

St. John's at Worship Second Sunday after Epiphany

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

Introit "Meditation"

*Call to Worship From Psalm 139

Leader: O Lord, you have searched us and known us.
You are acquainted with all our ways.

People: You search out our path and lay your hand upon us.

Leader: Where can we go from your spirit?
Where can we flee from your presence?

**People: If we ascend to the highest heaven, you are there;
To the depths of the earth, you are there;
At the farthest reaches of the sea,
even there your hand leads us and holds us fast.**

Leader: We praise you, Lord, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made!
Wonderful are your works!

**People: Search us, O God, and know our hearts;
Lead us in the way everlasting.**

*Hymn 188 "Christ Is the World's Light"

*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

We do not always see you, Lord.

A lot of the time, we do not even *look* for you.

**Instead of seeing the beauty and goodness in each other,
and in ourselves,**

we choose to see the mistakes and the faults.

**Instead of focusing on the ways in which you are *present*,
we focus on the ways in which we think you are *not*.**

**We do not see others or ourselves as you do,
and because of that, our lives and our world are not *whole*.**

You who healed the blind, heal *us*.

**Open our eyes to your presence in us and around us,
that we may see and embrace *you*
as we see and embrace *each other*, in Christ. Amen.**

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 Isaiah 49:1 – 7 (pg. 679) Jeff Estabrook

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

*Pre-K through 12th grade may go to Sunday School after the children's time.
Sunday School ends at 10:45.*

Anthem "Shepherd Me, O God" *arr. Hayes*

Scripture Reading John 1:29 – 42 (pg. 92)

Sermon SEEING AND KNOWING Rev. Marshall

*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.
He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father, Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

Offertory "Prayer"

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

*Hymn 263, vss. 1, 3 "Open Our Eyes"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Lord, Make Us One" *Dexter*

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Jim Netter*

Ushers *Jeanne and Chuck Lynam, Don and Ginger Black*

Coffee Service *Jim and Carol Netter*

Flowers *Flowers are given by the Zomber Family,
in loving memory of Ed Fry II.*

Guest Musician *Cassia Harvey, Myanna Harvey*

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 you will worship with us again soon!

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

Our hearts go out to Sandy Foster on the sudden death of her son, David Lawton, who died unexpectedly last Sunday.

Ruth Lieberman and John Lieberman would like to thank everyone who has reached out with cards, calls, and visits over the past few weeks. Your love and support has meant so much to them. A memorial service for Jerre will be held on Saturday at 2 PM here at St. John's.

Chuck and Jeanne Lynam would also like to thank their St. John's family for the notes, cards, and prayers they received throughout Chuck's ordeal. They have felt your love and concern and are so very grateful to you all.

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES

Our next monthly concert will be on **Sunday, January 29 from 5–6 PM**, featuring the music of American composers Cole Porter, Leonard Bernstein, and George Gershwin, sung by Lara Kennedy with Iris and the Harvey sisters, as well as pianist Olga Valiente and flutist Amanda Heckman. These concerts are free and open to the whole community, so please bring a friend and join us for an evening of amazing music!

BLANKET DRIVE

Please consider a contribution to the annual Women's Fellowship Blankets+drive for Church World Service. Donations will be taken using the envelope included in your bulletin during the offering in worship, or at coffee hour January 15th, 22nd, and 29th. 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.

FAITH IN ACTION

A panel on human trafficking will be held on **Sunday, January 22** (1–2 PM) at Good Samaritan Episcopal Church. Presentations will be coordinated by Julie Uebler, an attorney and member of Good Samaritan, as well as St. John's own Betsy Friend, and a member of the steering committee of Chester County Anti Trafficking Coalition. Professionals in the field will speak on topics such as legislative issues, children and the dangers of the internet, and presentations will be made by a staff member of the newly opened New Day New Home center for 18–24 year old survivors. Come see how far we have come, and learn ways that you can be involved!

ANNUAL MEETING – FIRST NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of St. John's is called for **Sunday, January 29 at 10:30 AM** (immediately following worship), for the purpose of:

- Distribution of the Annual Report
- Presentation of the Approved 2017 Budget
- Approval of Pastor's Terms of Call for 2017
- Presentation of the Investment Portfolio
- Update on Lower Level Renovation Project
- Election of Elders, Deacons, and Trustees

The current slate of nominees for officers of the church is as follows:

ELDERS

1. Christine Markle
2. Laurie Cato
3. Pending

DEACONS

1. Patrick Bullock
2. Mary K DaRin
3. Mary Dilloway
4. Stella Urbina

TRUSTEES

1. John McClintick
2. Rich Scott
3. Pending



Friday, January 27 – Snow Tubing!

Meet at the church at 5 PM, and we will drive to AvalanceXpress in York for a fun night of snow tubing, hot chocolate, and games! The cost is \$20 per person (\$3 extra if you want to ice skate).

Sunday, February 12 – Pancake Breakfast!

On Sunday, February 12, immediately following worship, the youth will be hosting a pancake breakfast for the whole congregation in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a freewill offering that goes to benefit the Summer Mission Trip, but even if you are not going on the mission trip, we would love for you to help! If you have questions or would like to help, contact Ellen Moeller.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Jan. 15	9:30 am	Worship and Sunday School
Wed, Jan. 18	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's
Sat, Jan. 21	2:00 pm	Jerre Lieberman Memorial Service
Sun, Jan. 22	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School

Please note that the church office will be closed tomorrow (Monday, January 16) in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Patrick is out of the office on Fridays and Saturdays.

Lara 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. If you have a pastoral emergency on Saturday or Sunday, you may call (610) 608-2568.



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

Every day, someone looks at me
With conditioned eyes
Making wild guess judgments
About the length of my hair,
The color of my skin
The maker of my shoes
Never knowing what is real
Or who I really am

Once, someone looked at me
Through a compassionate heart
And all that was invisible
Was revealed in the light of it
Pain, fear, love, hope
Fresh wounds and old scars
Longing and aspiration
And my own heart smiled
Under that gentle gaze
In the clarity of both seeing
And being truly seen

By Christy Sharshel

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