

St. John's at Worship

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "This We Pray" *Althouse*

*Answering God's Call to Worship From Psalm 112

One: Praise the Lord!
Blessed are those who stand in awe of the Lord
and delight in God's commandments!

**All: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

One: For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.

**All: Their hearts are steady, secure in the Lord;
they will not be afraid.**

One: Let us worship God!

*Hymn 660 "God Is Here"

*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

Lord, you call us to be the salt of the earth.

**But we are afraid of committing ourselves,
afraid of being stained by the world.**

**We do not want to hear what "they" might say,
and our salt dissolves as if in water.**

You call us to be the light of the world.

But we are afraid of the shadows, afraid of the poverty.

**We do not want to deal with "difficult" people,
and our light slowly fades away.**

Forgive us, Lord, for losing our saltiness and hiding our light.

**Remind us that you are at work *in and through* us,
and free us from fear that we might actually *be* the salt and light
that you have called us to be, 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 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 Matthew 5:13–20 (pg. 4, N.T.) Lynne Hay

As Pre-K–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!**

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1–16 (pg. 166, N.T.)

Sermon Rev. Marshall

THE MIND OF CHRIST IN A POST-TRUTH WORLD

Anthem "At His Name" *Raney*

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

*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 560 "Help Us Accept Each Other"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Love Can Never End"

*Postlude "Here Is Love" *Martin*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Ushers Ginger & Don Black
Music Director Iris Blanco-Urgelles
Greeter Wanda Odom
Flowers Given by Gavin & Cindy Kerr in celebration of our son Ryan's love and life.
Guest Musician Paula Gonzalez

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!

COMMUNION SUNDAY

We will be sharing the Lord's Supper today. Communion is not just for Presbyterians or members of St. John's. Everyone who seeks to know and love Jesus Christ is welcome to share in this meal! **You will be invited forward by the center aisle to take a pre-sealed cup with bread and juice. Gluten-free cups are marked in the center of the tray.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

After the children's time, children in K–4th grade will leave with their teachers. Grades 5–12 will remain in worship for communion. 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 4th grade and under in the back of the sanctuary before worship begins.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

A funeral service for **Annie Powell** will be held on Friday, February 10 at 11:00 a.m. Condolences can be sent to her husband Hal: Harold Powell, 20433 Valley Forge Circle, King of Prussia, PA 19046

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).

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 opened 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!

MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of our new Men's Group will be on **Wednesday, February 15 at 7:00 a.m.** in the Carriage House. We will be reading chapter 3 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.

LADIES' LENTEN LUNCHEON

The Women's Fellowship Board is excited to be hosting our first Lenten Luncheon since 2020 on Ash Wednesday, February 22, from 11:30 a.m. until approximately 1:30 p.m. A light lunch will be served, followed by worship and communion. Sign-up begins today. Lynne Brown will be at coffee time in Fellowship Hall after worship to take your reservation or you can email Pat Marshall (pmmarshall@hotmail.com) to sign up. We hope you will join us!

ST. JOHN'S BLANKET DRIVE

We would like to thank everyone who donated to the Blanket Drive! Through your generosity, the warmth of Christ's embrace was shared with a neighbor in need. Thank you!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER – TODAY!

We will be packing meals for Rise Against Hunger **today at 1:00 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Our goal is to package 10,000 meals, and we need 40 volunteers. There is a sign-up 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:

- Sunday, February 12** **All new officers (Kean Room)**
- Sunday, February 19** **Deacons (Carriage House)**
Trustees (Kean Room)
- Sunday, February 26** **Elders (Kean Room)**
- Sunday, March 5** **Elders (Kean Room)**

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.

SNOW TUBING RESCHEDULED

Due to the exciting news about the Super Bowl, our tubing trip with the youth from Covenant Pres. has been postponed to March 12 from 12–5 p.m. The cost is \$50 per person. Please RSVP with Pastor Ridgley by March 5!

WINTER FAMILY FUN DAY

Join us for an afternoon of ice skating at Flight on Ice in Edgemont. The cost is \$25 per person, which includes skates. Please RSVP by February 12 to come. This is open to our entire church family!

YOUTH PARENT INFO MEETING

Parents of Youth grades 6–12 are invited to join us on Zoom on **Monday, February 13 at 6 p.m.** to learn more about our Mission Blitz Weekend in April and our summer trips for both Middle School and High School Youth. The meeting will be recorded for those who cannot make it. The Zoom link is available in our weekly roundup email.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Feb 5	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)
Mon, Feb 6	11:30 am	Women's Book Study
	7:00 pm	CE Meeting (Zoom)
Tues Feb 7	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Wed, Feb 8	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer (Kean Room)
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's
Thurs, Feb 9	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sun, Feb 12	8:00 am	Women's Book Study (Kean Room)
	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship, Sunday School, Communion
	11:00 am	Officer Training (Kean Room)

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

“Alternate Fact” by Scott Barton

Jesus used an alternate fact
Because they knew: Salt cannot lack
For taste, no matter what they say;
Nor can a city on a hill
Be hid, no matter what you will;
Boxed up, a new lamp doesn't stay,
But everyone will plug it in
For light – there is no other spin;
Such facts stood then and stand today.

And you are like that lamp and salt,
Existing so you might exalt
The one whose love has made you so;
This fact no one can take away,
And thus, the rules of love will stay!
God's people from them shall not go,
And need each day to demonstrate
That neighbor-caring cannot wait,
In towns and cities, high or low.

February 5, 2023
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