

St. John’s at Worship  
Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

Welcome and Announcements

Introit “Nature’s Praise of God” Beethoven

Answering God’s Call to Worship Based on Psalm 1  
One: Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.  
All: God’s ways are just and merciful!  
One: Those who follow God’s ways are continually nourished in faith.  
All: In all that they do, they prosper!  
One: Come, let us open our hearts to God’s compassionate love.  
All: Let us celebrate God’s mercy and justice!

\*Hymn 400 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Prayer of Invocation & Confession

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.

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

\*Affirming Our 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 6:17–26 (pg. 64, N.T.) John Lieberman

Children’s Time  
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 “Balm in Gilead” arr. Larson

Sermon BEING BLESSED Rev. Dr. 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

\*Hymn 664 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

\*Benediction

Postlude “Fantasia” Praetorius

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD  
Music Director Janet Kaido  
Devon Brass Mark Ator, Jeff Estabrook, Frank Mercurio,  
Paul Steege  
Greeter Kate Johnson  
Coffee Debbie Bellew  
Flowers The flowers are given by Bob and Betsy Miller in  
loving memory of our parents, Robert and Eleanor  
Miller and James and Alice Gillespie.

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 scripture reading, grades K–12<sup>th</sup> 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.

AROUND THE CHURCH...  
We would like to extend a very big THANK YOU to Rich Loomis for all of the time and energy he invested in upgrading the church’s phone and internet systems! While he has been working on this project for several months, the new systems were implemented this past week, and our staff could not be happier! Hopefully you will also be experiencing the results of improved wi-fi around the church facilities. Thank you, Rich, for all your hard work!

A NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER  
If you are making a purchase for the church, please note that we are exempt from paying state sales tax. Our tax number is available from Annie in the church office if you need it. We also have a tax-exempt Amazon account. If you need items purchased from Amazon for church use, send Annie an email with a link to what you would like ordered, along with the committee/activity this should be charged to and the appropriate approval, and she can order it for you. If you have an expense to be reimbursed, the reimbursement request form is available on our church website (see Quick Links) or from Annie. Forms and receipts should be returned to Annie (not the Treasurer’s mailbox). Make sure you have approval for expenditures from the appropriate committee/board

chair. It is very helpful if receipts are attached to a full sheet of paper, numbered and listed on the reimbursement form.

MEN’S GROUP  
The next Men’s Group meeting will be Wednesday, February 19 at 7:00 a.m. in the Carriage House. They are just starting a new book, Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus by Ann Spangler, and they will be discussing chapters 4 and 5. All men are welcome!

WOMEN’S BOOK STUDY – 2 OPPORTUNITIES!  
Both Women’s Book Groups are reading The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu. The Sunday group meets in the Carriage House from 8:15–9:20 a.m. Contact Nancy Wolfe (nj.wolfe@verizon.net) with any questions. The Monday Group meets again tomorrow at 10:00 a.m., both in person in the Kean Room and on Zoom. Contact Nancy Arico (nancy.arico@verizon.net or 610-550-9547) with questions.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 (1:00 P.M.)  
We will once again be packing 10,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. There is a signup sheet on the Outreach bulletin board, or you can email John Shaw (johnshaw55@gmail.com). Please feel free to invite friends, but make sure to add them to the signup sheet!

ST. JOHN’S TRANSFORMATION MINISTRY SIGN-UPS

Thank you to everyone who has signed up and indicated your interest in one of our areas of church transformation! The Implementation Team is finalizing the process of putting the teams together and will be in touch with you soon. In an effort to more fully represent our church family, we are looking for a few more men to sign up in the following areas:

Faith Formation & Spiritual Growth  
Help foster spiritual growth through Christian education, retreats, prayer groups and other small groups, and intergenerational experiences.

Outreach & Mission  
Help us share Christ’s love beyond our walls through service opportunities, mission trips, partnering with other churches, making our facilities available to outside groups, benevolence giving, and fostering a permission-giving culture.

Administration & Organizational Life  
Help us create healthy organizational structures that ensure our life together runs smoothly and efficiently. This includes evaluating committee structure, enhancing communications platforms and infrastructure, increasing and improving options for financial giving, and creating a “pipeline” for church leadership.

You can sign up online by scanning this QR code:



SUPPER AT ST. JOHN’S

Join us at 6 p.m. on Wednesday for a delicious home-cooked meal, followed by a class starting at 7 p.m. This is a wonderful time of food, fellowship, and education; a great chance to slow down in the middle of the week, enjoy a meal that you do not have to cook, and catch up with your church family! You are welcome to come for dinner, even if you cannot stay for the class (or just come for the class).

This Wednesday is the final session of **Dr. Manfred Brauch** and **Rev. Dr. Sally Brown’s** class, “Power that Heals vs. Power that Hurts: What the Bible Says about God’s Power and Ours.” Even if you missed the other classes, you can still join us for this one!

On Wednesday, February 26, we will begin a new class led by Dr. Brennan Breed of Columbia Theological Seminary:

**Is God in Control of a World Out of Balance? *Reading the Book of Daniel in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.*** Many of us feel like the world is getting stranger, more complex, and more unbalanced with every passing year. Several books of the Bible address an ancient situation that resembles ours in many ways, and one of them is the book of Daniel. In this study we will learn from the example of Daniel and his friends how can we retain faith in God’s sovereignty in the midst of a world that seems to have lost its moorings.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AT ST. JOHN’S

Happy birthday to those in our church family who are celebrating birthdays this month! Please consider wishing them a happy birthday in person or sending them birthday wishes by text, email, or a card in the mail.

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| February 3  | Ken Dilloway                               |
| February 4  | Ken Coradi                                 |
| February 6  | Deborah Bellew                             |
| February 9  | Ryan Crill, Julie Spahr, Katie Scott Yoder |
| February 10 | Don Black, Caroline Carty                  |
| February 11 | Katie Kerr Holcomb, Lee McConnell          |
| February 15 | Jeff Wagner                                |
| February 17 | Kathy Shaw, Janet Kaido                    |
| February 18 | Carol Netter                               |
| February 24 | Shintaro Kaido (Janet’s husband)           |
| February 28 | Jeanne Thompson                            |
| February 29 | Brynn Yoder                                |

If you have a February birthday and would like to be included on this list, please contact Barbara McConnell (blbmcconnell@aol.com)

CONCERT RESCHEDULED – MARCH 23 AT 5:00 P.M.

St. John’s will be hosting a concert on Sunday, March 23 at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary! Pianist Jonathan Kreamer, soprano Bethann Dilione, and tenor Chris Lorge will present a program titled, “Love & Devotion,” featuring a diverse selection of songs ranging from Verdi and Dvorak to Bernstein and Rodgers & Hammerstein, each offering a poignant reflection on the spectrum of human emotion. This concert is free and open to the whole community, so please bring friends/family and join us for an evening of beautiful music!

PASTOR RIDGLEY’S SABBATICAL

Pastor Ridgley is on sabbatical until April 2. During this time, she has no pastoral responsibilities and is unavailable by email, phone, and in person. Her purple stole remains on the communion table as a reminder to pray for her, that God would use this time of rest to nourish her body, mind, and spirit.

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

<b>Sun, Feb. 16</b>	8:15 am	Women’s Book Group (Carr. House)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
<b>Mon, Feb. 17</b>	<b>Presidents’ Day – Office Closed</b>	
	10:00 am	Women’s Book Group (Kean)
<b>Tues, Feb. 18</b>	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Wed. Feb. 19</b>	7:00 am	Men’s Group (Carr. House)
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John’s (Fell. Hall)
<b>Thurs, Feb. 20</b>	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
<b>Sat, Feb. 22</b>	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Sun, Feb. 23</b>	8:15 am	Women’s Book Group (Carr. House)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	1:00 pm	Rise Against Hunger (Fell. Hall)

This Week in the Church Office

The church office will be closed on Monday, February 17 for Presidents Day. Normal hours will resume on Tuesday.

Any announcements for next week’s bulletin or email can be sent to Annie at admin@stjohnsdevon.com by Noon on Wednesday.

Friday is Pastor Patrick’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.

**If you have a pastoral emergency pertaining to a death, hospitalization, or crisis situation when the office is closed, please call 484-604-0499**



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Sue Chudy, Clerk of Session (susan.chudy@stjohnsdevon.com)



A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

“What Is Broken Is What God Blesses”  
by Jimmy Santiago Baca

What is broken God blesses,  
not the perfectly brick-on-brick prison  
but the shattered wall  
that announces freedom to the world,  
proclaims the irascible spirit of the human  
rebellng against lies, against betrayal,  
against taking what is not deserved;  
the human complaint is what God blesses,  
our impoverished dirt roads filled with cripples,  
what is broken is baptized,  
the irreverent disbeliever,  
the addict’s arm seamed with needle marks  
is a thread line of a blanket  
frayed and bare from keeping the man warm.  
We are all broken ornaments...

When we lost our perfection  
and honored our imperfect sentiments,  
we were blessed.

We work, we worry, we love  
but always with compassion,  
reflecting our blessings—  
in our brokenness thrives life, thrives light,  
thrives the essence of our strength,  
each of us a warm fragment,  
broken off from the greater ornament of the unseen,  
then rejoined as dust to all this is.

February 16, 2025  
For the latest information and news about St. John’s:  
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