

## St. John's at Worship Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Freely, Freely" Carol Owens

\*Call to Worship

One: The journey of Lent is one of *losing* ourselves,  
so that we might truly be *found*.

**All: It is about dying to self, so that we might truly live in Christ.**

One: It is a journey of repentance,  
turning away from sin and reorienting our lives to God.

**All: Come, let us return to the Lord,  
for we are torn, and God will heal us.**

One: Let us worship God!

\*Hymn 341 "I Sought the Lord"

\*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

**Lord, we have sinned against heaven and before you. We are no longer worthy to be called your children. And yet as the prodigal son was welcomed home to the blessings of his father, we pray that we, too, might find forgiveness and a welcome in the blessings of your grace, through Jesus Christ.**

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 The 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.**

Scripture Reading Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (pg.78) Pat Marshall

### Ordination, Installation, and Commissioning of Officers

**Presentation of Elders for Ordination/Installation**

*Ginger Black, Susan Chudy, Lynne Haye, Jim Little, Jim Tied*

**Presentation of Deacons for Ordination/Installation**

*Sam Hillier, Ellie Lund*

**Constitutional Questions of Ordination/Installation**

**Prayer of Ordination and Installation**

*All those who have previously been ordained as Deacons, Ruling Elders, or Teaching Elders are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.*

**Declaration of Ordination/Installation and Charge**

**Commissioning of Trustees**

*Laurie Cato, Troy Fisher, Pam Schafer*

**Recognition of Outgoing Elders, Deacons, and Trustees**

*As Pre-K – 4<sup>th</sup> 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 "Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer" Keith Getty

Sermon CULTIVATING RELATIONSHIPS Rev. Marshall

\*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 378, vss. 1-4 "Amazing Grace"

\*Benediction

Postlude

### ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Director of Music** Iris Blanco Urgelles

**Ushers** Pat Marshall, Jim Ryland

**Flowers** Given by the Archbolds to the glory of God and His goodness to our family.

**Coffee Servers** Jeanne & Chuck Lynam

**Joy Messengers** Nancy Kimmons, John Senior, Lisa Howell,

Linda Duncan, Troy Fisher, Pam Schafer

### 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: There is a tree on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall where you can write on the green leaves what you hope to cultivate, and on the red/orange/yellow leaves what you want to let go of. Feel free to take a leaf home to write on it there, and if it you would like to keep it private, you can always pin it to the tree with the writing side down.

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

Lenten Study: Join us every Sunday at 11:00 AM in Ridgley's office for a brief time of reflection on the day's scripture and sermon.

### 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.

### STAFF CHANGES

As we shared last week, our Church Administrator Lara Kennedy will be leaving St. John's in April, as she has accepted an incredible job offer closer to home. Lara will remain on staff until Easter, and is working with Patrick, Ridgley, and members of the Administration and Personnel Committees to ensure a smooth transition.

### LOVING SOMEONE WITH DEMENTIA

After worship today, we are starting 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

### FUNERAL SERVICE FOR LOUISE GRIFFITHS

This Thursday, March 31, we will gather in the sanctuary at 11:00 AM to celebrate the life of Louise Griffiths and bear witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The service is open to all, and the graveside service will be family only.

### UKRAINE RELIEF

As the number of Ukrainian refugees continues to increase by the day, food and other supplies inside Ukraine are becoming increasingly scarce. Churches and ecumenical partners who are already there are helping to provide basic items for survival for the millions who have been displaced. **St John's will be giving \$10,000 towards this effort.** One of the ways that we can help is through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). Giving through PDA will assist with international refugee resettlement. The Synod of the Trinity will be matching all funds sent through the Presbytery. If you would like to contribute, please write a check to St. John's with "Ukraine" in the memo line. We will then send everything to Presbytery. More information can be found in our weekly email.

### 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 27 (4:00-6:00 PM)** Youth grades 5-12 are invited to join us at St. John's to paint Oliver Rocks with Trinity Presbyterian Youth!

### 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.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – 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

<b>Sun, March 27</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>
8:00 am	Women's Book Club
9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School Ordination/Installation of New Elders, Deacons, and Trustees
10:45 am	Dementia/Alzheimer's Presentation (Carriage House)
11:00 am	New Trustee Training (Kean)
<b>Mon, March 28</b>	7:00 pm New Elder Training (Kean)
	7:00 pm New Deacon Training
<b>Wed, March 30</b>	7:30 pm Trustee Officer Elections (Zoom)
<b>Thur, March 31</b>	11:00 am Louise Griffiths Funeral
<b>Sun, April 3</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>
8:00 am	Women's Book Club
9:30 am	Worship & Communion Sunday School

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

Here come I to my own again,  
Fed, forgiven, and known again,  
Claimed by bone of my bone again  
And cheered by flesh of my flesh.

From "The Prodigal Son" by Rudyard Kipling

March 27, 2022  
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