

St. John's at Worship Transfiguration of the Lord

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

Introit *Mendelssohn, arr. Hilfiger*
“Lift Thine Eyes” from *Elijah*

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Beyond our busyness, above the cold winter floor,
there is a glory rising, born of heaven
and reaching out to each one of us.

**People: A light that shines through the clouds,
an invitation seeking all of who we are
that transfigures the world.**

Pastor: It transforms darkness into hope
and brings life from a cross,
where old life ends and new life is born.

**People: In glory Jesus meets us here,
raising us from the depths of the valley
to the height of the mountain,
carrying the weight of our humanity
to the heights of heaven's glory.**

Pastor: Let us worship from the mountain and hear again,
“This is my Son, my Beloved; listen to him!”

*Hymn **64** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

*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

**Great and glorious God,
have mercy on us when we stumble in the darkness
and turn away from your face.**

**Forgive us when we fail to walk in the light of your glory
and live in your ways.**

**Cast away the shadows, in this world and in our lives,
that keep us from growing in your love and light.**

**In your goodness, shower us with your grace,
that we might shine as your people upon this earth.**

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 Matthew 17:1–9 (pg. 18) Jeff Estabrook

Anthem “Grazioso” *Arnold Sherman*
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!**

Scripture Reading 2 Peter 1:16–21 (pg. 236)

Sermon THE RIGHT PATH Rev. Marshall

*Affirmation of Faith Leo Tolstoy

I believe in God, who is for me spirit, love, the principle of all things.

I believe that God is in me, as I am in God.

**I believe that the true welfare of human beings
consists in fulfilling the will of God.**

**I believe that from the fulfillment of the will of God,
there can be nothing but that which is good for me and for all.**

**I believe that the will of God is that we should love our neighbors,
and act toward others as we desire that they should act toward us.**

**I believe that the reason of life is for each of us to simply grow in love.
I believe that this growth in love**

will contribute more than any other force

to establish the Kingdom of God on Earth,

**to replace a social life in which division, falsehood, and violence
are all-powerful with a new order in which humanity, truth, and
unity will reign.**

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

Offertory “O Splendor of God's Glory Bright” *Bisbee*

*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 **465** “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

*Benediction

Choral Response “Joyous Light of Glory”

*Postlude “Postlude” *Beethoven, arr. Hilfiger*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeters *Jennifer Roberts*

Ushers *Dave Dalrymple, Sue Tiede, Rob & Amy Lord*

Flowers *Given by Steve & Lisa Archbold in honor of our children
and grandchildren, who bring us love and joy every day.*

Devon Brass *Mark Ator, Jeff Estabrook, Paul Steege*

Devon Chapel Bells *Susan Bain, Sue Chudy, Sarah Duncan, Christina Fish,
Sarah Geiger, Laura Gellrich, Sue Hardin, SueBeth
Johnson, Jim Tiede, Elizabeth Unger, Andrew Ward*

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!

MONTHLY CONCERT SERIES – TODAY!

Our next monthly concert will be **today 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 – DONATIONS DUE TODAY

Thank you for helping us build our trove for the military care packages. As a reminder, items are *due back today*. Please stop by downstairs to check out the wish list, do a little shopping and help make the lives of deployed troops just a bit more livable. Thanks again from the Deacons!

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

Don't feel like cooking dinner? Join us every Wednesday through March 25 for Supper at St. John's! We gather at 6:00 PM for a delicious church-cooked meal, followed by a choice of classes from 7–8 PM. All ages are welcome, and childcare is available during the classes.

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.

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES (WEDNESDAYS, 5:30 PM)

Join us in the sanctuary at 5:30 PM each Wednesday night in Lent (beginning this week) for a quiet, reflective time of devotion and prayer. (You can stay for dinner afterward!)



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.

YOUTH GROUP & SUNDAY SCHOOL

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.

MISSION TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING – TODAY

All high school students interested in going on this summer's mission trip are invited to meet Ridgley in her office **today at 10:45 AM** (right after worship) to learn more about this year's trip!

SUNDAY, MARCH 1 – YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (4–5:30 PM)

Youth in grades 5–12 meet in Ridgley's office for fellowship and fun as we grow in faith!

FRIDAY, MARCH 6 – MIDDLE SCHOOL LATE-NIGHTER (5:30–9:30 PM)

Youth in grades 5–7 are invited to come out for a night out with dinner, fun, and games, but you get to sleep in your own bed at the end of the night!

PJ & MOVIE NIGHT – FRIDAY, MARCH 6 (FREE)

Kids in 4th grade and under are invited to join us from 5:30–7:30 PM to eat pizza and watch *Peter Rabbit!* Please RSVP with Ridgley by Thursday, March 5th (rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com)

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

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| Sun, Feb 23 | 9:30 am | Worship & Sunday School |
| | 10:45 am | Youth Mission Trip Meeting |
| | 11:00 am | Nominating Committee (Kean) |
| | 5:00 pm | Monthly Concert (Sanctuary) |
| Mon, Feb 24 | 10:00 am | Sewing Group |
| Tues, Feb 25 | 7:00 pm | Deacons Meeting (Carr. House) |
| | 7:30 pm | AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall) |
| Wed, Feb 26 | | Ash Wednesday |
| | 11:30 am | Women's Lenten Luncheon |
| | 5:30 pm | Children's Choir |
| | 5:30 pm | Lenten Prayer Service (Sanctuary) |
| | 6:00 pm | Supper at St. John's |
| Thurs, Feb 27 | 10:00 am | Women's Bible Study |
| | 6:30 pm | Adult Handbell Rehearsal |
| | 7:45 pm | Choir Rehearsal |
| Sun, Mar 1 | | 1st Sunday in Lent |
| | 9:30 am | Worship & Sunday School Communion (Intinction) |

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

The mountain top,
the shining face,
the glowing clothes,
the voice of God speaking from the cloud,
the commandments etched in stone.

Sometimes God shows up in ways we cannot deny –
in a place we can go,
a light we can see,
a voice we can hear,
a stone we can touch.

Sometimes.

Sometimes there is the veil,
the overshadowing, terrifying cloud,
the questions,
the appearing and disappearing,
the excitement,
the wondering,
the silence.

Sometimes God shows up in ways we cannot deny.

Always, God shows up...somehow.

– Joanna Harader

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