

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

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

Introit "God So Loved the World" *Stainer*

\*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 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.**

Litany of Confession from *The Didache* (†see note after Postlude)

Leader: There are two ways, the way of life and the way of death,  
and there is a great difference between the two ways.

**People: The way of life is this:  
First, you shall love God who made you.  
And second, love your neighbor as yourself.  
Do not do to another what you would not want done to you.  
This is the way of life.**

Leader: The way of death is the way of those who persecute the good,  
hate the truth, love lies,  
and do not understand the reward for righteousness.

**People: They do not watch for what is good, but for what is evil.  
They are strangers to meekness and patience,  
loving vanities, pursuing revenge,  
without pity for the needy and oppressed.  
They turn away from those in need,  
making matters worse for those who are distressed.  
The way of death is full of those who are steeped in sin.**

Leader: *Both* of these ways exist within us.

**People: Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of death.  
Forgive us when we stumble, and lead us in the way of life.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

Scripture Reading Luke 13:22 – 30 (pg. 76, NT) Paul Steege

*At this time Pre-K – 4<sup>th</sup> grade leave for Sunday School until 10:45.  
Grades 5 – 12 stay for communion.*

Anthem

Sermon THE QUESTION BEHIND THE QUESTION Rev. Marshall  
*At the end of the sermon, there will be a moment of silent reflection and prayer.*

\*Hymn 616, vss. 1, 4, 5 "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast"

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** (Traditional)

Invitation to the Table  
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Communion of the People  
Prayer after Communion

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 357, vss. 1, 5, 6 "Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude "Song 44, Hymns and Songs for Church" *Gibbons*

† The Didache (*pronounced DID-ah-kay*) is a first century Christian text, the  
title coming from the Greek word for "teaching." It is one of the earliest  
Christian texts we have, and it outlines how the first Christian communities  
followed the teachings of Jesus.

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Director of Music** *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

**Greeter** *Jim Netter*

**Ushers** *Pat Marshall, Carolyn Repke, Mark & Liz Ward*

**Flowers** *Given by Marie Cantafio in memory of her beloved  
husband, Ralph, and her beloved daughter, Gemma.*

**Refreshments** *Nancy & Peter Crawford*

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, 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!

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 (**Marianne McCledden**) and the 2018 congregational representatives to the Nominating Committee (**Don Black, Bob Chudy, Kathy Johnson, and Ellen Moeller**).

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. There are still a few openings for the April trip, however, we need firm commitments this week. Remember, St. John's will contribute towards the \$800 cost. For more information, stop by our table in Fellowship Hall or contact Christine Markle or Nancy Higgins.

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!

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!

THANK YOU FROM THE DEACONS

The Deacons wish to thank the congregation for their generous response to our military package collection. On Sunday, the youth helped to pack 4 large boxes that will be sent overseas. We also wish to thank Nancy Kimmons, Matt Crill, and Claire Henkel for the referrals. Four troops will truly be blessed by your thoughtfulness!



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 – Bowling at Devon Lanes (4–6 PM)**

All Middle and High School students are invited to meet at Devon Lanes at 4 PM for a Middle School vs. High School bowling challenge! (Please note that all youth will meet together for this event, 4–6 PM.)

**March 11 – Youth Group**

Come for games, fellowship, and discussion!  
 Middle School youth will gather from 4:00–5:15 PM.  
 High School youth will gather from 4:45–6 PM.

**March 18 – Youth Group**

Middle School youth will gather from 4:00–5:15 PM.  
 High School youth will gather from 4:45–6 PM.

**March 25 – Youth Group**

We will be filling Easter eggs for the egg hunt and doing our own Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt around the Carriage House!  
 Middle School youth will gather from 4:00–5:15 PM.  
 High School youth will gather from 4:45–6 PM.

**Journeving 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, Mar 4</b>	8:00 am	Deacons Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	2:00 pm	Memorial Tea for Anne Paist (Carriage House)
<b>Wed, Mar 7</b>	4:00 pm	Youth Group at Devon Lanes
	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
	5:30 pm	Cherub Choir Practice (Carriage House)
<b>Sun, Mar 11</b>	6:00 pm	Final Supper at St. John's
	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
<b>Mon, Mar 12</b>	4:00 pm	MS Youth Group meets
	4:45 pm	HS Youth Group meets
	6:30 pm	Session meets w/ Confirmation Class
	7:00 pm	Stated Session meeting

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

"The gates of hell are open night and day;  
 Smooth the descent, and easy is the way:  
 But to return, and view the cheerful skies,  
 In this the task and mighty labor lies."

– From Virgil's *Aeneid*

**March 4, 2018**  
**For the latest information and news about St. John's:**  
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