

St. John’s at Worship
Transfiguration of the Lord

Welcome and Announcements		
Introit	“Parting”	Barbara Werner
Scripture Reading	Luke 9:28–36 (pg. 69, N.T.)	
Answering God’s Call to Worship		
One:	Behind all things, behind the grey surface, there is a glory escaping that is born of heaven and belongs to heaven.	
All:	<b>A light that helps us truly see, that transfigures the world and casts a spell of hope, that sees the glory in the cross, and life within death.</b>	
One:	It is a glory that meets us on all the mountaintops of our lives, where Jesus Christ, covered in the dust of the world, is caught up in the glory of heaven.	
All:	<b>Lord, shine your light upon us and reveal your glory to us as we worship you!</b>	
*Hymn 158	“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”	
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		
We have faith in God, whose grandeur and glory are beyond our knowing, the creator of all life’s richness, bounty, and variety. We have faith in Jesus Christ, the image of the invisible God. Jesus shows us God’s glory and the love in which everything is made. Christ is the light of the world, always shining in the darkness. We have faith in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God who renews and transforms, who startles us with glimpses of glory, who inspires our seeking and our searching. We have faith in the God of glory!		
Scripture Reading	Luke 24:13–35 (pg. 90, N.T.)	Nancy Davis
Giving Thanks to God for the Life of the Rev. Dr. Victor Wilson		

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!

Anthem	“We Are God’s People”	John Helgen
Sermon	FINDING CHRIST IN THE CHAOS	Rev. Dr. Marshall

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper		
Invitation to the Table		
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Communion of the People		
Prayer after Communion		
*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 <b>Insert</b>	“Let All Things Now Living”	
*Benediction		
*Postlude	“Holy, Holy, Holy”	<i>Piet Post</i>

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD	
Music Director	Janet Kaido
Handbell Choir	Betsy Miller (Director), Rowan Bellew, Sue Chudy, Ryan Crill, Sophie Coradi, Christina Fish, Brandon Marshall, Emily Marshall, Claire Teide, Jim Tiede
	Brian Bouvier
Usher	Barbara McConnell
Greeter	Jeanne Thompson, Sandy Forbes
Coffee	The flowers are given by St. John’s Deacons in memory of Victor Wilson.
Flowers	

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–4th will leave with their teachers. Grades 5–12 will remain 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

COMMUNION SUNDAY
We will be sharing the Lord’s Supper today. This 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 to come forward up the center aisle, take a piece of bread, and dip it in the cup (all of the bread is gluten-free). There is also a basket of pre-sealed juice cups, if you would prefer not to do intinction.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE
Jim & Kate Little are celebrating the birth of a granddaughter, Harper Della Grace Cloutier, to their daughter Maddi and her husband Andrew!

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP
You are all invited to join us this Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary as we begin the season of Lent with worship on Ash Wednesday.

MEN’S GROUP
The Men’s Group will meet this Wednesday, March 5 at 7:00 a.m. in the Carriage House. They are reading, Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus by Ann Spangler, and will be discussing chapters 5 and 6. 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 & 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.

DEACON’S CLOTHING DRIVE
This year we are collecting new and gently-used clothing for CityTeam based in Chester. Donations can be dropped off in the front closet of the Carriage House from March 16–31. Please contact Ann Roberts (610-952-1128 or annroberts204@gmail.com) with any questions.

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 week we will be continuing with the second week of our 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.

TRANSFORMATION PROCESS UPDATE

The Implementation Team has been hard at work populating the various ministry teams with those who signed up and prioritizing their work. They hope to wrap up this phase of the process this month, and they will be in touch soon with those of you who signed up. Please continue to pray for the team members (**Laurie Cato, Doris Humphrey, Steve Scolari, and Jim Tiede**) as they help us implement God’s vision for the life of our church.

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

Next Sunday we will be starting a new sermon series, “Everything in Between: Navigating the Polarities of Life and Faith.” So often, the divided world around us talks in terms of binaries; it’s black or white, either *this* or *that*, with nothing in between. But by looking at some of Jesus’ most well-known stories in Luke’s gospel, we will see that God is often present in between the polarities, calling us to engage the complexities of life, rather than avoiding them.

MARCH 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. Join us for cake after worship in Fellowship Hall to celebrate them!

- March 4 Janice Rosencrance
- March 5 Steve Scolari
- March 7 John Lieberman
- March 8 Ryan Marshall, Chris Oliver
- March 10 Colvin Oliver
- March 11 Peter Oliver
- March 17 Charlie Scott
- March 20 Jen Marshall
- March 21 Susanne Engheta
- March 27 Pat Churchill
- March 29 Ellie Fisher

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

CONCERT RESCHEDULED – SUNDAY, 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.

CWS BLANKET DRIVE – UPDATE!

Women’s Fellowship is pleased to announce that St. John’s was able to purchase 131 blankets for Church World Service to distribute to those who need warmth from the cold. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

Sun, Mar. 2	8:15 am	Deacons Meeting (Kean Room)
	8:15 am	Women’s Book Group (Carr. House)
	9:30 am	Worship & Communion
Mon, Mar. 3	10:00 am	Women’s Book Group (Kean)
	7:00 pm	Implementation Team Meeting (Kean)
Tues, Mar. 4	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Wed. Mar. 5	7:00 am	Men’s Group (Carr. House)
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John’s (Fell. Hall)
Thurs, Mar. 6	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sat, Mar. 8	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sun, Mar. 9	8:15 am	Women’s Book Group (Kean)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School

This Week in the Church Office

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



A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

From “Hymn of Promise”  
by Natalie Sleeth

There’s a dawn in every darkness,  
bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
what it holds, a mystery.

In our end is our beginning;  
in our time, infinity.  
In our doubt there is believing;  
in our life, eternity.

In our death, a resurrection;  
at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.



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