

St. John's at Worship Third Sunday in Lent

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

Introit "Pie Jesu" *Wagner*

*Call to Worship

Leader: The journey of Lent is one of *losing* ourselves, so that we might truly be *found*.

People: It is about dying to self, so that we might truly live in Christ.

Leader: It is a journey of repentance, turning away from sin and reorienting our lives to God.

People: Come, let us return to the Lord, for we are torn, and God will heal us.

Leader: Let us worship God!

*Hymn INSERT "Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Here"

*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, heal the wounds in our hearts and minds that open us to sin. Where we have strayed from you and lived in ways that are selfish, controlling, or fearful; where we have treated our bodies, our resources, our neighbors, and this world unlovingly, we are ready to be healed. May your faithfulness to us stir up our faithfulness to you, and by your grace, may we live in love, because you are love, and we want to live with you.

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 2 Samuel 11:2 – 5, 14 – 17, 26 – 27 (pg. 284)

Children's Time Betsy Friend

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 "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" *Sharpe*

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:27 – 30, 6:22 – 23 (pg. 5)

Sermon LUST AND CHASTITY Rev. Marshall
Lenten Series: The Seven Deadly Sins and the Seven Heavenly Virtues

*Affirmation of Faith Matthew 22:37–40

**Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your mind.**

This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

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

Offertory "O 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 399, vv. 1, 3 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

*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 *Amy Lord*

Ushers *The Ward family*

Refreshments *The Duncan family*

Flowers *The flowers are given by John & Sharon Griffin in memory of their parents, Ray & Marian Gaines and Roy & Elizabeth Griffin.*

Rejoicing Ringers *Rowan Bellew, Courtney Cato, Ryan Crill, Cat Duncan, Sarah Duncan, Christina Fish, Nate Geiger, Sarah Geiger, Susan Starke, Andrew Ward*

Guest Musicians *Ardath Belzer (violin), Brigitte Belzer (violin)*

**Ushers are needed for Easter Sunday, April 21! Please contact Pat Churchill if you are able to help.*

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, Amy Lord, 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.**

CONVERSATION ON FAITH AND SCIENCE – TODAY!

The Christian Education Committee will be hosting a conversation today 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. We hope that you will join us!

ST. JOHN'S GOT TALENT

Join us on **Friday, March 29 at 6 PM** for a potluck dinner and talent show. All members, young and young at heart, are invited to participate. 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 or Pat Marshall for more information.

ST. JOHN FAMILY OUTREACH

On **Sunday, March 31** after worship, families will gather to visit the Great Valley Food Bank at Great Valley Baptist Church. We will meet with Carol Claypoole and learn about food security on our community. During Sunday School our children will make baskets of cookies and sweets to take to the food bank. We are asking families to bring in a box of cereal for the food bank that day also. Please sign up with Betsy Friend after worship.

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.

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. **We are in need of candy donations to fill the eggs with.** Please bring in your candy to donate and deposit it in the designated bucket in Fellowship Hall.



Sunday, March 24 – Combined Youth Mission Project (4–6 PM)

Join us in the kitchen as we make meals for the Great Valley Food Cupboard! The youth will be doing all the preparation and cooking!

Friday, March 29 – All-Church Talent Show! (6 PM)

Sunday, March 31 – NO YOUTH GROUP

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 24	Third Sunday in Lent
	9:30 am Worship & Sunday School
	11:00 am Conversation on Faith & Science in Carriage House
	4:00 pm Combined Youth Group
Mon, Mar 25	10:00 am Sewing Group
	7:00 pm Adult Christian Education Meeting (Kean Room)
Wed, Mar 27	9:00 am Prayer Group
	5:30 pm Cherub Choir
	6:00 pm Supper at St. John's
Sun, Mar 31	9:30 am Worship & Sunday School Cherub Choir

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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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

Who goes in the way which Christ has gone,
Is much more sure to meet with him, than one
Who travels the by-ways:
Perhaps my God, though he be far before,
May turn, and take me by the hand, and more
May strengthen my decays.

– From Lent: Ash Wednesday
by George Herbert

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