

St. John's at Worship Third Sunday in Lent

Prelude "Near to the Heart of God" *C. B. McAfee*

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

Introit Joy Messengers Selections

Answering the "Call" to Worship

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.

*Hymn **159, vss. 1, 3, 4** "Lift High the Cross"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession from Psalm 51

All: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Leader: What in your life is crushing you?
Where do you need to experience truth, joy, or gladness?
What sin – yours or someone else's – needs to be washed away?
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.

Scripture Reading Luke 19:11 – 28 (pg. 82) Kim Collett

Children's Time Rev. Marshall & Rev. Dr. Howard Friend
Presentation of "God and Me" pin to Rowan & Garrick Bellew

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

Anthem "And Can It Be?" *Forrest*

Sermon THE PARABLE OF THE POUNDS 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 Joy Messengers Selections

*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 (INSERT) "Be Thou My Vision"

*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, John Shaw*
Flowers *Given by Ken and Mary Dilloway in memory off our parents, Sarah and Edsel Gillett & Rose and Harold Dilloway*
Coffee Service *Ellen Moeller*
Joy Messengers *Linda Duncan, Lauren Feldman, Lisa Howell, Nancy Kimmons, Pam Schafer, John Senior*

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 AM – 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.* Sue Hardin will be taking sign-ups today at coffee fellowship

CARRIAGE CLUB

Please join us On Monday, March 14 at Noon for our Carriage Club Luncheon. We will welcome Michael Aichenbaum, Executive Director of Hosts for Hospitals, a nonprofit agency providing free or minimal cost lodging for patients and their families coming to the Greater Philadelphia area for specialized medical care. Reservations are appreciated and can be given to Judy Mileto. If you would like to provide a dessert or help in the kitchen, please indicate that as well.



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

February 28: Faith Stories

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

March 11: Middle School Trivia Night in Fellowship Hall (6 PM)

All youth in grades 5 – 8 are invited to a special Friday night trivia event. We'll start with pizza at 6:00 PM, and then at 6:30 the games will begin! We'll have multiple rounds with different teams. Trivia topics will include pop culture and academics. *Please bring a friend, and be sure to RSVP so we can have enough food for everyone.*

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.

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.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Feb 28	8:00 am	APNC Meeting
	8:00 am	Women's Biblical Reflection
	11:00 am	Rejoicing Ringers
	11:00 am	Deacons Training
Wed, Mar 2	5:15 pm	Cherub Choir (age 4-grade 3)
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's
Thurs, Mar 3	10:00 am	Women's Morning Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Devon Chapel Bells
	7:45 pm	Chancel Choir
	9:00 pm	Devon Brass
Sun, Mar 6	8:00 am	APNC Meeting
	8:00 am	Deacons Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship & Communion
	11:00 am	Session Meeting with Confirmation Class
Sun, Mar 13	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting
Mon, Mar 14	12:00 pm	Carriage Club
	7:00 pm	Session Stated Meeting



A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

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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“We are the called-out ones – not *from* the world, but from being *patterned* by the wisdom and power of this world through our sinful practices and mind-sets.

We either renew our minds and become transformed, or we conform to the dominant ideologies that convince us that we are moral despite what is going on around us.

The Church must be a place where we take seriously the call to nonconformity in the way of Jesus. In doing so, we are drawn into further solidarity with the poor, oppressed, and ‘lowly,’ as Paul talked about. We refuse to participate in the death-dealing patterns of violence, but from below we experience God’s goodness.

We will renounce the cheap imitations of God’s goodness found in societal respect and status. Instead, we will become transformed agents who subvert from below the lie of our current social order.”

From *Trouble I've Seen* by Drew G. I. Hart

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