

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

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

Introit

*Opening Litany From Psalm 37

Pastor: Do not fret because of the wicked;
do not be envious of wrongdoers,
for they will soon fade like the grass
and wither like the green herb.

**People: Trust in the Lord and do good,
so you will live in the land and enjoy security.
Take delight in the Lord,
and God will give you the desires of your heart.**

Pastor: Commit your way to the Lord;
Trust in God, and God will act.
God will make your vindication shine like the light,
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

**People: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God.
Do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
over those who carry out evil devices.**

Pastor: Refrain from anger and forsake wrath.
Do not fret – it only leads to evil.

**People: For the wicked shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.**

Pastor: The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord;
God is their refuge in the time of trouble.

**People: The Lord helps them and rescues them;
God rescues them from the wicked and saves them,
because they take refuge in God.**

*Hymn 384, vv. 1, 3, 4 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*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

**Have mercy on us, O Lord, for the ways that we fail to have mercy.
Forgive us for the ways that we fail to forgive.
Love us, despite the ways that we fail to love.
Heal the wounds in the world and our lives that open us to sin,
and extend to us, we pray, the grace that we fail to extend to others.**

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 Genesis 45:3 – 11, 15 (pg. 42) Jeff Starke

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 “Still, My Soul, Be Still” *Koerts*

Scripture Reading Luke 6:27 – 38 (pg. 64)

Sermon LOVING OUR ENEMIES Rev. Marshall

*Affirmation of Faith From 1 John 4

Love is from God.

Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

God's love was revealed among us in this way:

God sent his only son into the world

so that we might live through him.

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that God loved us

and sent his son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

No one has ever *seen* God;

if we love one another, God lives in us,

and his love is perfected in us.

We have seen and do testify

that the Father sent his Son as the savior of the world.

So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God,

and God abides in them.

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

Offertory “Love Shall Overcome” *Colon*

*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 560 “Help Us Accept Each Other”

*Benediction

*Choral Response “Love Is Never Ending”

*Postlude “The Love of God” *Lehman*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Virginia Holt*

Ushers *Libby & Dave Dalrymple, John Shaw*

Flowers *Given by Skip & Marianne McCledden*

in memory of loved ones

Refreshments *Shirley Hughes*

Guest Musicians *Danielle Cullen (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 in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Our greeter, Virginia Holt, 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!

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S

Join us every Wednesday through March 27 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 always available.

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.

LENTEN LUNCHEON

On **Wednesday, March 6 from 11:30 AM to 1 PM**, the women of St. John's will gather to mark the beginning of the Lenten season. The Lenten luncheon is an annual tradition where we gather in friendship, hear a thought-provoking message and share communion. Our guest speaker, Courtenay Willcox, will give a message on “Peering into the Darkness.” A member of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Courtenay is in her final year of seminary and is the former Moderator of the Presbytery of Philadelphia. We hope you will join us and bring your friends, or co-workers! Sign up at coffee hour, or contact Marianne McCledden or Lee Walsh.

ST. JOHN'S GOT TALENT

St. John's is hosting a talent show! **Friday, March 29** is going to be a fun evening of potluck dinner and displays of talent. All members, young and young at heart, are invited to show off their God given gifts. We can accommodate performers and will also have tables to display any arts and handicrafts. If you are a musician, dancer, painter, knitter, crafter, magician, ventriloquist, stand-up comic, singer, good speller, or can do mental math while standing on your head, sign up for this event! Please contact Susanne Engheta for more information.

MONTHLY CONCERT SERIES – TONIGHT!

The next in our monthly concert series is **tonight at 5:00 PM** in the sanctuary and will focus on Broadway favorites. This concert will feature vocalists Jeff Carr, Bethann Dilione, and Lara Kennedy, as well as the Musicalia Trio. 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!

CONVERSATION ON FAITH AND SCIENCE

On **Sunday, March 24**, the Christian Education Committee will be hosting a conversation after worship (**11 AM**) on the intersection of faith and science. There will be a presentation by Dr. Sarah Bodbyl Roels dealing with questions such as, “Are science and faith at war? Does evolution disprove the existence of God? What IS evolution anyway?” Dr. Roels will share some of her perspectives on these questions and more, drawing from her experiences as a Christian evolutionary biologist. Participants will consider the distinction between science and religion as “ways of knowing” how mystery and wonder contribute to the passions of both scientists and people of faith, and consider what evolution can and cannot say about the origin of life on earth. We hope that you will join us!



Today – All-Youth Mission Project (4–6 PM)

Youth in grades 5–12 are invited to join us for an all-youth mission night, as we pack Military Care Packages together!

Sunday, March 3 (4–6 PM)

Youth in grades 5–12 are invited to join us for an all-youth game night!

Sunday, March 10

Middle School: 4:00–5:15 PM

High School: 4:45 – 6:00 PM

**Youth Group T-Shirts are in!
Pick yours up today!**

SAVE THE DATE!

There are a few Christian Ed. events coming up that we want to make sure you get on your calendar:

Devon Horse Show Parking – Thursday, May 23 through Saturday, June 1

Vacation Bible School – Monday, August 12 through Friday, August 16

NORTH CAROLINA MISSION TRIP

In partnership with Westminster Presbyterian Church, we have been invited to participate in two mission trips to repair homes in North Carolina damaged by recent hurricanes. Teams of 20 people (18 years and older) will be driving down **April 7–13 and May 5–11**. Housing will be provided by First Presbyterian of Wilmington, NC. Work projects will be managed by Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry (WARM). No experience needed and cost is minimal. For more information, see handouts in Fellowship Hall or contact Christine Markle. If you are interested in going, please let Christine know as soon as possible, as members from several area churches are invited.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Feb 24	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	5:00 pm	St. John's Concert Series
Mon, Feb 25	10:00 am	Sewing Group
Tues, Feb 26	10:00 am	Dolores Draper Memorial
Wed, Feb 27	9:00 am	Prayer Group
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's

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

“To love your enemies is not to consent to evil or to rejoice at the damage it has done. It is not to remain in a state of being abused. It is not to stop seeking from relief. It is not to hinder justice.

To love your enemies is to stop the cycle of pain, hate, and suffering. It is to show mercy. It is to guard your peace and to protect the joy in your heart. It is to flee from the stain of sin.”

– Jocelyn Soriano

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