

St. John's at Worship Palm Sunday

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

Introit "Palm Sunday Fanfare (Hosanna Loud Hosanna)"

Scripture Reading Matthew 21:1 – 11 (pg. 23)

*Call to Worship

Pastor: On this day of celebration, we wave our palms and cry out with the whole multitude of the disciples, "Hosanna! Save us!"

People: Hosanna! Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Pastor: Out of the mouths of infants and babes, you have prepared praise for yourself!

People: Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!

Pastor: Let us sing praises to our king as we worship God!

*Hymn 278 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
PROCESSION OF THE CHILDREN WITH PALMS

*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

**At the beginning of this holy week,
we are part of the crowd waving palms and shouting, "Hosanna!"
But by the end of the week,
we will be part of the crowd shouting, "Crucify him!"
We praise you one moment, and betray you the next,
through our words, our thoughts, and our actions;
the ways we treat each other,
and the ways we treat your world.
Our lives do not bear the fruit of your Kingdom.
So we cry out, "Hosanna,"
hoping that you will save us,
from our sin and from ourselves.**

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.**

Ordination, Installation, and Commissioning of Officers, Class of 2022

Presentation of Elders for Ordination/Installation

Tom Higgins, Jim Ryland, Andy Walsh

Presentation of Deacons for Ordination/Installation

Dave Dalrymple, Kate Johnson, Hunter Thomson

Constitutional Questions of Ordination/Installation

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

All those who have previously been ordained as Deacons, Ruling Elders, or Teaching Elders are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.

Declaration of Ordination/Installation and Charge

Commissioning of Trustees

Chuck Lynam, Bruce Phillips, Jeff Starke

Recognition of Outgoing Elders, Deacons, and Trustees

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 "Hosanna in Excelsis!" *Purifoy*

Scripture Reading Matthew 21:12 – 17 (pg. 23)

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

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

Offertory *Redhead, arr. Marchand*

"Chief of Sinners Tho I Be, Go to Dark Gethsemane"

*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 327, vss. 1, 3, 4 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Hosanna! The Time Has Come" *Erickson*

*Postlude "Were You There"

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Alice Bell, Virginia Holt*

Ushers *Jim & Sue Tiede, Shirley Hughes, Mary K DaRin*

Refreshments *Scottie & Craig Williams*

Flowers *Given by Earline and Kermit Eck, in honor of our families.
Spring is a season of new life and joy. Bless our children
and family as we thank the Lord for this beautiful season
and the gifts He gives us.*

Devon Brass *Mark Ator (French horn), Jeff Estabrook (euphonium),
Joe Lorini (trumpet) Frank Mercurio (trumpet),
Paul Steege (trombone)*

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 greeters, Alice Bell and 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!

DEACONS EASTER FOOD DRIVE – ENDS TODAY!

Thank you to everyone who signed up to donate food to the Great Valley Food Cupboard, which serves residents of Chester County in TE and Great Valley School Districts. Donations can be dropped off in Fellowship Hall.

EASTER LILIES

The Deacons are accepting sponsorships for Easter Lilies to beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. The cost is \$10 per plant, and it is yours to keep after worship. Jeanne Lynam will be in Fellowship Hall at coffee time if you would like to purchase a plant.

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Today we will be ordaining and installing our new Elders, Deacons, and Trustees, as well as expressing our gratitude to the outgoing officers. All those who have previously served as Elders and Deacons (in any church) will be invited forward to lay hands on the new officers as we ask God's blessing upon them.

Our new officers are:

Elders: Peter Crawford, Kris Graham, Tom Higgins, Jim Ryland,
Andy Walsh

Deacons: Dave Dalrymple, Kate Johnson, Amy Lord,
Hunter Thomson

Trustees: Chuck Lynam, Bruce Phillips, Jeff Starke (2nd term)

The following Elders, Deacons, and Trustees have finished their terms and are entering into a time of much-deserved rest. Please take a moment to thank them for their service:

Elders: Pat Churchill, Jeff Ealer, Jeff Estabrook,
Barbara McConnell

Deacons: Kim Collett, Seth Duncan, Kristi Thomson, Andrea Zomber

Trustees: John Lieberman, Gordon Wright

PROGRESSIVE DINNER – MAY 18

St. John's Annual Progressive Dinner will take place on **Saturday, May 18 at 6 PM**. We will all start at one home with appetizers, drinks, and conversation. Then we will split into small groups for dinner and dessert in individual homes. It's a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones! You can sign up by contacting Susanne Engheta. Please consider hosting a dinner where we will supply the recipes for the entrée, and the guests supply the rest, including drinks. Be on the lookout for more information, including an e-vite, coming soon!

EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER WORSHIP

Our annual Egg Hunt will take place after worship today! During Sunday School, the kids will participate in activities that teach them about the events of Holy Week, while high school students hide the eggs. When worship ends, children in the Nursery through 1st grade will gather eggs on the lawn in front of the Carriage House. After that, the 2nd-4th graders will hunt in the Memorial Garden. All are encouraged to stay and share in the fun!

AN UPDATE ON RIDGLEY

As you may know, our Associate Pastor Ridgley Joyner has been on medical leave for the past month due to an inflammatory autoimmune disorder. After consultation with Ridgley, her doctors, and Presbytery leadership, it was determined that she is not yet able to return to work, therefore her leave has been extended for up to 60 more days. We know that you likely have a lot of questions about this, and we hope to be able to provide you with more information in the coming weeks. Until then, please continue to hold Ridgley, Will, and our youth in prayer.

Holy Week at St. John's

Palm Sunday & Egg Hunt (April 14) Children are invited to take part in the Procession of Palms at the beginning of worship and stay for the egg hunt after worship!

Maundy Thursday (April 18) At 7:00 PM we will share the Lord's Supper at a worship service appropriate for all ages. Childcare will be provided for nursery and toddlers through age 4.

Easter Sunday (April 21) Join us as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ at 9:30 AM with worship and communion. There will not be Sunday School on Easter, however childcare will be provided for nursery and toddlers through age 4.

ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH PARTNER – CRUDEM FOUNDATION

Each month we highlight one of our mission partners, pray for the work that they do, and send them a letter of support signed by the congregation. This month we are focusing on Hôpital Sacré Coeur in Milot, Haiti. Operating under the auspices of the CRUDEM Foundation for more than 30 years, they provide critically important healthcare services to more than 250,000 residents of northern Haiti. The 200-bed tertiary care facility is one of Haiti's premier private hospitals, with two operating rooms, outpatient clinics, onsite clinical laboratory, pharmacy, labor and delivery rooms, pediatric wing, and blood bank. It performs an average of 2,800 surgeries, 2,200 newborn deliveries, 71,000 outpatient visits, and 7,500 emergency rooms visits each year. The hospital also offers nutrition and health education, including an HIV prevention and treatment program. Wanda Odom has the letter available for you to sign after worship.



There is no Youth Group this Sunday or next. We will resume on **Sunday, April 28**, when middle and high schoolers are invited to join us at Devon Lanes from 4-6 PM for bowling and food!

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
Sign up for shifts on our website now!

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

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Apr 14

Palm Sunday

8:00 am Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
9:30 am Worship & Sunday School
10:30 am Easter Egg Hunt

Mon, Apr 15

12:30 pm Ryan's Case for Smiles

Wed, Apr 17

9:00 am Prayer Group

Thur, Apr 18

Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm Worship & Communion

Fri, Apr 19

Good Friday – Office Closed

Sun, Apr 21

Easter Sunday

9:30 am Worship (No Sunday School)

Mon, Apr 22

Office Closed

Please note: Ridgley is on medical leave due to an inflammatory autoimmune disorder 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

“Cleansing the Temple”
by Malcolm Guite

Come to your Temple here with liberation
and overturn these tables of exchange.
Restore in me my lost imagination;
begin in me for good, the pure change.
Come as you came, an infant with your mother,
that innocence may cleanse and claim this ground.
Come as you came, a boy who sought his father,
with questions asked and certain answers found.
Come as you came this day, a man in anger;
unleash the lash that drives a pathway through.
Face down for me the fear, the shame, the danger;
teach me again to whom my love is due.
Break down in me the barricades of death
and tear the veil in two with your last breath.

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