

St. John's at Worship Second Sunday in Lent

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

Introit "The Power of the Cross" *Ivanovich*

*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 **11 (GREEN)** "Be Still for the Presence"

*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

*Hymn **292, vs. 1** "What Wondrous Love Is This"

Scripture Reading Luke 10:38 – 42 (pg. 72, NT) Sandie Puckett

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

Anthem "Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High" *Larson*

Sermon DETOURS Rev. Marshall
At the end of the sermon, there will be 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 "You are Mine" *Evanovich*

*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 **395** "Take Time to Be Holy"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Believe" *Hopson*

*Postlude "Before the Throne of God Above" *Ivanovich*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Andrea Zomber*

Ushers *John Shaw, Herb Thal, Dave Dalrymple*

Flowers *Given by Linda Corish in loving memory of Bob Risk*

Refreshments *Cindy Kerr*

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 in the Fellowship Hall 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!

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. 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.

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.

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!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – MARCH 11

A special Congregational Meeting has been called for **Sunday, March 11,** immediately following worship, for the sole purpose of electing a Deacon and the 2018 congregational representatives to the Nominating Committee.

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!

Youth Group Tonight!

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 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

Sun, Feb 25	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	4:00 pm	MS Youth Group
	4:45 pm	HS Youth Group
Mon, Feb 26	10:00 am	Sewing Group
Wed, Feb 28	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
	5:30 pm	Cherub Choir Practice (Room behind kitchen)
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class

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

"In the Fast Lane: A Lenten Poem"
by J. Barrie Shepherd

Slowing down, this holy season,
may be the way to go.

Letting go, at least an hour here and there,
of that wheel with which you drive,
and which drives you.

Pulling over, kicking back,
searching for a rest area.

Shutting down those surround sounds
of music and the breaking news
that keep you wide awake.

And tuning out and in again
to all those hungers never met
in daily destinations.

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