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

Welcome and Announcements (please pass the fellowship roll)

*Call to Worship From Psalm 112

Pastor: Praise the Lord!

Blessed are those who stand in awe of the Lord

and delight in God's commandments!

People: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;

they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

Pastor: For the righteous will never be moved;

they will be remembered forever.

People: Their hearts are steady, secure in the Lord;

they will not be afraid.

Pastor: Let us worship God!

*Hymn 314 (INSERT), vss. 1, 2, 5

"Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"

*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

Life is a gift from you, O Lord.

But we confess that we do not always live in ways

that show gratitude for the gifts you give.

You give us time, and we waste it.

You give us abilities, and we let them go unused.

You give us resources, and we squander them.

You give us love, and we place conditions on it.

You give us forgiveness, and we do not extend it to others.

We fall short of your glory in our words and our thoughts,

in how we treat creation,

and how we treat each other.

Lord, in your mercy, cleanse us from our sin.

Remind us that each day, each breath, each relationship

is a gift from you,

and help us to live in ways that say, "Thank 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

Isaiah 58:1–12 (pg. 688)

Jeff Wagner

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

As Pre-K–12th graders leave 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 "I Sing the Love that Dreamed Creation" Carter

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:13–20 (pg. 4)

Sermon BEING SALT AND LIGHT Rev. Marshall

*Affirmation of Faith From the Iona Abbey

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of the One God, maker and sustainer of earth, sea, and sky.

Born of Mary's womb, faithful to the God of Abraham and Sarah, Jesus healed the sick, served the poor,

and proclaimed heaven on earth.

Condemned by the righteous, crucified by the state, he died, but transformed even death and rose to life everlasting.

He blessed the disciples with his Holy Spirit and sent them forth, east and west, north and south.

We commit ourselves to Jesus,

to one another as brothers and sisters,

and to his mission in the world,

in the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Offertory "I'd Rather Have Jesus" Hayes

*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 **598**, vss. **1**, **2**, **4** "O Word of God Incarnate"

*Benediction

*Postlude "How Majestic is Your Name" Hayes

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music Iris Blanco-Urgelles

Greeters Dick Oliver

Ushers John Shaw, Jim Tiede, Carolyn Repke, Dave Dalrymple Flowers Given by Skip & Marianne McClennen in memory of

our parents and other loved ones.

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, Dick Oliver, 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!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST – THANK YOU!

We want to thank everyone who came, cooked, set up, or in any other way helped with last week's Youth Pancake Breakfast. A very special thank you to Judy Simmons (along with her sister Jeanne) and Hunter Thomson for cooking, all our youth who helped serve and clean up, and Dave Dalrymple for sharing his experience on the mission trip. Thank you all for the ways that you love and support the youth of this church!

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING – TUESDAY NIGHTS (7:30 PM)

St. John's hosts an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting in our Fellowship Hall every Tuesday night at 7:30 PM. This is an open meeting, so anyone who feels that they have a problem with alcohol is welcome.

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S – WEDNESDAYS AT 6 PM

Join us every Wednesday through March 25 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 available.

MONTHLY CONCERT SERIES

Our next monthly concert will be **Sunday, February 16 from 5–6 PM** with a focus on Broadway 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!

MILITARY CARE PACKAGES

We are once again putting together care packages for troops connected to our congregation. More than just some fun stuff to send, the items in most cases are simply unavailable to them. Please stop by the table in fellowship hall and help us stock up on their wish list. The collection will run through the end of February. Thanks in advance from the Deacons!

LENTEN LUNCHEON

On Wednesday, February 26 from 11:30 AM to 1 PM, the women of St. John's will gather for the Lenten Luncheon to hear a thought-provoking message and share communion. Our guest speaker will be Ellie Stratton, who will share a message on "Holy Listening." We hope you will join us and bring your friends or co-workers! Sign up at coffee hour or contact Nancy Arico or Lee Walsh.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER – TODAY!

Today at 2 PM, we will have our 7th annual meal packing event with Rise Against Hunger. Everyone age 5 and older is welcome to join us for an afternoon of fun and service. In less than 2 hours, we will package more than 10,000 meals for international hunger relief. If you would like to volunteer or just come see what it's all about, talk to John Shaw during coffee fellowship this morning.

PASTORAL AVAILABILITY THIS WEEK

Patrick has been called for jury duty and will be out of the office on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Ridgley is available for any pastoral care needs.



If you are not already receiving Ridgley's weekly emails for youth and families, email her at **rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com**.

RIDGLEY'S OFFICE HOURS

Ridgley is still holding office hours **Tuesdays from 10:30–1:30 at Terrain** (138 Lancaster Ave, in Devon Yard). Everyone is welcome to drop in! If you would like to set up a specific time to meet with her, or if you'd just like to get in touch, please call (864-417-8566) or email.

NEW YEAR UPDATES

Youth Fellowship will now gather from 4-5:30 PM, ages 5th-12th grade, unless otherwise specified in our advertisements. Additionally, Senior High Youth (8th-12th grade) will gather for Sunday School on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month to discuss the previous week's sermon and scripture.

YOUTH AT SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S

Middle and High School youth are invited to join Ridgley in her office from 6–7 PM on Wednesdays for a meal and Bible study during Supper at St. John's.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Today – Rise Against Hunger (2 PM)

Sunday, Feb. 23 – Snow tubing! Noon to 5 PM. \$20/person, plus money for lunch.

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

The YAC will meet next Sunday, Feb. 16, from 10:45–11:15 AM in Ridgley's office.

MISSION MADNESS DAY OF SERVICE

On Monday, Feb. 17, youth in grades 5-12 are invited to join Ridgley for a day of service with the Philadelphia Project. The cost is \$30 per person, and you need to sign up with Ridgley by Feb. 14.

MISSION TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

All high school students interested in going on this summer's mission trip are invited to meet Ridgley in her office on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 10:30 AM (right after worship) to learn more about this year's trip!

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Feb 9	8:00 am 9:30 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Room) Worship & Sunday School
	2:00 pm	Rise Against Hunger
Mon, Feb 10	7:00 pm	Session Meeting (Kean Room)
Tues, Feb 11	7:30 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Wed, Feb 12	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
	5:30 pm	Children's Choir
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's
Thurs, Feb 13	6:30 pm	Adult Handbell Rehearsal
	7:45 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sun, Feb 16	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School

Patrick and Ridgley are off on Friday and Saturday. Lara is off 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 when the office is closed or on a Saturday, you can call 484-604-0499.



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

Do not be dismayed by the brokenness of the world. All things break. And all things can be mended. Not with time, as they say, but with intention. So go. Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally. The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you.

- L. R. Knost