

St. John's at Worship Second Sunday in Lent

Prelude "Meditation on *Beautiful Savior*" *Mocklebust*

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Arioso" *J.S. Bach*

*Call to Worship

One: Never again will we be exactly in this place—
All: With these same hopes and these same prayers.
One: Never again will we be exactly in this place—
All: With these same hurts and these same dreams.
One: So as we gather together in this place,
may we bring our hopes and prayers and dreams;
**All: May we bring our hurts and wants and needs
to the God of this day, to the God of this place,
for surely God is here.**
One: Let us worship God.

*Hymn **139 (vss. 1, 2, 5)** "Praise to the Lord the Almighty"

*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.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**God, you tell us to cultivate compassion,
but too often we hold grudges and keep score.
You tell us to cultivate justice,
but too quickly we forget that we belong to one another.
You tell us to let go of judgment,
but we find that stones are so easy to throw.
You tell us to let go of what others think,
but still we hold our worth in another's eyes.
Guide our feet, our hearts, and our minds to a better world.
Forgive us when we lose our way.**

Silent Confession

Gratefully 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

**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.**

The Apostles' Creed

Scripture Reading Luke 13:31–35 (pg. 77) Jim Ryland

Children's Sermon Rev. Marshall

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 "God Who Watches Over Me" *Shepherd*

Sermon CULTIVATING COURAGE Rev. Joyner

*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 **430 (INSERT)** "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

*Benediction

Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco Urgelles*
Ushers *Jim Ryland & Wanda Odom*
Flowers *Given by Pam Schafer, in loving memory of her mother,
with gratitude, love, joy, and sorrow.*

Coffee Servers *Lynne Brown & Jean Converse*
Guest Musician *Miyuki Hashimoto, Alexandr Kislitsyn*
Rejoicing Ringers *Garrick Bellew, Rowan Bellew, Courtney Cato,
Ryan Crill, Sarah Duncan, Avery Hillier, Jim Tiede*

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. 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 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!

COVID PRECAUTIONS

As cases in our area continue to decrease, the Covid Task Force has updated some of our precautions:

- Masks are now optional in the church building.
- The air purifiers will remain on, and we will continue to distance seating in the pews.
- We will continue to livestream worship.
- Coffee hour and nursery care have resumed. Nursery workers will wear masks for the safety of our youngest members.

As always, please email Lara (lara.kennedy@stjohnsdevon.com) if you need to reserve time for a meeting on the St. John's Zoom account.

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 through a variety of mediums: worship, art, study, and practice! Here are some ways to engage this Lenten Season:

Lenten Tree: Nancy Higgins has created an art installation for us in the Fellowship Hall to be an embodiment of our Lenten Practices this season. Visit the tree to write on the green leaves what you hope to cultivate, and on the red/orange leaves what you hope to let go of.

Lenten Devotional: Each week the bulletin will include a devotional card with a poem and some questions for reflection for the week. If you are worshipping via livestream, a PDF will be available in our weekly newsletter.

Lenten Study: Join us every Sunday after worship for a short Visio Divina study with art and the scripture of the day. This week we will meet in Ridgley's office!

"SUPPER" AT ST. JOHN'S

This week will be the last in our 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 Wednesday 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.

EASTER LILIES

The Deacons are accepting sponsorships for Easter lilies to beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday (April 17). The cost is \$10 per plant, and it is yours to keep after worship. Beginning March 27, a Deacon will be in Fellowship Hall at coffee time if you would like to purchase a plant.

LOVING SOMEONE WITH DEMENTIA

On Sunday, March 27 we will start a three-part educational series on Dementia and Alzheimer's, led by St. John's own Lauren Tiede. Join us after church in the Carriage House at 10:45 AM to learn more about caring for our loved ones who have these hard diagnoses.

- March 27: What is Alzheimer's Disease & Dementia?
- April 24: Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's & Dementia
- May 21: Effective Communication Strategies

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.

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)

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Youth in grades 5–12 are invited to join us on Sunday nights for Youth Group as we learn, fellowship and serve! Some upcoming events:

Today, March 13 (4:30–6:00 PM)

Join us at Devon Lanes for a night of bowling with Trinity and Covenant Presbyterian Youth Group. Bring \$5 to go toward the lane and shoe rental. Don't forget socks!

March 20 (4:00–6:00 PM)

Grades 5–12 are invited to join us at the youth house at Covenant Presbyterian (400 Lancaster Ave, Frazer) for an evening of "Oliver Rocks" painting and learning about sharing the Gospel with our community.

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.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, March 13	8:00 am	Women's Book Club
	8:30 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	11:00 am	Women's Fellowship (Kean)
	4:30 pm	Youth Fellowship
Mon, March 14	7:00 pm	Session Meeting (Kean & Zoom)
Sun, March 20	8:00 am	Women's Book Club
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	9:30 am	Confirmation Class (Kean)
	4:00 pm	Youth Fellowship

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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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

And you, my soul, dead in yourself,
run under the wings of Jesus your mother
and lament your griefs under his feathers.
Ask that your wounds may be healed
and that, comforted, you may live again.

– From a prayer by St. Anselm (c. 1070 AD)

March 13, 2022
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