

St. John's at Worship – Youth Sunday Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship Abayomi Irizarry

One: Wonderful is the God of Christ,
who gathers the poor of the earth.
**All: Glorious is our God,
who wipes away the tears of sorrow.**

One: Wonderful is the God of Christ,
who gives inheritance to the meek.
**All: Glorious is our God,
who satisfies the hunger of the just.**

One: Wonderful is the God of Christ,
who gives mercy to the merciful.
**All: Glorious is our God,
who gives vision to the pure in heart.**

One: Wonderful is the God of Christ,
who adopts the peacemakers.
**All: Glorious is our God,
who lifts high the persecuted.**

One: Wonderful is the God of Christ,
who finds the lost.
**All: Glorious is our God,
who awakens the dead.**

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer Rowan & Garrick Bellew
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 "Pastorale" Corelli

Unison Prayer of Confession Ryan Marshall & Courtney Cato

Blessed are we when we let go of possessions,
for the kingdom of God unfolds in open places.

**Forgive us when we gather into barns,
for soon this life will be over.**

Blessed are we who know the ache of hunger,
for the empty places in body and soul are the fertile soil for new growth.

**Forgive us for filling our lives to capacity,
for we fail to recognize what is missing.**

Blessed are we who know scorn,
for the rejection of humans keeps us mindful of that beyond.

Forgive us when we depend on the approval of others.

Blessed are we who live in the harmony of life in the Spirit,
For we will recognize abundance.

(Silent Confession)

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray,
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Courtney Cato

*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 James Adams

**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.**

Scripture Reading Luke 6:17–26 Matthew Loftus

*As Pre-K through 4th 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 "Prayer" Kellner

Sermon THE GIFT OF FULFILLMENT Rev. Joyner

Hymn 393 "Spirit of the Living God"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
Communion of the People
Prayer after Communion

*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 Sarah Duncan

*Hymn 660 "God is Here"

*Benediction

Postlude "The Solid Rock" arr. Hayes

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music Iris Blanco Urgelles
Ushers Ryan & Sarah Crill, Graham & Caroline Hillier
Flowers Given by Lynne Hay in honor of beloved family
Guest Musicians Cassia Harvey (cello), Tom McCauley (viola)

EPIPHANY SERMON SERIES – THE GIFTS OF FAITH

On the heels of Christmas, we have been 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 updated some of our precautions:

- 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 and nursery care will be postponed.
- Hybrid and in-person meetings will resume on Sunday, Feb. 13. 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 Jan. 26 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.

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 happy to announce that Rev. Marshall returned from his medical leave of absence this past Tuesday! He is taking some time to get up to speed on all that has happened in the life of our church over the past three months and will resume preaching sometime in March. We are all happy to welcome Patrick back and encourage you to do so as he gets back into the swing of things over the next few weeks.

YOUTH GROUP SWAG

The sweatpants designed by our very own Sarah Duncan are finally here! Pick up yours from Ridgley today! If you haven't made your payment, please plan to bring it when you pick up your sweatpants.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING (TACKLE HUNGER)

This Sunday we will be collecting a special cash and/or canned food offering for the Great Valley Food Bank through the Tackle Hunger program. Please put your donations in the soup pots that our youth ushers will be holding at the entrances! There will be a link to donate online in the weekly newsletter email this afternoon! We hope you'll help us "Tackle Hunger" this Super Bowl Sunday!

SUMMER TRIPS

Early Registration has opened for our Summer Youth Trips. If you register for either our Middle School Conference at Massanetta Springs or our High School Mission and Youth Conference at Montreat Conference Center by March 13, you can save \$50! For more information, reference Ridgley's weekly email for Youth, Children, and Families, as well as our Weekly eNewsletter.

VBS SAVE THE DATE

Join us for VBS August 15-19 from 9 AM to 1 PM. We hope you'll join us! If you are interested in helping plan VBS this year, please contact Ridgley (rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com)

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Feb 13	6th Sunday after Epiphany Youth Sunday
	8:00 am Women's Book Club
	8:00 am Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am Worship & Communion
Mon, Feb 14	7:00 pm Session Meeting (Zoom)
Wed, Feb 16	9:00 am Companions in Prayer (Kean)
	7:00 pm "Supper" at St. John's
Sat, Feb 19	8:30 am Interfaith Group
Sun, Feb 20	8:00 am Women's Book Club
	9:30 am Worship

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.**

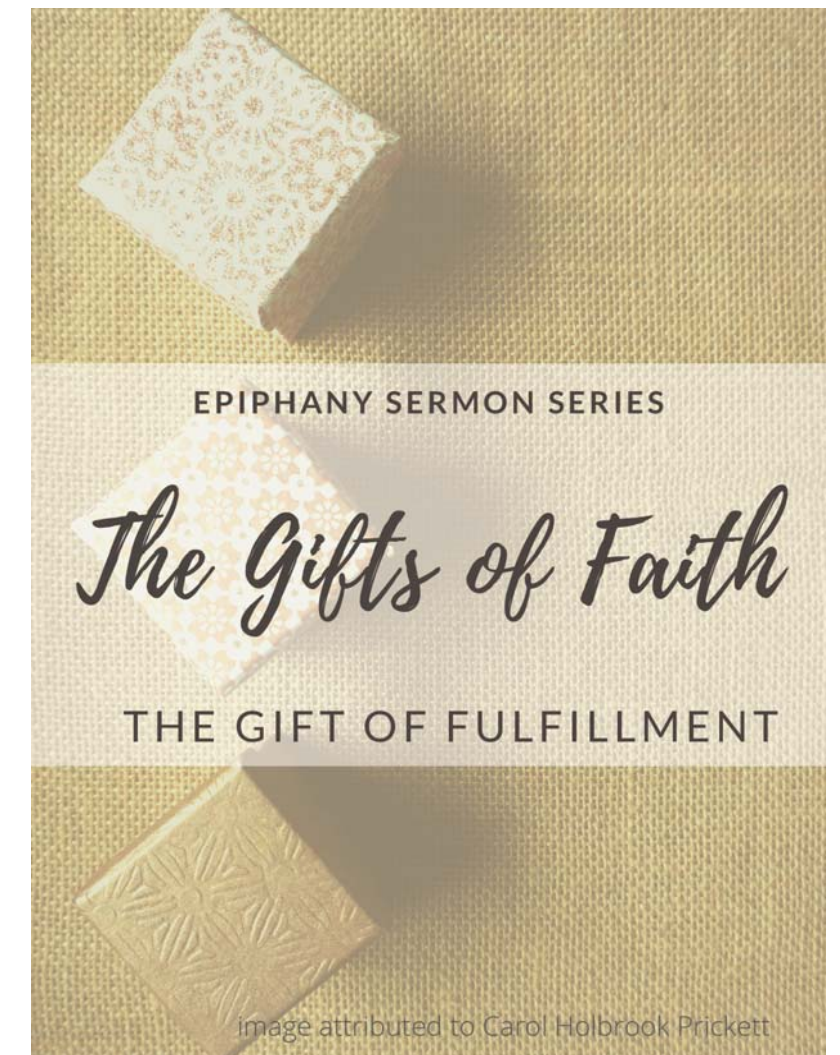


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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



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