

St. John's at Worship Transfiguration of the Lord

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

**All: Jesus, take us to the mountain to be dazzled by your glory,
to see the company of prophets,
and to hear the very voice of God.
Jesus, take us to the mountain;
we will offer songs of praise!
Let us worship 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 "The Lord Is My Shepherd" *Newman*

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Saving Christ, forgive us for our partiality to a certain kind of glory –
the glory of shine and spectacle,
of power and privilege,
of mountaintop moments where we feel above it all.
Help us see *your* glory in the people and places that seem like the least –
in crowds crying out for help,
in children reaching out for comfort,
in the everyday hustle and hurts of living.
Open our eyes, Lord, to your glory *everywhere*;
the glory of your presence and power,
the glory of your love and justice,
the glory of your kingdom,
which has come near to us in Jesus Christ. 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.**

*Affirmation of Faith From the Scots' Confession (1560)

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone,
to Whom alone we must cleave,
Whom alone we must serve,
Whom only we must worship,
and in Whom alone we put our trust.
Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable,
incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible;
one in substance and yet distinct in three persons,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth,
visible and invisible, to have been created,**

**to be retained in their being,
and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence
for such an end as his eternal wisdom, goodness,
and justice have appointed,
and to the manifestation of God's own glory. Amen.**

Scripture Reading Luke 9:28–43a Judy Mileto

As Pre-K – 4th grade leaves 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 I Am Lord" *Evanovich*

Sermon THE GIFT OF REVELATION Jed Koball

*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 98 "To God be the Glory"

*Benediction

Postlude "Be Still My Soul" *Newman*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco Urgelles*

Ushers *Pete Crawford, Tom Higgins*

Flowers *Given by the Deacons, in honor of the wonderful congregation of St. John's*

Guest Musicians *Alex Kislitsyn*

Guest Preacher

Our guest preacher this morning is the Rev. Jed Koball. Jed is a Mission Co-Worker of the Presbyterian Church (USA), serving in Peru since 2009 as partnership facilitator for the Presbyterian Hunger Program. Prior to moving to Peru, Jed was a development worker in Nicaragua with Bridges to Community (2003–2006) in between two joyful stays as Associate Pastor of Larchmont Avenue Church in New York (2000–2002 and 2006–2008). A graduate of McCormick Theological Seminary and a former Young Adult Volunteer in the Philippines, Jed has long sensed his call to ministry as one of embracing our common humanity throughout this one world we share and dismantling the systems and structures that divide us from one another. Jed lives in Lima with his wife Jenny (the coordinator of the YAV program in Peru), and their 4-year-old son Thiago.

OUTREACH MISSIONS Q&A

The Outreach Committee will be hosting a Q&A with Jed Koball at 10:45 in the Carriage House. Come and learn more about Jed and Jenny's ministry in Peru!

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.
- We will not be providing coffee hour or nursery care.
- Hybrid and in-person meetings resumed on February 13. Those attending meetings in person need to wear surgical masks or N95/KN95/KF94 masks (cloth masks are not permitted).

Please email Lara (lara.kennedy@stjohnsdevon.com) if you need to reserve time on the St. John's Zoom account.

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.

"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 explores 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 on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM for thoughtful, loving discussion and a connection to the love that is at the heart of our faith. The Zoom link is in the weekly newsletter!

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Our women's book group has just started reading *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. 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.

LENT 2022: CULTIVATING AND LETTING GO

Lent is a season of spiritual gardening, inviting God to unearth in us what lies fallow, what needs to be tended, and what needs to die for new life to emerge. This Lent, we are embracing the literal and spiritual practices of cultivating and letting go, beginning with an Ash Wednesday Service on March 2 at Noon at St. John's. We will be partnering with our neighbors at Trinity Presbyterian Church. This service will be livestreamed for those who cannot make it at Noon, and we will have a drive-by imposition of ashes in the church driveway from 12:30–1 PM, with a treat from Women's Fellowship to take home with you. We hope you will join us as we begin the Lenten season.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP TONIGHT

Tonight is Mission Night! Grades 5–12 are invited to join us here at 4 PM for a mission project – making pancakes and blankets for a homeless shelter in the city.

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 leave a check in the drop box next to Ridgley's office.

SUMMER TRIPS

Early Registration has opened for our Summer Youth Trips. If you register for either our Middle School Conference at Massanetta Springs (June 16–19) or our High School Mission and Youth Conference at Montreat Conference Center (July 30–August 6) 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. A \$100 deposit is needed to secure your discounted rate. Please leave a check in the drop box outside Ridgley's office.

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 27	8:00 am	Women's Book Club
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	9:30 am	Confirmation Class (Kean Room)
	10:45 am	Outreach Q&A (Carr. House)
	4:00 pm	Youth Fellowship
Wed, March 2		Ash Wednesday
	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer
	12:00 pm	Worship
	7:00 pm	"Supper" at St. John's
Sun, March 6	8:00 am	Women's Book Club
	8:15 am	Deacons Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	9:30 am	Confirmation Class (Kean Room)

Reminder: Friday is Patrick and Ridgley's sabbath day, and the church office is closed on Saturday. If you email or call on those days, you will not get a response until they are back in the office. Our Church Administrator Lara Kennedy is in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, and works virtually (available by email/phone) on Monday and Thursday. **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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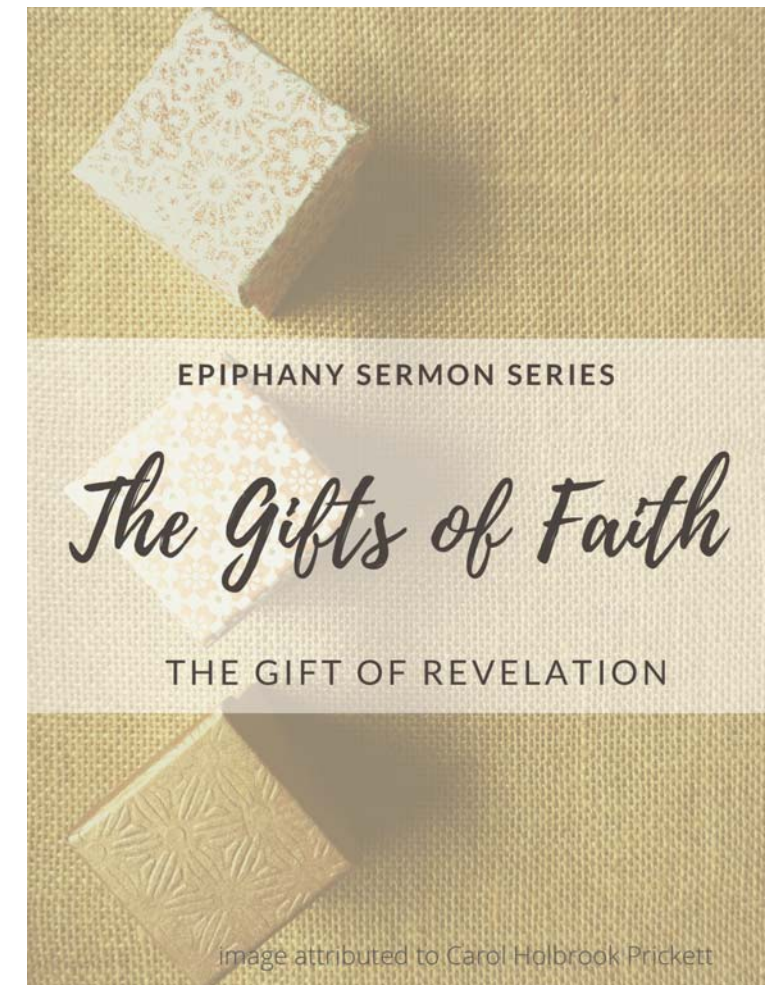
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