

**St. John’s at Worship
Third Sunday in Lent**

Welcome and Announcements

Introit “God So Loved the World” *Stainer, Marchand*

Scripture Reading John 4:5–26 (pg. 94)

*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 292, vss. 1–3 “What Wondrous Love Is This”

Responsive Prayer of Confession

All: God of living water, we confess the dryness of our lives:

Pastor: The brittle words we have thought and spoken...
the relationships that are crumbling...
the arid perspective that centers on self...
the cracked and jagged edges of our world...

**All: Hear our confession, O Christ,
and rain down your mercy upon us.**

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 John 4:27–42 (pg. 95) Pat Marshall

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 “Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” *Sharpe*

Sermon CROSSING THE LINE 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 “Chief of Sinners Though I Be/Go to Dark Gethsemane”

*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 560 “Help Us Accept Each Other”

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude “Song 46” *Gibbons, Marchand*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – TODAY

A special Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following worship, for the sole purpose of electing an Elder (**Carla Chieffo**), a Deacon (**Lisa Archbold**) and the congregational representatives to the 2020 Nominating Committee.

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*
Ushers *Nancy & Bruce Phillips, Marianne & Skip McClennen*
Flowers *Given in loving memory of George J. Fielden, Sr.
by his loving family.*
Devon Brass *Mark Ator, Jeff Estabrook, Frank Mercurio, Joe Lorini,
Paul Steege*
Guest Musician *Kevin Walker (percussion)*

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. We are glad that you are here and hope you will worship with us again soon!

WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP – TODAY!

Women’s Fellowship will be hosting our annual Ladies Improving Friendships Together (“LIFT”) event today at 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 are invited to come for their “Senior High Sabbath” event.**

RYAN’S CASE FOR SMILES – TOMORROW

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.**

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.

PALM SUNDAY EGG HUNT

Children 4th grade and under are invited to join us for our annual Egg Hunt during coffee hour (10:45 AM) on April 5. Please invite friends and family...all are welcome! Candy donations are now being collected outside of Ridgley’s office. For more information, please contact Christa Fisher.

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.

Today – Senior High Sabbath Event (5 PM)

Youth grades 8-12 are invited to the LIFT Event with Women's Fellowship today at 5 PM, where we will be learning how to paint rocks. You must RSVP even though we will be covering your \$5 fee. Please sign up downstairs during coffee hour so that they can prepare for you. **Please note: There will be no Middle School Youth Fellowship today.**

Sunday, March 22: Youth Fellowship 4-5:30 PM. Grades 8-12 are meeting in Ridgley's office to explore our theme: Let Love Lead

Sunday, March 29: Youth Fellowship 4-5:30 PM Grades 8-12 are meeting in Ridgley's office for a service project.

Sunday, April 5: Youth are invited to join their church family for the Palm Sunday egg hunt during coffee hour. Grades 8-12 are invited to come take part in helping this great event happen! We especially need help with clean up at 11 AM. Due to this intergenerational event, we will not have our usual Youth Fellowship at 4 PM.

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.

PASTORAL VACATION

Patrick will be out of the office on vacation tomorrow (March 16) through Monday, March 23. During this time he will be unavailable by email or phone. He will be back in the office on Tuesday, March 24. Ridgley will be available for all pastoral care needs.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Mar 15	3rd Sunday in Lent
	9:30 am Worship & Sunday School
	10:30 am Congregational Meeting
Mon, Mar 16	12:30 PM Ryan's Case for Smiles (Fellowship Hall)
Tues, Mar 17	7:30 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Wed, Mar 18	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 19	6:30 pm Adult Handbell Rehearsal
	7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal
Sun, Mar 22	4th Sunday in Lent
	8:15 am Session meeting with Confirmation Class (Kean Room)
	9:30 am Worship & Sunday School

Patrick will be out of the office on vacation until Tuesday, March 24.

Ridgley is 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

"Lent" by Ann Weems

Lent is a time to take the time
to let the power of our faith story take hold of us,
a time to let the events
get up and walk around in us,
a time to intensify
our living unto Christ,
a time to hover over
the thoughts of our hearts,
a time to place our feet in the streets of Jerusalem
or to walk along the sea and listen to his word,
a time to touch his robe
and feel the healing surge through us,
a time to ponder and a time to wonder...

Lent is a time to allow a fresh new taste of God!

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