St. John’s at Worship
First Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements (please pass the fellowship roll)

Introit “Prelude to Quiet” Kellner
Scripture Reading Matthew 4:1–11 (pg. 3)

Beginning the Lenten Journey Loving Lord, at the beginning of this Lenten season, we are met with the challenge of handing over every bit of our lives that does not come from you; to rid ourselves of what clutters our lives and all that distracts us from the simple truth of Your love for us.

If we don’t give anything up for Lent, then let us at least give up this: that we might cease living in ways that disconnect us from You. Perhaps this Lent, we can give up our way and give ourselves to your way.

So, lead and guide us on this Lenten way. May we take up our cross and follow Christ to the hill just outside of Jerusalem, spending each moment of our lives living responsively to you, for that is the faithful way.

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 Most merciful God, we bring to this sanctuary and place on this table our burdens and brokenness; our sin and shame; our fears and failures; our doubts, and anxieties; the raw materials of life that we ask you to bless and transform, that in our dark tunnels we may begin to see light, and in the wilderness we may find you, 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.

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As Pre-K–4th 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 “He Carries My Cross Alone” Sorenson

Scripture Reading Romans 5:12–19 (pg. 156) Sermon The Reality of Sin Rev. Marshall

*Hymn 616, vss. 1, 3, 5 “Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast”

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper (Intinction)
Invitation to the Table
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
Communion of the People
Prayer after Communion

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

*Hymn 357, vss. 1, 5, 6 “Just as I Am, Without One Plea”

*Benediction

*Choral Response “I Will Sing the Wondrous Story” arr. Lanier

*Postlude “I Will Sing the Wondrous Story” arr. Lanier

*Prayer of Dedication (If you need to sit for the prayer, please feel free.)

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

PRAYER BEAD WORKSHOP – MARCH 8 (2–4 PM)
Are you looking for a tangible way to guide your prayer life? Join us at Junto Space (2524 West Chester Pike, Broomall) on Sunday, March 8 from 2–4 PM for an afternoon learning about the practice of praying with beads. You will have the opportunity to make your own set of prayer beads and learn how to use them! Adults and children of all ages are welcome, and the cost is $15 per person.

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.

TODAY – YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (4–5:30 PM)
Youth in grades 5–12 are invited to join us at the church tonight for Grog and games!

FRIDAY, MARCH 6 – MIDDLE SCHOOL LATE-NIGHTER (5:30–9:30 PM)
Sign up by March 3 for a fun-filled night at Oaks (trampoline park, dinner, and a movie). Price is $30 per kid, $50 family maximum.

MARCH 8 – Due to the late-nighter on Friday, there will be no youth group on Sunday, March 8.

PJ & MOVIE NIGHT – FRIDAY, MARCH 13 (NOTE NEW DATE)
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 12 (rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com)

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL
Families are invited to pick up their copy of “Make Room” outside of Ridgley’s office for this year’s Lenten family devotional. This is a book designed to help your children discover more about the Lenten and Easter season of the church.

-- From “Lawn Full of Marigolds” by Joshua James

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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