

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

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

Minute for Mission

Introit

*Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord!

In the company of the saints above and beside us,
let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**People: Great are the works of the Lord,
full of honor and majesty,
whose righteousness endures forever.**

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful;
the work of God's hands is faithful and just.

People: God's covenant is established forever in truth and justice.

Leader: Our redemption is in the name of our Lord.

People: Holy and awesome is God's name in all the earth!

*Hymn 131 "We Gather Together"

*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

**Gracious God,
You have given us a sure Word—
Sealed by your Spirit in the free gift of your Son.
In him you have set us free from bondage,
Bound up and healed our wounds,
And led us into paths of peace.
But still we listen to other voices,
As though your word were just one among others.**

**In your mercy, forgive us, O Lord.
Enable us by your Spirit,
To demonstrate our gratitude for all your blessings
By following Jesus with undivided hearts,
And by bearing his liberating good news
Wherever there is brokenness and bondage,
To the glory of your holy name.**

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 1 Corinthians 8:1–13 (pg. 171) Nancy Higgins

Children's Time Sharlene Cirillo
At this time Pre-K – 12th grade leave for Sunday School until 10:45.

Anthem

Scripture Reading Proverbs 3:1–6 (pg. 860)

Sermon KNOWLEDGE OF LOVE, LOVE OF KNOWLEDGE Rev. Joyner
At the end of the sermon, we will have a moment of silent reflection and prayer.

*Hymn 454 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

*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

*Doxology

**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 698 "God of the Ages"

*Benediction "Go Now in Peace"

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD
Director of Music Iris Blanco-Urgelles
Ushers Jeanne & Chuck Lynam, Skip & Marianne McClennen
Greeter Virginia Holt
Refreshments Nancy & Peter Crawford
Flowers Given by Sharon & John Griffin with love and gratitude for our St. John's family

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 in the Carriage House immediately following worship. Our greeter, Virginia Holt, 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!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER: TODAY'S THE DAY!

If you signed up to help package meals this afternoon with Rise Against Hunger, we'll be starting promptly at 2 PM in Fellowship Hall. Remember to wear sneakers or other comfortable shoes and get ready to have a great time! We could still use a couple of people to assist with set-up at 12:30 PM, if you can help. Nancy Higgins will be available for questions during coffee fellowship. For more information about this organization's work to alleviate world hunger, visit their website: www.riseagainsthunger.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

The children's ministry at St. John's has a quarterly newsletter to keep you up to date on the latest happenings at our church for families. Contact Ridgley (rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com) to sign up.

ASH WEDNESDAY LENTEN LUNCHEON & COMMUNION SERVICE

On Wednesday, February 14 (Ash Wednesday), the women of St. John's will gather to mark the beginning of the Lenten Season. The Lenten Luncheon is an annual tradition where we gather in friendship, share a delicious lunch, hear a thought provoking message, and celebrate the Lord's Supper. This year the message will be provided by our own Rev. Ridgley Joyner! We will begin at 11:30 AM and conclude around 1:00. We encourage you to offer an invitation to your sister, mother, friend, neighbor, or co-worker. All are welcome! Childcare will be provided upon request. You can sign up at coffee hour, or contact Nancy Crawford or Kathy Johnson.

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. 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.

ANNUAL MEETING – NEXT SUNDAY

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of St. John's is called for **Sunday, February 4 at 10:30 AM** (immediately following worship), for the purpose of:

- Distribution of the Annual Report
- Presentation of the Approved 2018 Budget
- Approval of Pastors' Terms of Call for 2018
- Election of Elders, Deacons, and Trustees



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**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1 IS THE FINAL DAY
TO SIGN UP FOR THE SKI TRIP!**

February 4 – SUPER BOWL!

Rather than having a Super Bowl party, the Youth Ministry invites each youth to watch the Eagles beat the Patriots at home with your family. GO EAGLES! See you on February 11!

February 11 – Youth and Parents Summer Trips Meeting

If you are interested in going on the Mission Trip and/or the Montreat Youth Conference, please make plans to attend this meeting in the Youth Room after worship to learn more!

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

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| Sun, Jan 28 | 9:30 am | Worship & Sunday School |
| | 10:30 am | Coffee & Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 11:00 am | Kitchen Shower (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 2:00 pm | Rise Against Hunger (Fellowship Hall) |
| Wed, Jan 30 | 9:00 am | Morning Prayer Group |
| | 5:30 pm | Cherub Choir (Choir Room) |
| | 6:00 pm | Supper at St. John's (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 6:45 pm | Confirmation Class (Youth Room) |
| Sun, Feb 4 | 8:00 am | Deacon's Meeting |
| | 9:30 am | Worship & Sunday School |
| | | Communion (Intinction) |
| | 10:30 am | Congregational Meeting |

Patrick and Ridgley are 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 after hours or on a Saturday, you can call 610-764-6436.**

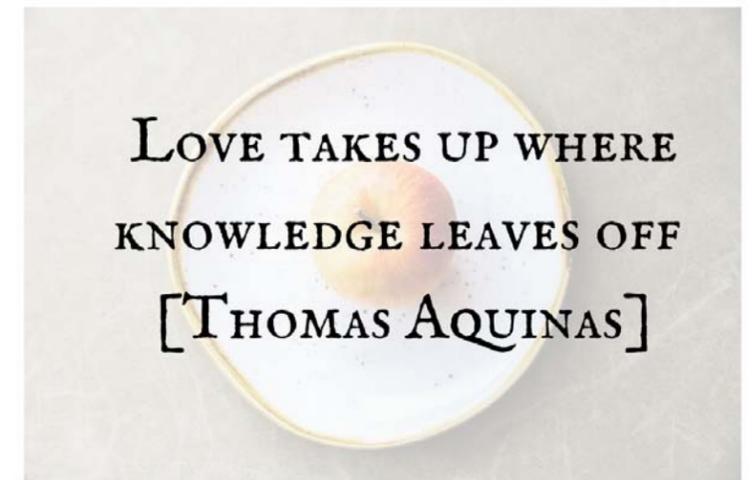


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