St. John's at Worship Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements (please pass the fellowship roll)

Minute for Mission Day of Service Christine Markle, Outreach

Introit

*Call to Worship From Psalm 100

Leader: Even in the midst of our journey through the Lenten wilderness,

we can celebrate.

People: Beyond the wilderness God always provides a promised land!

Beyond death, God always provides resurrection!

Leader: So make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

People: Worship the Lord with gladness!

Come into God's presence with singing!

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and praise.

Give thanks to the Lord and bless God's name!

People: For the Lord is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever,

and God's faithfulness to all generations!

*Hymn 11 (GREEN) "Be Still, for the Presence"

*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

You know our struggles, Lord -

the burdens that we carry in our hearts;

the secrets and shame;

the mistakes and pain;

the ways that we have been hurt;

and the ways that we have hurt others.

We are not always the people we hope to be,

the people you created and call us to be.

But we want to be.

So break the power of sin in this world and in our lives.

Heal the brokenness within us and make us whole,

that we might live in ways that reflect the grace and peace that you have shown us in Christ.

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 1 Kings 19:1 – 13 (pg. 326)

Cherub Choir

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 "As the Deer" McDonald

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:14 – 30 (pg. 28)

ermon SLOTH AND DILIGENCE Rev. Marshall

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

*Affirmation of Faith Declaration of Faith

God keeps his promises and gives us hope.

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God kept his promises.

All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ.

But the work of God in Christ is not over.

God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.

The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence

that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.

In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth,

certainty of victory over death,

assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.

This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.

We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom.

But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil

that are possible now in the world, the church, and our individual lives.

Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem.

for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming. Jesus is Lord!

He has been Lord from the beginning.

He will be Lord at the end.

Even now, he is Lord.

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

Offertory "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" McMichael

*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 **593, vv. 1, 2** "Here I Am, Lord"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

*Postlude "Thine Be the Glory" McMichael

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music Iris Blanco-Urgelles

Greeter Amy Lord

Ushers Steve and Lisa Scolari and Don and Ginger Black

Refreshments *Mary K. DaRin and Darien Irizarry*

Flowers Given by Linda Corish in loving memory of Bob Risk,

who is always in our hearts.

Guest Musicians Eve Edwards, Christina Fish (oboe), Paula Gonzalez,

Cassia Harvey (cello), Myanna Harvey (violin),

Heather McConnell, Patty Turse (harp),

*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**.

MONTHLY CONCERT SERIES – NEXT SUNDAY!

Our next monthly concert will be **next 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.

ST. JOHN FAMILY OUTREACH - TODAY!

Today 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 insecurity on our community. During Sunday School our children will make baskets of cookies and sweets to take to the food bank. Each family is asked to bring in a box of cereal for the food bank. Talk to Betsy Friend for more details.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP LIFT EVENT – TODAY!

Today 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 still sign up during coffee hour.

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 31 – NO YOUTH GROUP

<u>Sunday, April 7 – Combined Youth Group (4–6 PM)</u> Come help us fill Easter eggs for the egg hunt!

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 31	Fourth Sunday in Lent	
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
		Cherub Choir
Wed, Apr 3	9:00 am	Prayer Group
	5:15 pm	Cherub Choir Pizza Bingo
Sun, Apr 7	Fifth	Sunday in Lent
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
		Communion (Intinction)

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

"In the Fast Lane: A Lenten Poem" By J. Barrie Shepherd

Slowing down, this holy season, may be the way to go.

Letting go, at least an hour here and there, of that wheel with which you drive, and which drives you.

Pulling over, kicking back, searching for a rest area.

Shutting down those surround sounds of music and the breaking news that keep you wide awake.

And tuning out and in again to all those hungers never met in daily destinations.