth”

The Middle School Youth are creating their new youth room, and we are in need of furnishings! Donations of a coffee table, floor lamps, side tables, or couches/loveseats/recliners are welcome!

#### **February 18 – No Youth Group Tonight**

Take the evening off to recover from yesterday's ski trip!

#### **February 25 – Youth Group**

Come for games, fun, and to help us pack military care packages!

Middle School youth will gather from 4:00–5:15 PM.

High School youth will gather from 4:45–6 PM.

#### **Journeying through Lent at St. John's**

Lent is a season of preparation for the death and resurrection of Christ. This year we are offering several ways to help you do that.

#### **Devote Yourself to God**

We are offering two devotionals to guide you through the Lenten season:

– A weekly devotional for families to use together. Printed copies will be available on Wednesday and next Sunday.

– A daily devotional that you can download online at

[https://www.pts.edu/devotional\\_1](https://www.pts.edu/devotional_1) or receive via email at

<https://www.pts.edu/email> (check the box for “Devotionals: Advent & Lent”).

A few printed copies will be available.

#### **Pray**

There will be prayer vigils in the sanctuary on Wednesdays (11 AM–1 PM and 4–6 PM). Sign up for a 20-minute time slot to sit in silence, pray, and reflect on the provided scripture and questions.

#### ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

<b>Sun, Feb 18</b>	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
<b>Mon, Feb 19</b>	<b>Church office closed for President's Day</b>	
<b>Wed, Feb 21</b>	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
	5:30 pm	Cherub Choir Practice (Room behind kitchen)
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's
	6:45 pm	Confirmation Class
<b>Sun, Feb 25</b>	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	3:00 pm	Youth Advisory Council (MS room)
	4:00 pm	MS Youth Group
	4:45 pm	HS Youth Group

Patrick and Ridgley are 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 after hours or on a Saturday, you can call 610-764-6436.**



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

“To Jerusalem”  
by Raymond Foss

The wandering, the itinerancy, over;  
his face set to Jerusalem  
knowing the road, the way  
the cross before him  
the shame, the suffering, the sheep to be scattered  
fully aware, choosing the nails  
humble savior, servant-king  
going, purposefully, forward  
knowing what was to come  
submitting himself nonetheless  
choosing the thorns, the way, the cross;  
his face set toward Jerusalem  
the same steps we follow still  
in remembrance of his mighty acts  
leading us, with him, with them  
from ashes to heaven.

**February 18, 2018**  
**For the latest information and news about St. John's:**  
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