

St. John's at Worship Second Sunday in Lent

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

*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 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.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, whose son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, and yet without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness. We have hungered after that which does not satisfy. We have compromised with evil. We have doubted your power to protect and provide for us. Forgiven our lack of faith and have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will, in Christ. 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 Genesis 4:1 – 16 (pg. 3) Nancy Arico

Children's Time *Rev. Marshall*

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 “Return to the Lord” *Decesare*

Scripture Reading John 3:22 – 30 (pg. 94)

Sermon ENVY AND KINDNESS Rev. Marshall

Lenten Series: The Seven Deadly Sins and the Seven Heavenly Virtues

*Affirmation of Faith A Modern Affirmation

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all His works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

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

Offertory “Oh, Love, How Deep” *Keesecker*

*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 273 “Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands”

*Benediction

*Choral Response “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

*Postlude “Live in My Love”

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Jennifer Roberts*

Ushers *Sam & Megan Hillier, John & Barbara Alexander*

Refreshments *The Loftus family*

Flowers *Given in memory of George J. Fielden, Sr. by his loving family.*

Guest Musicians *Mark Ator (French horn), Jeff Estabrook (tenor), Miyuki Hashimoto (soprano)*

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, Jennifer Roberts, 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!

DEACONS EASTER FOOD DRIVE

Families in our surrounding neighborhoods benefit from your generous donations of food to the Great Valley Food Cupboard, which serves residents of Chester County in TE and Great Valley School Districts. St. John's Deacons will have sign-up sheets and shopping lists in Fellowship Hall today at coffee hour. The deadline for contributions is April 14.

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.

ST. JOHN'S GOT TALENT

St. John's is hosting a talent show! We will gather on **Friday, March 29 at 6 PM** for a 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 or Pat Marshall for more information.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP LIFT EVENT

On **March 31 at 5 PM**, the Women's Fellowship will be hosting this winter's LIFT event. LIFT stands for Ladies Improving Friendships Together, and this year we are happy to gather for a learning and hands-on activities with essential oils. All women from 7th grade up are welcome to join us for a two-hour event. Please reserve your spot with \$15 dollars so that we may have enough materials for all. You may sign up during coffee hour.

MONTHLY CONCERT SERIES

There will NOT be a concert in March. Our next monthly concert will be **Sunday, April 7 from 5–6 PM**, and will focus on American Music. These concerts are free of charge and open to the community. Please bring a friend and join us for an evening of amazing music!

CARRIAGE CLUB – APRIL 12 (NOON)

Carriage Club will meet **Friday, April 12 at Noon**. Following lunch, newly retired Action News Reporter Vernon Odom will talk to us about “50 years of daily reporting and how TV news has changed due to technical advancement.” Childcare will be available with 7 days' notice. Please RSVP by responding to the forthcoming e-mail invitation or by contacting Virginia Holt.

PJ & MOVIE NIGHT – FRIDAY, MARCH 22 (6–8 PM)

Children ages 4 through 4th grade are invited to join us on Friday at 6 PM for our next PJ & Movie Night! Pizza will be served, and the whole thing is free! Bring a sleeping bag or blanket and a pillow, as well as your comfiest pajamas and your friends!

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER @ PANERA – SATURDAY, MARCH 23 (4–8 PM)

The whole church is invited to join us at Panera Bread in Gateway on Saturday, March 23 from 4–8 PM, where a portion of the proceeds will go toward our summer mission trip to Puerto Rico! You **must** present a copy of the flyer in order for St. John’s to get credit. For more information, contact Liz Ward.

CONVERSATION ON FAITH AND SCIENCE – NEXT SUNDAY!

Next Sunday 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!

EASTER EGG HUNT – SUNDAY, APRIL 14

This year we will be doing our annual Easter Egg Hunt a little differently. The Egg Hunt will be on **Sunday, April 14 (Palm Sunday) after worship**. During Sunday School, the kids will participate in activities that teach them about the events of Holy Week. When worship ends, we will all go outside and begin the hunt! If you have any questions, please contact Sue Tiede or Christa Fisher.



Today – YAC Council (3 PM)

Tonight (4–6 PM)

Youth in grades 5–12 are invited to join us at the church for a movie night!

March 23 – Mission Trip Fundraiser @ Panera Bread (4–8 PM)

Come to Panera Bread in Gateway and help support the Youth Mission Trip to Puerto Rico. Bring a copy of the flyer and a portion of the proceeds will go toward the trip! See Liz Ward for more details.

Sunday, March 24 (4–6 PM)

Combined Youth Mission Night!

SAVE THE DATE!

There are a few upcoming Christian Ed. events to put on your calendar:

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

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

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

Sun, Mar 17

Second Sunday in Lent

9:30 am Worship & Sunday School

3:00 pm YAC Council

4:00 pm Youth Movie Night

Wed, Mar 20

9:00 am Prayer Group

5:30 pm Cherub Choir

6:00 pm Supper at St. John’s

Fri, Mar 22

6:00 pm PJ & Movie Night (Fell. Hall)

Sat, Mar 23

4 – 8 pm Mission Trip Fundraiser at

Panera Bread in Gateway

Sun, Mar 24

Third Sunday in Lent

9:30 am Worship & Sunday School

11:00 am Biologos – Faith and Science

Presentation in Carriage House

Please note: Ridgley is on a 30-day medical leave due to an inflammatory autoimmune disease and will not be responding to any phone calls or emails. Please contact the church office with anything you would normally be directing to her, and we will do our best to help you.

Patrick is 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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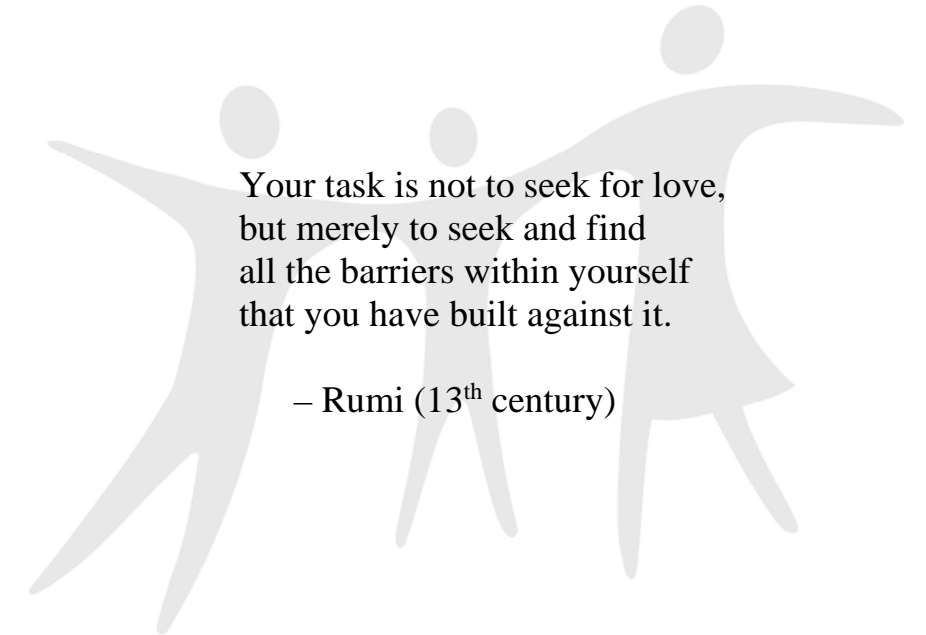
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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



Your task is not to seek for love, but merely to seek and find all the barriers within yourself that you have built against it.

– Rumi (13th century)

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