

St. John's at Worship Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude

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

Minute for Mission – The Deacons' Military Care Packages

Introit

Scripture Reading Luke 4:14-21 (pg. 61)

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing.

People: With joy and thanksgiving, we come in the name of Jesus Christ to worship God and bless God's holy name.

*Hymn **89** "Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee"

*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

Gracious God, you are the source of all joy, happiness, and peace. Yet we your children look elsewhere and satisfy ourselves with cheap imitation pleasures. We seek thrills and outward ease; missing the inward contentment you offer. We let the world squeeze us into its mold. We put ourselves in your place and lose our way. Forgive us, Lord. Remold us in your image and grant us your peace that passes all understanding so that we may rejoice in knowing you through your Son, Jesus. 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 Proverbs 15:13-18; 17:22 (pg. 597) Elizabeth Ator

Children's Time

As Pre-K–12th grade leaves for Sunday School, we send them with this liturgy:

Pastor: Now we go our separate ways to worship and learn about God.

Cong: **May God be with you there!**

Children: **May God be with you here!**

Anthem

Scripture Reading Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 9-12 (pg. 436)

Sermon

LIGHTEN UP!

Rev. Ollinger

*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

*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 **57** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*Benediction

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music Iris Blanco-Urgelles

Greeter Debbie Ealer

Ushers Jeanne & Chuck Lynam, Kathy & Kate Johnson

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

Refreshments Ginger & Don Black

Leading us in worship this morning is the **Rev. Richard Ollinger**, President/CEO of Cornerstone Christian Academy in Philadelphia, an independent private faith-based school serving at-risk urban children. Dick has served as Associate Pastor at The Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, Orchard Park, NY; Senior Pastor/Head of Staff of Cross Roads Presbyterian Church, Monroeville, PA; and Senior Pastor/Head of Staff of Venice Presbyterian Church, Venice, FL. He and his wife, Nancy, worship regularly at St. John's and are parents to three children. Welcome, Rev. Ollinger!

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

We are still very much in need of flower sponsors for 2019, particularly for **Sunday, February 3rd and Sunday, February 24th**. Please contact Jeanne Lynam if you are able to sign up. 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.

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 following worship. Our greeter, Debbie Ealer, 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.

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S ADULT ED. WINTER/SPRING 2019

Join us every Wednesday through March 20 for Supper at St. John's! We begin at 6:00 PM with a delicious church-cooked meal, followed by a choice of classes from 7–8 PM. Childcare is available.

WOMEN'S BIBLICAL REFLECTIONS

This group meets every Sunday morning at 8 AM in the carriage house. They are a dedicated group of women who meet to reflect on their faith. Currently the group is studying C.S. Lewis' book *Miracles*. Join them next Sunday!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

On Sunday, February 10 at 2 PM, ***Rise Against Hunger*** will return to St. John's for our 6th meal packaging event. Everyone age 5 and older is welcome to join us for an afternoon of fun and service. In less than 2 hours, we will package more than 10,000 meals for international hunger relief. We will need 50 volunteers for the event, plus several strong people to help with set-up at 12:30 PM. Sign up with Nancy Higgins

MILITARY CARE PACKAGES

We are once again putting together care packages for troops connected to our congregation. 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 24, and we will mail them by the beginning of March.

MONTHLY CONCERT SERIES

The next in our monthly concert series is **tonight at 5:00 PM** in the sanctuary and will focus on folk music from around the world. These concerts are free and open to the whole community, so we hope that you will join us and bring a friend for a wonderful evening of amazing music!

PASTORAL UPDATE

Patrick is in Pittsburgh for doctoral studies. He will be back in the office on Monday, February 4. Ridgley is on a retreat with the high school youth and will be returning today. If you have a pastoral care need this week, please contact the church office, and Ridgley will be available. **If you have a pastoral emergency after hours or on a Saturday, you can call 484-604-0499.**

NEW MEMBERS/INQUIRERS CLASS – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

If you are interested in joining St. John's or would like to learn more about what it means to be a member, we will be holding a class on **Sunday, February 17 at 11 AM** in the Carriage House. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Virginia Holt



Due to the HS Retreat, there will be no youth fellowship tonight, 1/27.

Due to the Ski Trip, there will be no youth fellowship 2/3.

Ski/Tube Trip: (Saturday, February 2) Cost: \$150, scholarships available. Let's do winter things! MS and HS Youth are invited to join us on a ski trip to Blue Mountain Ski Resort. Let Ridgley know by WEDNESDAY (2/1) if you 1) plan on coming, 2) want to ski or tube and 3) need to rent equipment.

February 10th- Rise Against Hunger:

Youth are invited to join the entire church family at 2pm for this highly anticipated service event with the Outreach Committee!

Winter Calendar coming soon!

YOUTH MISSION TRIP – JUNE 22–29 – PUERTO RICO

We have decided to open up this year's High School Mission Trip to San Juan, Puerto Rico to college students, as well! Please let Ridgley know by February 1 if you would like to sign up. To secure your spot, you will need make a check out to St. John's for \$150.

ANNUAL MEETING – SAVE THE DATE

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of St. John's is called for **Sunday, February 10 at 10:30 AM** (immediately following worship), for the purpose of:

Distribution of the Annual Report
Presentation of the Approved 2019 Budget
Approval of Pastors' Terms of Call for 2019
Election of Elders, Deacons, and Trustees

All members of St. John's are encouraged to attend. Childcare is provided!

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Jan 27	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School Rev. Dick Ollinger preaching
	5:00 pm	Concert – <i>Folk Music II</i>
Wed, Jan 30	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
	5:30 pm	Cherub Choir
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's
Sun, Feb 3	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting (Carr. House)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School Communion (Intinction)

Patrick and Ridgley are out of the office on Friday and Saturday. Lara is out on Saturday and Sunday. 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 484-604-0499.**



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

Christianity is not the religion of sorrow and gloom; it is the religion of the morning, and it carries in its heart the happiness of heaven.

Christianity is not a restraint, but an inspiration – not a weight but wings; not subtraction but addition.

Christianity brings bloom for faded hearts, rejuvenation for the prematurely old, imagination for the dry, literal mind.

Christianity is not a kill-joy at the feast of life, nor a kind of incarnate “don't”;

it bristles with great affirmatives,

fires the soul with permanent enthusiasms and durable loyalties.

Christianity leaves a trail of light wherever it goes;

it can keep you cool under any confusion,

bring you up smiling from any deeps,

and utterly banish your fret and worry.

Christianity brings zest and sparkle to life;

it is sunshine on the flowers rather than moonshine on the snow;

it is life more abundant;

it is leaving the little narrow life behind and leaving it forever.

- The Rev. Hugh Elmer Brown

January 27, 2019
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