

## St. John's at Worship Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Introit "O Glory" *Simpson-Currenton*

\*Call to Worship from Psalm 89

Leader: Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,  
Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.  
For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord?

**People: Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord,  
A god feared in the council of the holy ones,  
great and awesome above all that are around him?**

Leader: O Lord God of hosts, who is as mighty as you?  
Your faithfulness surrounds you!

**People: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne.  
Steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.**

Leader: Happy are those who walk in the light of your countenance;  
they exult in your name all day long  
and extol your righteousness.

**People: Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn 126, vss. 1, 4 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

\*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.**

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, you call us to have no other gods before you,  
but there are many other people and things that we worship.**

**We bow down at the altars of money and materialism,  
pride and power,  
status and security,  
sports and celebrity;  
any god that is more convenient, less demanding,  
and instantly gratifying.**

**We do not always love you with all our heart,  
and soul, and mind, and strength.**

**Break the lure of all the other gods in our lives.**

**Remind us that we are forgiven and loved,  
so that with thankful hearts**

**we might give ourselves wholly to you,  
as you gave yourself wholly to us, in Jesus.**

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.**

Scripture Reading Psalm 82 (pg. 542) Pam  
Schafer  
(Children and youth may go to Sunday School after the scripture reading.  
**Sunday School ends at 10:45.**)

Anthem "God Is So Good to Me" *McDonald*

Scripture Reading Mark 12:28 – 34 (pg. 49)

Sermon BY POPULAR DEMAND: THE DIVINE COUNCIL Rev.  
Marshall

\*Hymn 85 "We Believe in One True God"

Call to Offering  
(Ushers will collect *blue card* prayer requests at the time of the offering.)

Offertory "Sometimes I Feel"

\*Doxology and Presentation of the Offering

**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

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "May the Peace of God" *L. Larson*

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of St. John's will begin immediately following worship for the purpose of:  
Distribution of the Annual Report  
Presentation of the approved 2016 budget  
Approval of 2016 Pastor's Terms of Call  
Presentation of the Investment Portfolio  
Revision to Bylaws  
Election of Elders, Deacons, and Trustees

\*All who are able, please stand

### ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Director of Music** *Iris Blanco*  
**Greeter** *Jim Netter*  
**Ushers** *Chuck Lynam, Jeanne Lynam,  
Jeff Wagner, Cammy Wagner*  
**Flowers** *Given by Skip and Marianne McClennen in memory  
of loved family members.*  
**Coffee Service** *Gordon & Mimi Wright*

**Guest Musicians:** *Valerie Gay (Soprano), Lisa Wildman (Flute)*

Note: Last week's flowers were given by Marie Cantafio in loving memory of her beloved husband, Ralph, and her beloved daughter, Gemma.

### 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 immediately following worship. Our greeter, Jim Netter, 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 that you will worship with us again soon!

### MEN'S CLOTHING DRIVE FOR BROAD STREET MINISTRY

Today is the last chance to contribute clean, durable **men's** clothing for Broad Street Ministry in Philadelphia. Highest priority items are men's jeans and pants, jackets, gloves, sneakers, and comfortable walking shoes. *We cannot accept shorts, swimwear, robes, pajamas, or formal wear.* Please place donations in the cloakroom of the Carriage House.

### CARRIAGE CLUB

Monday, February 8 at Noon, St. John's Carriage Club will hold its monthly luncheon. Following a light lunch of soup and sandwiches, Gary Stolz, park ranger, biologist, and land manager will give a presentation on wildlife and the importance of conservation. Gary will include a hands-on demonstration with artifacts such as pelts, bones, and antlers of animals native to our area. If your schedule does not allow you to be present for the entire program, please feel free to come and go as you must. Reservations are greatly appreciated and may be made by responding to the forthcoming e-mail or by calling Marianne McClennen.

### WOMEN'S LENTEN LUNCHEON & COMMUNION SERVICE

On Ash Wednesday, February 10, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM, we will mark the beginning of the Lenten season with lunch and worship. Leading us in worship this year is the Rev. Emily Chudy. Emily grew up at St. John's and is currently the Co-Pastor of Central Presbyterian Church in Downingtown. Signups will be taking place during coffee fellowship on January 24, 31, and February 7. Childcare will be provided (please indicate your need when making your reservation). Please contact Kathy Johnson or Sharon Griffin to RSVP or get more information. We hope that you will join us and bring a friend!

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

Please join us on Wednesday nights at 6 PM through March 16 for a delicious dinner and your choice of classes:

- *Major Religions: So What Is the Difference?* (10 weeks)
- *Jesus in the Letters of Paul* (5 weeks, now through Feb. 10)
- *Iran: An Interactive Discussion About the Past, Present, and Future* (5 weeks, Feb. 17 through March 16)

Sign up with Carla Chieffo.



**January 31 – NO YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT**

Our High School students have been away on the Mid-Winter Retreat this weekend, so there will be no youth group tonight. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help drive to and from the retreat! We are so grateful for your time and participation!

**BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY YOUTH GROUP WILL BE SUNDAYS FROM 4:30 TO 6:00 PM.**

**February 7: Faith Stories**

Eric will share his own testimony of faith!

**February 14: ValenGROG!**

Love is in the air and that can only mean one thing: it's time to play GROG again!

**February 21: Faith Stories**

Marcy will share her testimony of faith!

**February 28: Faith Stories**

An adult or possibly a youth will be sharing personal faith stories!

**MILITARY CARE PACKAGES**

Through February 7 our Deacons will collect goods for the Military Care Packages. Valentine hearts with decorating materials will also be on the stage in Fellowship Hall for you to add a person touch during coffee hour. A list of suggested items will be on a box on the stage, or you can visit [www.thesoldiersfamily.com](http://www.thesoldiersfamily.com). For more information, please contact Shirley Hughes.

**BLANKET DRIVE**

The annual Women's Fellowship Blankets+ drive for Church World Service begins today. Donations will be taken in the envelope included in your bulletin during the offering or at coffee hour. All around the world, Church World Services helps impoverished communities with the basic tools they need to sustain their families. Your gifts provide warm blankets, hygiene kits, clean-up buckets, seeds and tools for farming, and food for those in need. Checks may be made payable to St. John's, with "Women's Fellowship" in the memo. Please give a gift of hope to those who have so little.

**TRIVIA NIGHT RETURNS – THIS FRIDAY, 6 PM**

It may be cold outside, but you can warm up your brain by joining us for Trivia Night on Friday, February 5 at 6 PM. We guarantee an evening of good food (pizza etc), great conversation, and friendly competition for ALL ages. Sign up this morning during Coffee Fellowship with either Nancy Higgins or Nancy Phillips. You can also reserve your spot by contacting Nancy Higgins. It's especially important to let us know in advance if you will need childcare that evening. We welcome your help with the meal or childcare. We're looking forward to seeing everyone there!

**ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR**

<b>Sun, Jan 31</b>	10:30 am	Annual Congregational Meeting
<b>Wed, Feb 3</b>	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's
<b>Fri, Feb 5</b>	6:00 pm	Trivia Night in Fellowship Hall
<b>Sun, Feb 7</b>	8:00 am	Trustees' Meeting
	8:00 am	Deacons Meeting
<b>Mon, Feb 8</b>	Noon	Carriage Club
	7:00 pm	Stated Session Meeting
<b>Wed, Feb 10</b>	11:30 am	Women's Lenten Luncheon
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's

**A Reminder about Staff Days Off**

Patrick is out of the office on Fridays and Saturdays.  
Eric is out on Saturdays and Tuesdays.  
Rody is out on Saturdays and Sundays.  
If you email or call on those days, you may not get a response until they are back in the office. Thank you for understanding!

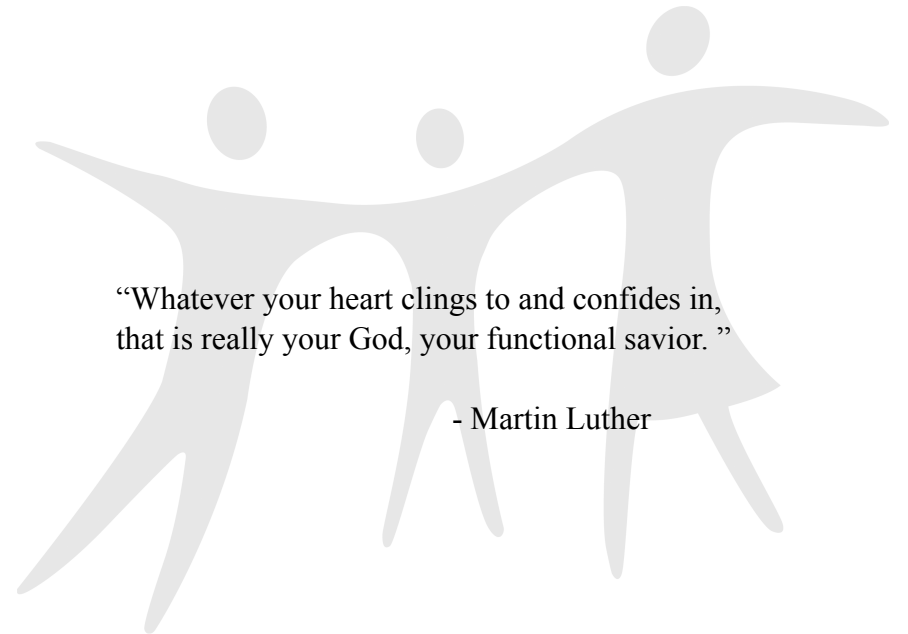


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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



“Whatever your heart clings to and confides in,  
that is really your God, your functional savior.”

- Martin Luther

**January 31, 2016**  
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