

St. John's at Worship Second Sunday in Lent

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

Introit "In Christ Alone" *Lloyd Larson*

Scripture Reading John 3:1–17 (pg. 93)

*Call to Worship "The Hands That Hold the Dust" *Jan Richardson*
**Will you meet us in the ashes,
will you meet us in the ache
and show your face within our sorrow
and offer us your word of grace:**

**That you are life within the dying,
that you abide within the dust,
that you are what survives the burning,
that you arise to make us new.**

**And in our aching, you are breathing;
and in our weeping, you are here
within the hands that bear your blessing,
enfolding us within your love.**

*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 129 (GREEN), vss. 1, 2, 4, 5
"Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights"

Unison Prayer of Confession *St. Ambrose of Milan (4th century)*
**O Lord, who has mercy upon all,
take away from me my sins,
and mercifully kindle in me
the fire of your Holy Spirit.
Take away from me the heart of stone
and give me a heart of flesh –
a heart to love and adore you,
a heart to delight in you,
to follow and enjoy you,
for Christ's sake. 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 Genesis 12:1–4 (pg. 10) Susanne Engheta

Children's Time Rev. Joyner
As Pre-K–12th 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 "Here is Love" *Larter*

Scripture Reading Romans 4:1–5, 13–17 (pg. 154)

Sermon A NEW LIFE 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 "I Have Sinned Against Heaven Before You"

*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 383, vss. 1–4 "This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude "God so Loved the World"

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*
Greeters *Mimi Wright*
Ushers *Gordon & Mimi Wright, Lee Holt, Peter Crawford*
Flowers *Given in loving memory of my mother with gratitude,
love, joy, and sorrow by Pam Schafer.*
Devon Chapel Bells *Susan Bain, Sue Chudy, Sarah Duncan, Christina Fish,
Laura Gellrich, SueBeth Johnson, Susan Starke,
Jim Tiede, Elizabeth Unger*
Guest Musicians *Miyuki Hashimoto (soprano), Jeff Estabrook (tenor),
Lisa Wildman (flute), and Frank Mercurio (trumpet)*

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, Mimi Wright, 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 MEETING – MARCH 15

A special Congregational Meeting has been called for **Sunday, March 15**, immediately following worship, for the sole purpose of electing an Elder (**Carla Chieffo**), a Deacon (**Lisa Archbold**) and the 2020 congregational representatives to the Nominating Committee (slate pending).

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP – MARCH 15

Women's Fellowship will be hosting our annual Ladies Improving Friendships Together ("LIFT") event on March 15 (5:00 PM). This year we will be painting rocks! 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. You can sign up in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Judy Simmons. **Senior Highs will meet at the LIFT event as their "Senior High Sabbath" event on 3/15.**

RYAN'S CASE FOR SMILES – MONDAY, MARCH 16

We will be sewing pillowcases for Ryan's Case for Smiles on Monday, March 16 in Fellowship Hall from 12:30–4:30 PM. It is a fun time to spend together while we cut fabric, sew, iron, and bag colorful pillowcases for hospital-bound children. Ryan's Case for Smiles was founded by St. John's members Cindy and Gavin Kerr in 2007. All are welcome!

DEACONS EASTER FOOD DRIVE

Families in our community benefit from your generous donations of food to the Great Valley Food Cupboard, which serves residents of Chester County in TE and Great Valley School Districts. The Deacons will have sign-up sheets and shopping lists in Fellowship Hall today at coffee hour. **The deadline for contributions is April 5.**

PRAYER BEAD WORKSHOP – TODAY (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.

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES

Our next monthly concert will be on **Sunday, March 29 from 5–6 PM**, featuring music of Paul Simon, Bluegrass, and Blues! These concerts are free of charge and open to the community. Please bring a friend and join us for an evening of amazing music!

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.

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES – WEDNESDAY NIGHTS (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!)

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S – WEDNESDAY NIGHTS (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.



If you are not already receiving Ridgley's weekly emails for youth and families, email her at 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 5th–12th grade, unless otherwise specified in our advertisements. Additionally, Senior High Youth (8th–12th grade) will gather for Sunday School on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month to discuss the previous week's sermon and scripture.

TODAY – NO YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Take some time to recover from Friday's late-nighter!

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

Kids in 4th 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)

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.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT – FRIDAY, MARCH 27

On March 27, 6–9 PM, we will host St. John's annual Family Fun Night for families of all ages and kinds! This is an INTERNATIONAL potluck dinner! We are hoping you will share a dish that your family made, and you loved. Please include a description, so we know who made it and where it is from. We would like to read it over the microphone for people to appreciate each other's contributions. After dinner we will engage in a game of trivial pursuit with questions for all ages, and a trophy for the winner! Please sign up at coffee hour.

CHURCH OFFICE UPDATE

Lara will be out of the office on vacation Thursday and Friday of this week. If you have any items to include in next Sunday's bulletin, please submit them to the church office by the end of the day on Tuesday.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Mar 8	2nd Sunday in Lent
	8:00 am Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am Worship & Sunday School
Mon, Mar 9	7:00 pm Session Meeting (Kean Room)
Tues, Mar 10	7:30 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Wed, Mar 11	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
Thurs, Mar 12	6:30 pm Adult Handbell Rehearsal
	7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal
Sun, Mar 15	3rd Sunday in Lent
	9:30 am Worship & Sunday School
	10:30 am Congregational Meeting

Please note: Lara will be out of the office on Thursday and Friday of this week. She will be back in the office on Monday, March 16.

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

I can hear you, but I won't.
Some look for trouble while others don't.
There's a thousand reasons I should go about my day
And ignore your whispers, which I wish would go away.

You're not a voice, you're just a ringing in my ear.
And if I heard you – which I don't – I'm spoken for, I fear.
Everyone I've ever loved is here within these walls.
I'm sorry, secret siren, but I'm blocking out your calls.
I've had my adventure. I don't need something new.
I'm afraid of what I'm risking if I follow you
Into the unknown

What do you want? 'Cause you've been keeping me awake.
Are you here to distract me so I make a big mistake?
Or are you someone out there who's a little bit like me?
Who knows deep down I'm not where I'm meant to be?
Every day's a little harder as I feel your power grow.
Don't you know there's part of me that longs to go
Into the unknown?

Are you out there? Do you know me?
Can you feel me? Can you show me?

Where are you going? Don't leave me alone.
How do I follow you...into the unknown?

– "Into the Unknown"
from *Frozen 2*

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