

## St. John's at Worship First Sunday in Lent

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

Introit "Prelude to Quiet" *Kellner*

Scripture Reading Matthew 4:1–11 (pg. 3)

Beginning the Lenten Journey

**Loving Lord,  
at the beginning of this Lenten season,  
we are met with the challenge of handing over  
every bit of our lives that does not come from you;  
to rid ourselves of what clutters our lives  
and all that distracts us from the simple truth of Your love for us.**

**If we don't give anything up for Lent,  
then let us at least give up this:  
that we might cease living in ways that disconnect us from You.  
Perhaps this Lent, we can give up *our way*  
and give ourselves to *your way for us*.**

**So, lead and guide us on this Lenten way.  
May we take up our cross and follow Christ  
to the hill just outside of Jerusalem,  
spending each moment of our lives living responsibly to you,  
for that is the faithful way.**

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 269, vss. 1–4 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Most merciful God,  
we bring to this sanctuary and place on this table  
our burdens and brokenness;  
our sin and shame;  
our fears and failures;  
our doubts, and anxieties;  
the raw materials of life that we ask you to bless and transform,  
that in our dark tunnels we may begin to see light,  
and in the wilderness we may find you, in Christ.**

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 Genesis 2:15–17, 3:1–7 (pg. 2) Nancy Davis

*As Pre-K–4<sup>th</sup> graders leave for Sunday School, we send them with this liturgy:*

Pastor: Now we go our separate ways to worship and learn about God.

Cong: **May God be with you there!**

Children: **May God be with you here!**

Anthem "He Carries My Cross Alone" *Sorenson*

Scripture Reading Romans 5:12–19 (pg. 156)

Sermon THE REALITY OF SIN Rev. Marshall

\*Hymn 616, vss. 1, 3, 5 "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast"

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** (Intinction)

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

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

Offertory "Prayer" *Kellner*

\*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 357, vss. 1, 5, 6 "Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story" *arr. Lanier*

### ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Director of Music** *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

**Greeters** *Virginia Holt*

**Ushers** *Jose & Mildred Irizarry, Mike & Judy Simmons*

**Flowers** *Given by Marie Cantafio in memory of her beloved*

*husband, Ralph, and her beloved daughter, Gemma.*

**Guest Musicians** *Cassia Harvey (cello), Anna Montejo (oboe)*

### 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 in the Fellowship Hall 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!

### COMMUNION SUNDAY

On the first Sunday of every month, St. John's shares the Lord's Supper. This meal reminds us of Christ's sacrifice for us – his body broken and his blood shed – so that we might be nourished in our faith to live for him. This is not just for Presbyterians or members of St. John's. Everyone who seeks to know and love Jesus Christ is welcome to share in this meal! You will be invited to come forward by the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and return to your seat by the outside aisles. (All communion bread is gluten free.)

### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING – TUESDAY NIGHTS (7:30 PM)

St. John's hosts an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting in our Fellowship Hall every Tuesday night at 7:30 PM. This is an open meeting, so anyone who feels that they have a problem with alcohol is welcome.

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

Don't feel like cooking dinner? Join us every Wednesday through March 25 for Supper at St. John's! We gather at 6:00 PM for a delicious church-cooked meal, followed by a choice of classes from 7–8 PM. All ages are welcome, and childcare is available during the classes.

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship will be hosting our annual Ladies Improving Friendships Together ("LIFT") social event on March 15 at 5:00 PM. This year we will be painting rocks! If you aren't sure what that is, we paint rocks with different colors, designs, patterns, and quotes. The best part is you don't need any artistic experience to end up with a beautiful design for indoors or outside to brighten your garden. The event is open to all ages, and you are welcome to bring friends and family. For \$5 per person, we provide all of the supplies, instructions, and refreshments. Participants are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert to share, and you may want to bring an old shirt or smock (it isn't a messy project, but just so you don't get paint on your clothes). We promise a fun and inspiring event. You can sign up in the Fellowship Hall, where we have a display of completed rocks and books with ideas and patterns. For more information, contact Judy Simmons.

### FAMILY FUN NIGHT – SAVE THE DATE!

On **March 27** we will host Family Fun Night. Families of all ages and kinds are invited to bring their favorite potluck dish. After dinner we will engage in a game of trivial pursuit with questions designed for every age group (and a trophy for the winner!). All are welcome, sign up during coffee hour.

**LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES (WEDNESDAYS, 5:30 PM)**

Join us in the sanctuary at 5:30 PM each Wednesday night in Lent for a quiet, reflective time of devotion and prayer. (You can stay for dinner afterward!)

**PRAYER BEAD WORKSHOP – MARCH 8 (2–4 PM)**

Are you looking for a tangible way to guide your prayer life? Join us at Junto Space (2524 West Chester Pike, Broomall) on Sunday, March 8 from 2–4 PM for an afternoon learning about the practice of praying with beads. You will have the opportunity to make your own set of prayer beads and learn how to use them! Adults and children of all ages are welcome, and the cost is \$15 per person.



If you are not already receiving Ridgley’s weekly emails for youth and families, email her at [rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com](mailto:rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com).

**RIDGLEY’S OFFICE HOURS**

Ridgley is still holding office hours **Tuesdays from 10:30–1:30 at Terrain** (138 Lancaster Ave, in Devon Yard). Everyone is welcome to drop in! If you would like to set up a specific time to meet with her, or if you’d just like to get in touch, please call (864-417-8566) or email.

**YOUTH GROUP & SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Youth Fellowship will now gather from 4-5:30 PM, ages 5<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade, unless otherwise specified in our advertisements. Additionally, Senior High Youth (8<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade) will gather for Sunday School on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month to discuss the previous week’s sermon and scripture.

**TODAY – YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (4–5:30 PM)**

Youth in grades 5–12 are invited to join us at the church tonight for Grog and games!

**FRIDAY, MARCH 6 – MIDDLE SCHOOL LATE-NIGHTER (5:30–9:30 PM)**

Sign up by March 3 for a fun-filled night at Oaks (trampoline park, dinner, and a movie). Price is \$30 per kid, \$50 family maximum.

**MARCH 8** – Due to the late-nighter on Friday, there will be no youth group on Sunday, March 8.

**PJ & MOVIE NIGHT – FRIDAY, MARCH 13 (NOTE NEW DATE)**

Kids in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and under are invited to join us from 5:30–7:30 PM to eat pizza and watch *Peter Rabbit!* Please RSVP with Ridgley by Thursday, March 12 ([rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com](mailto:rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com))

**LENTEN DEVOTIONAL**

Families are invited to pick up their copy of “Make Room” outside of Ridgley’s office for this year’s Lenten family devotional. This is a book designed to help your children discover more about the Lenten and Easter season of the church.

**ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR**

<b>Sun, Mar 1</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>
	9:30 am Worship & Sunday School Communion (Intinction)
<b>Mon, Mar 2</b>	7:00 pm Outreach Meeting (Kean Room)
<b>Tues, Mar 3</b>	7:30 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Wed, Mar 4</b>	9:00 am Prayer Group (Kean Room) 5:30 pm Children’s Choir 5:30 pm Lenten Prayer Service (Sanctuary)
	6:00 pm Supper at St. John’s
<b>Thurs, Mar 5</b>	6:30 pm Adult Handbell Rehearsal 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sun, Mar 8</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>
	8:00 am Trustees Meeting (Kean Room) 9:30 am Worship & Sunday School
<b>Mon, Mar 9</b>	7:00 pm Session Meeting (Kean Room)

Patrick and Ridgley are off on Friday and Saturday. Lara is off on Saturday and Sunday. 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 when the office is closed or on a Saturday, you can call 484-604-0499.**



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

And now to death, I’m dying.  
To love, I’m trying.  
To God, I’m lying again.

And to my Ma, I’ve failed you.  
To my Pa, always blamed you.  
And to God, I have shamed you again.

– From “Lawn Full of Marigolds” by Joshua James

**March 1, 2020**  
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