

# St. John's at Worship

## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Bring Forth the Kingdom" *Marty Haugen*

\*Answering God's Call to Worship

One: All you who seek the wisdom of God, come!

**All: We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.**

One: All you who seek God's bright and holy truth, come!

**All: We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.**

One: All you who seek a Spirit-filled life, come!

**All: We long to live lives of holiness and light.**

One: God grants wisdom generously to all who ask.  
Come, children of God!

**All: Let us worship in wisdom and truth.**

\*Hymn **430 (Insert)** "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

\*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.**

Confessing Our Sin Together Based on Psalm 15 and Micah 6:1-8

**Who is worthy to be in your presence, Lord?**

**You have told us:**

**those who walk blamelessly and do what is right;**

**those who speak the truth from their hearts**

**and do not slander with their tongues;**

**those who do no evil to their neighbors;**

**those who do justice and love kindness and walk humbly with you.**

**If that is the case, then we confess that we are not worthy.**

**Forgive us, we pray, and remind us**

**that our worth is based, not on *our own* goodness, but on *yours*;**

**that we are forgiven, not because of what *we* have done,**

**but because of what *you* have done, in Christ.**

Confessing Silently

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The Promise of Forgiveness

\*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

A Modern Affirmation

**We believe in God the Creator,  
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,  
whose mercy is over all God's works,  
and whose will is ever directed to our good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man,  
the gift of God's unfailing grace,  
the ground of our hope,  
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives,  
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance  
of the truth of Christ,  
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love  
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,  
to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.**

**Amen.**

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:1-12 (pg. 4, NT) Allan Beverly

Children's Time Rev. Joyner

*As Pre-K-12th 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 "Keeper of my Heart" *Clark/Halloran*

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (pg. 166, NT)

Sermon BLESSED FOOLS Rev. Marshall

\*Presenting Our 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 the Prayers of the People

\*Hymn **664** "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

\*Benediction

\*Postlude "I Can See Clearly" *Johnny Nash*

### ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Ushers** Jeanne & Chuck Lynam  
**Greeter** Wanda Odom  
**Flowers** Given by Marie Cantafio in memory of her beloved husband, Ralph, and her beloved daughter, Gemma.  
**Coffee Servers** Nancy & Peter Crawford  
**Joy Messengers** Nancy Kimmons, John Senior, Linda Duncan, Lauren Feldman, Troy Fisher, Lisa Howell, Pam Schafer, Jeff Wagner

**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!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

After the children's time, children in K-12<sup>th</sup> grade will leave with their teachers. If this is your child's first time in Sunday School, the ushers have pamphlets that tell you everything you need to know. As always, nursery care is provided for children ages 5 and under. Please be sure to check in children in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and under in the back of the sanctuary before worship begins.

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE**

**Barbara Hicks** is recovering at home after gall bladder surgery last Sunday. Cards can be sent to: 144 Old Forge Crossing, Devon, PA 19333

**Annie Powell** has been placed on hospice care at ProMedica Rehab in Exton.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The 2023 Flower Sponsorship Chart is posted in Fellowship Hall for sign ups. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Estabrook (610-608-2842 or Lisa.L.Estabrook@gmail.com).

**ST. JOHN'S BLANKET DRIVE**

This is the last Sunday of the St. John's annual Church World Service Blanket Drive. Many thanks to those who have already donated. The good news is there is still time to help our neighbors. Your donation envelope is in the bulletin and can be put in the offering plate or at our table downstairs at coffee hour. A CWS blanket costs \$10.00. Any amount is greatly appreciated. Checks should be made out to St. John's Presbyterian Church with Blanket Drive in the memo field. Your donation is tax deductible.

**WOMEN'S CONNECTION CONFERENCE**

Are you a woman in our congregation over the age of 18 and interested in a week of fun, fellowship, and faith formation in the mountains of Western North Carolina? St. John's will be headed to the Women's Connection Conference August 11-13, 2023 at Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, NC. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Kate Bowler. Contact Pastor Ridgley for more information soon. Registration opens February 1, and space fills up quickly. There is a refund option if you end up not being able to come.

**WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY**

The Women's Book Study meets on Sunday mornings at 8:00 AM and on Mondays at 11:30 AM (you are welcome to bring lunch). These groups are open to all women, and both are reading the same book, *Gentle and Lowly* by Dane Ortlund.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
TODAY**

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of St. John's is called for **today at 10:45 a.m.**, for the purpose of:

- Distributing the Annual Report
- Presenting the Approved 2023 Budget
- Approving the Pastors' Terms of Call
- Electing Elders, Deacons, and Trustees

All members of St. John's are encouraged to attend. The Annual Report was distributed via email this week (paper copies are available).

**ALL CHURCH CHILI COOK-OFF – TODAY!**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall following the Annual Meeting for a Church Chili Cook-off! Members of the church have made chili and cornbread, so come try a variety of recipes. As we eat, the youth will be sharing their photos and experiences from this past Summer and Fall!

**MEN'S GROUP**

The next meeting of our new Men's Group will be on **Wednesday, February 1 at 7:00 a.m.** in the Carriage House. We will be reading chapter 2 of Derek Maul's book *10 Life-Charged Words: Real Faith for Men*. Men of all ages are welcome, and you can contact Pastor Patrick for a copy of the reading.

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER**

We will once again be packing meals for Rise Against Hunger on **Sunday, February 5 at 1:00 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Our goal is to package 10,000 meals, and we need 40 volunteers. There is a signup sheet on the Outreach bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please see Frank Frederick if you have any questions.

**NEW OFFICER TRAINING**

Training sessions for new Elders, Deacons, and Trustees will take place on:

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| <b>Sunday, February 12</b> | <b>All new officers (Kean Room)</b>                      |
| <b>Sunday, February 19</b> | <b>Deacons (Carriage House)<br/>Trustees (Kean Room)</b> |
| <b>Sunday, February 26</b> | <b>Elders (Kean Room)</b>                                |
| <b>Sunday, March 5</b>     | <b>Elders (Kean Room)</b>                                |

All sessions will take place at 11:00 a.m. If you are an incoming officer, please make every effort to be present for this important training.

**ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR**

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| <b>Sun, Jan 29</b>  | 8:00 am  | Women's Book Study (Kean Room)        |
|                     | 9:30 am  | Worship & Sunday School               |
|                     | 10:45 am | Annual Congregational Meeting         |
|                     | 12:00 pm | Chili Cook-Off                        |
| <b>Mon, Jan 30</b>  | 11:30 am | Women's Book Study                    |
| <b>Tues, Jan 31</b> | 5:00 pm  | Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)      |
| <b>Wed, Feb 1</b>   | 9:00 am  | Companions in Prayer (Kean Room)      |
|                     | 6:00 pm  | Supper at St. John's                  |
| <b>Thurs, Feb 2</b> | 5:00 pm  | Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)      |
| <b>Sun, Feb 5</b>   | 8:00 am  | Women's Book Study (Kean Room)        |
|                     | 9:30 am  | Worship, Sunday School, Communion     |
|                     | 10:45 am | Called Session Meeting (Kean Room)    |
|                     | 1:00 pm  | Rise Against Hunger (Fellowship Hall) |

**Reminder**

Friday is both 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 Roseann Christian is in the office Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. **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

"The Faith of Fools"  
by Cheryl Lawrie

They are right,  
those who doubt what we do.  
It is purely the product of over-active imaginations.  
Who but the foolish would look at barren ground  
and imagine food for all,  
see past desolation and believe it will become an oasis,  
would not be stopped by war,  
but live for the day it will be peace,  
and reach deep into the world's fear  
in the prayer it would bring life.  
So if faith is the terrain of the deluded,  
then may you leave here with the faith of the fools,  
who have loved the world since its beginning,  
and will live for its redemption until its end.

**January 29, 2023**  
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