

## St. John's at Worship Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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

### \* Call to Worship

One: By the grace of God, we are called to this place.

**All: We are summoned to worship with joy and thanksgiving.**

One: By the grace of God, we are united in a common mission.

**All: We are summoned to bring our whole selves to the work of worship.**

One: By the grace of God, we are welcomed just as we are - beautiful and broken.

**All: We are summoned to give praise to our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.**

One: Come let us worship the Triune God.

### \*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.**

Musical Offering *Fantasia on a Hymn Tune* arr. Harvey

Unison Prayer of Confession

**O Lord,  
forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith.  
Forgive us when we are shackled  
by our narrow understandings of discipleship  
and our clouded sense of purpose.  
Forgive us when we are frightened of the future  
or pull back from the demand of your calling.  
Forgive us when we fail to sense your presence in our past,  
to acknowledge your grace in the present moment,  
and to trust you for our future.**

(Silent Confession)

In the Name of Jesus Christ we pray,  
**Amen**

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.**

### \*Affirmation of Faith

*Heidelberg Catechism*

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own, but belong—  
body and soul, in life and in death—  
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.  
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,  
and has set me free from the tyranny of evil.  
He also watches over me in such a way  
that not a hair can fall from my head  
without the will of my Father in heaven;  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,  
assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready  
from now on to live for him.**

Scripture Reading Isaiah 6:1-8, 9-13 Nancy Davis

Children's Time Rev. Joyner

Anthem *Confession* arr. Kellner

Sermon THE GIFT OF CALL Jose Irizarry

### \*Presentation of Offering & 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 and Prayers of the People

\*Hymn 399 "Take My Life and Let it Be"

### \*Benediction

Postlude *Sunday Joy!* Arr. Hayes

### ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

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

**Guest Musician** *Cassia Harvey*

**Ushers** *Peter & Nancy Crawford*

**Flowers** *Given by the Kerr family in memory of their wonderful son Ryan, who passed away on 2/6/08*

### EPIPHANY SERMON SERIES- THE GIFTS OF FAITH

Following on the heels of Christmas, we will be following a worship series that offers us a chance to open up the presents that our faith gives us—some we love, some that confuse us, and some we might never have put on our wish list! Following the Revised Common Lectionary for Epiphany Year C, this nine-week sermon series highlights the wonderful and surprising gifts of God in our lives, if we can only learn to see them.

### WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

We are so happy that you have joined us for worship this morning! We hope that you experience the presence and love of Jesus Christ here with us today. Masks are required for all, regardless of vaccination status. Initially, we will be using every other pew for seating. If the number of worshippers exceeds our ability to do that, we will begin filling in the open pews as necessary. We will not be passing offering plates. Instead, offering baskets are located at each of the entrances to the sanctuary, and you can place your offering there on your way in. 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 the sanctuary doors. We are glad that you are here and hope you will worship with us again soon!

### COVID PRECAUTIONS

As cases in our area begin to decrease, the Covid Task Force has decided to change some of our precautions:

- Our worship will remain in-person with a livestream option. Congregants will need to wear surgical masks or N95/KN95/KF94 masks. Those coming to worship with a cloth mask will be given a surgical mask to wear instead of/in addition to the cloth mask.
- Coffee hour, nursery care, and Sunday School will be postponed.
- Communion will be held on **Sunday February 13th** during worship. We will provide individually portioned bags containing a piece of bread and juice for those attending worship. For those livestreaming from home, make sure you have the elements ready!
- Hybrid and in-person meetings will resume on Sunday February 13th. Those attending meetings in person will need to be wearing surgical masks or N95/KN95/KF94 masks (cloth masks not permitted). Please email Lara (lara.kennedy@stjohnsdevon.com) if you need to reserve time on the St. John's zoom account.

### “SUPPER” AT ST. JOHN’S

Please join us for an 8-week discussion of Rob Bell's book Love Wins facilitated by Brian Bouvier. This virtual course will dive into one of the most pressing questions for people of faith; is there hell and an afterlife and would a loving God send people to eternal torment forever? Bell puts hell on trial with a hopeful message - eternal life doesn't start when we die; it starts right now. And ultimately, LOVE WINS. Join us starting January 26th at 7:00 pm for thoughtful discussion, loving debate, and a connection to the love that is at the heart of our faith. You can pick up a copy of your book in the black and yellow bin on the Carriage House Porch. A suggested donation of \$10 can be mailed or dropped off at the church with “Supper at St. John's” in the memo line.

### YOUTH SUNDAY

Next Sunday! The Youth will lead us in worship on Sunday February 13th with a special offering through Tackle Hunger (formerly known as Souper bowl of Caring). Please plan on bringing a can of food or a cash offering! All donations will be given to Great Valley Food Bank!

### SUMMER TRIPS MEETING

Parents and youth are invited to join Pastor Ridgley on Zoom Monday February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm to learn about our summer trips for grades 6-12. This will be recorded for parents to listen after the fact and email questions to Pastor Ridgley. Registration begins on Sunday February 13th! Zoom link will be in the weekly email.

### TUBING TRIP POSTPONED

Join us for a Family Ice Skating Event: TONIGHT 4-6pm All Children Youth & Families are invited to join us at Flight on Ice for an evening of ice skating! All children of God are invited to join us! Those who didn't sign up by Friday are still welcome to come, you will just need to buy tickets online (flightonice.com) or at the ice-skating rink (4901 West Chester Pike Newtown Square, PA 19073). If you wait until you arrive, space may be limited!

### WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Our women's book group has just finished the Barbara Brown Taylor book and is moving on to a new book in January. Our new book will be *"The Beautiful Work of Learning to Pray - 31 Lessons"* by James C. Howell. We are meeting by Zoom, and anyone is welcome to "drop in" for one or all sessions. We invite and encourage all women to be part of the group in the new year. It is casual and wonderful conversation and the reading each week is short. If you have questions, and to get the Zoom link, please email Carolyn Repke.

### PASTORAL UPDATE

We are very pleased to announce that Rev. Marshall will be returning from his medical leave of absence next week. He will return to the office on February 8 and will lead in-person worship the following Sunday. He will resume preaching sermons sometime in March. We are all eager to welcome Patrick back and encourage you to do so as he gets back into the swing of things over the next few weeks.

### THE GIFT OF REV. PATRICK MARSHALL

As we prepare for Patrick's return from leave, we would like to welcome him back by CELEBRATING Patrick's gifts! The door to Patrick's office is currently decorated by Susanne Engheta and Nancy Arico with little gift bags. Please visit the door and write on a post it note a gift you see in Patrick and/or a time that he has been a gift to you. If you are unable to make it to the church, you can mail your post it note (no larger than 3") to the church and we will put it in the gift bags on his door for you. If you would like to write a more private or longer note, we encourage you to mail those to the church office for his church mailbox. Please make arrangements to do so by today, Feb 6th!

### ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

<b>Sun, Feb 6th</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b>
	8:00 am Women's Book Club
	8:15 am Deacons Meeting
	9:30 am Sunday Worship
	9:30 am Confirmation Meeting
	4:00 pm Youth Ice Skating
<b>Mon, Feb 7<sup>th</sup></b>	6:00 pm Youth trip meeting
<b>Wed, Feb 9<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 am Companions in Prayer
<b>Sun, Feb 13th</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b>
	<b>Youth Sunday</b>
	8:00 am Women's Book Club
	8:00 am Trustees Meeting
	9:30 am Sunday Worship
	4:00 pm Youth Group
<b>Mon, Feb 14<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 pm Session Meeting
<b>Wed, Feb 16<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 am Companions in Prayer

Pastor Ridgley is available for pastoral care meetings in the community, in your home, or over zoom/telephone. She is also available at the church for more private pastoral care appointments.

Lara is in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and is available every day via email or phone by calling the regular office line. **If you have a pastoral care emergency and are unable to reach Lara, you can call 484-604-0499.**



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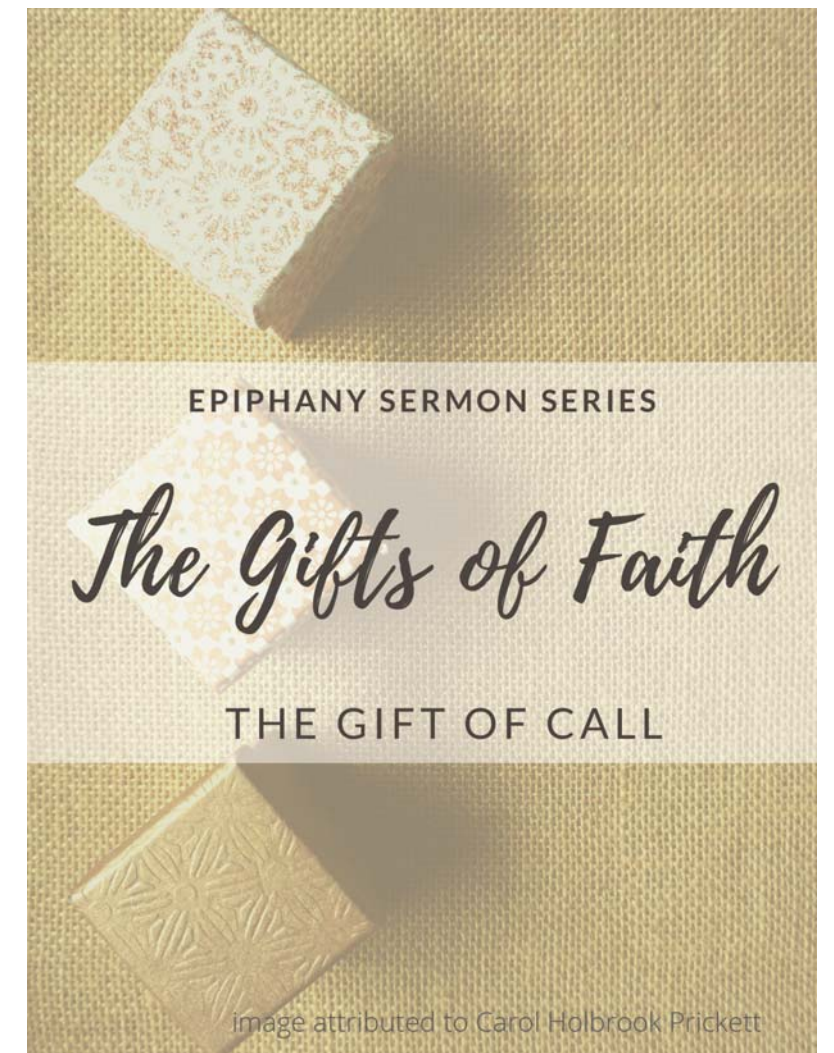
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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



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