

St. John's at Worship Second Sunday in Lent

Prelude "Renewed Spirit" *M. Mazzatenta*

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

Introit "When Morning Gilds the Skies" arr. *D. Wagner*

*Call to Worship

Leader: The journey of Lent is one of *losing* ourselves, so that we might truly be *found*.

People: It is about dying to self, so that we might truly live in Christ.

Leader: It is a journey of repentance, turning away from sin and reorienting our lives to God.

People: Come, let us return to the Lord, for we are torn, and God will heal us.

Leader: Let us worship God!

*Hymn 129 (GREEN), vss. 1, 2, 4, 5

"Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights"

*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

Prayer of Confession from Psalm 51

All: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

Leader: What sin is "ever before you," weighing on you, making it impossible for you to move on?

Is it *your* sin? Is it *someone else's*?

What makes you feel judged, and how have you judged others?

What aspect of your life can you work on this week that will help you take a single step toward the new life of resurrection?

(Silent Confession)

All: May our confession be more than words and thoughts. May it bring about real transformation in us, so that we might truly live new lives in Christ. Amen.

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 Luke 15:11 – 32 (pg. 78) Jeff Wagner

Cherub Choir & Children's Time Rev. Marshall
(Children and youth may go to Sunday School after the Children's Time.
Sunday School ends at 10:45.)

Anthem "What Wondrous Love" *McDonald*

Sermon THE PRODIGAL
SON Rev. Marshall
Lenten Series: The Parables of Jesus

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

Offertory "O God You Are My God" *Decesare*

*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

*Hymn 378, vss. 1 – 4 "Amazing Grace"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Father, Give Thy Benediction" *Moore*

Postlude

*All who are able, please stand

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco*
Greeter *Jim Netter*
Ushers *Dave Dalrymple, David Sheep, Jim Little*
Flowers *Given by the Christy family with blessings to all for a healthy 2016.*
Coffee Service *Sharlene Cirillo and Nik Pearson*

Rejoicing Ringers *Brigitte Belzer, Cat Duncan, Sarah Duncan, Connor Feldman, Oliver Feldman, Henry Geiger, Nate Geiger, Sarah Geiger, Heather Hughes, Jill Hughes, Adam Thomson, Andrew Ward*

Devon Chapel Bells *Susan Bain, Marilyn Benton, Sue Chudy, Christina Fish, Sue Hardin, Sue Johnson, Elizabeth Unger*

Cherub Choir *James Adams, Sophie Coradi, Luke Ealer, Brandon Marshall, Ryan Marshall, and Tori Oliver*

Guest Musicians *Miyuki Hashimoto (Soprano), Jeff Estabrook (Tenor)*

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!

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?*
- *Iran: An Interactive Discussion About the Past, Present, and Future*

Sign up with Carla Chieffo.

CHERUB CHOIR

All children ages 4 through 3rd grade are invited to join the **Cherub Choir**, which meets every Wednesday from 5:15 – 5:45 PM. For those new to the program, the purpose of the Cherub Choir is to learn about God's amazing love for us by singing songs, talking about the Bible stories behind the songs, and playing with our friends. The Choir sings in worship on a monthly basis. It's not too late to join! As the seasons change we know your schedules do too, and we welcome all children as their schedules permit. If interested please contact Debbie Ealer.

MEN'S RETREAT – SATURDAY, MARCH 5 (7:30 – NOON)

A men's retreat/workshop moderated by Howard Friend is being offered in the Wilson Carriage House on **Saturday, March 5**. The workshop will focus on discernment for whatever stage in life one may be in. How is God *calling* me just now? What *gifts* is God inviting me to gather and claim? What *purpose* is God seeking to focus with me? Individuals are to think of the verse: "God is working all things together for good for those who love God and are called according to God's purposes." If you are interested, please contact Jim Little or call the church office.

WOMEN'S RETREAT – SATURDAY, APRIL 9 (9 AM – 1 PM)

If you enjoy fellowship and want to keep growing in your faith, please join us on **Saturday, April 9** in the Wilson Carriage House for a women's retreat led by Carol Schreck, a retired associate professor at Palmer Seminary and a clinician in Marriage and Family at Kairos Counseling Services in Devon. "The Sacred Journey" is for those who are thirsty for more of God, who are dissatisfied with living on the surface, and who want to travel deeper into God's heart. This invitation to a deeper journey with God comes from Sharon Brown's book, *Sensible Shoes*, which explores the sacred journeys of four women whose lives are far from perfect. They, like we, are on a quest for meaning and for a more congruent, growing relationship with Jesus. *You are encouraged to read the book prior to the retreat so that you gain familiarity with the spiritual journey being discussed.* If you have questions or would like to sign up, please see Carla Chieffo or Sue Hardin.

“STOP HUNGER NOW” UPDATE

We have been notified that St. John’s “Stop Hunger Now” meal packaging event on November 1 has reached its final destination of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries in Swaziland, a small, landlocked country in southern Africa. Thank you to all who have reached across the globe with food for the hungry.

ST. JOHN’S OUTREACH

Want to learn more about the ministries that our church supports? Check out the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall! Every month we highlight two ministries and provide updated information about the two PC(USA) Mission Co-Workers that we support. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact the chair of our Outreach Committee, Janette Scott.



The Middle/High School Youth Group meets from 4:30 to 6:00 PM.

TODAY: Faith Stories

Marcy will share her faith story!

February 28: Faith Stories

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

LOST IN FELLOWSHIP HALL, AND LOOKING FOR ITS HOME!

Please check the LOST AND FOUND table in Fellowship Hall for anything that might belong to you: trinkets, tins, plates, cups, books, bottles, and assorted others. Also, please check the front section of the coat rack for jackets and such. Anything remaining after March 13 will be donated to Goodwill. Thank You!

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

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| Sun, Feb 21 | 11:00 am | Rejoicing Ringers |
| Mon, Feb 22 | 10:00 am | Baby Bundles Sewing Group |
| Wed, Feb 24 | 5:15 pm | Cherub Choir (age 4-grade 3) |
| | 6:00 pm | Supper at St. John’s |
| Thurs, Feb 25 | 6:30 pm | Devon Chapel Bells |
| | 7:45 pm | Chancel Choir |
| Sun, Feb 28 | 8:00 am | APNC Meeting |
| | 11:00 am | Deacons Training |

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

The Place Where We Are Right
By Yehuda Amichai

From the place where we are right
Flowers will never grow
In the spring.

The place where we are right
Is hard and trampled
Like a yard.

But doubts and loves
Dig up the world
Like a mole, a plow.
And a whisper will be heard in the place
Where the ruined
House once stood.

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