

St. John's at Worship Second Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Song #46" Gibbons

Answering God's Call to Worship

One: God invites you to come as you are.

All: If you have deep faith or your faith has run dry;

One: if you know every scripture or none at all;

All: if you have calloused hands and live your faith through good works;

One: or if you kneel at God's feet, with a million hungry questions,

All: come as you are.

One: This is God's house.

All: None are turned away.

One: All are welcome here.

*Hymn 129 (Green) "Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights"

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 believe in a Christ who sees, affirms, and celebrates
all that is good and true in us.**

**We believe in a Christ who invites us to use our gifts for good
and rejoices in every step we take toward him.**

**We believe in a Christ who understands our anxieties and fears
and is gentle with our concerns.**

And we believe in a Christ who looks at us with unconditional love.

**The world will try to rank, rate, and declare winners,
but we know that God's has no limit.**

**So with God's help, may we nurture our faith and do good work,
in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Scripture Reading Luke 10:38-42 (pg.72, N.T.) Bruce Phillips

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 "God So Loved the World" Stainer

Sermon FAITH & WORKS Rev. Dr. Marshall
*Lenten Sermon Series:
Everything in Between: Navigating the Polarities of Life and Faith*

*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 399 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

*Benediction

*Postlude "Song #44" Gibbons

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Music Director Janet Kaido

The Devon Brass Mark Ator, Jeff Estabrook, Frank Mercurio,
Paul Steege

Ushers Bruce & Nancy Phillips

Greeter Kate Johnson

Coffee Jeanne Thompson, Sandy Forbes

Flowers The flowers are given by Kathy Johnson and family in
memory of Tom.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

No matter who you are, where you come from, what you look like, or what you are wearing, you are welcome here! No matter where you are in your faith, you belong here. All we want is to help you experience the presence and love of Jesus Christ! 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, grades K-12th are invited to leave with their teachers for Sunday School. 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

TRANSFORMATION PROCESS UPDATE

The Implementation Team has finished populating the various ministry teams, and over the past week they have been contacting potential team chairs. At the beginning of April, they will be holding a meeting of the chairs to walk them through the implementation process. They have also been prioritizing some of the tasks to ensure better coordination between the teams. Please continue to pray for the team members (**Doris Humphrey, Steve Scolari, Jim Tiede, and Pastor Patrick**) as they help us bring God's vision for the life of our church to life!

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet **this Wednesday, March 19 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 8 and 9. All men are welcome!

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY – 2 OPPORTUNITIES!

The Sunday book group meets from 8:15-9:20 a.m. in the Kean Room to read *The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World* by Desmond & Mpho Tutu. Contact Nancy Wolfe (nj.wolfe@verizon.net) with any questions.

The Monday group is doing a Lenten study of the book *Pause: Spending Lent with the Psalms*, by Elizabeth Caldwell. They meet at 10:00 a.m., both in person in the Kean Room and on Zoom (use the church Zoom room link on the website). A copy of the book is available in the Book Nook in Fellowship Hall, if you want to check it out. Contact Nancy Arico (nancy.arico@verizon.net or 610-550-9547) for more information.

TEAM OLIVER'S 6TH ANNUAL PILLOWCASE SEWING EVENT – APRIL 6!

Join us on Saturday, April 5 for Team Oliver's 6th Annual Pillowcase Sewing Day to support Ryan's Case for Smiles! No experience is needed, all are invited to participate! These pillowcases will help brighten the day of a critically ill child. We will pair novice volunteers with others who can help guide them. You may sign up for one or more sessions. Food and fun music will be provided! Donations gladly accepted to help cover the cost of fabric. If you have a Team Oliver shirt, please wear it!

DEACON'S CLOTHING DRIVE

This month 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).

After supper we will continue with 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 21st 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.

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

Last week we started 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.

FREE CONCERT – SUNDAY, MARCH 23 AT 5:00 P.M.

St. John’s is 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!

NEW WAYS TO CONNECT WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Do you have a special skill, interest, or hobby that you would like to share with your St. John’s family? Would you like to know who else shares a common interest? If so, please take five minutes to indicate your skills and interests on the survey below. You are not signing up for anything; we just want to connect people with shared interests! Everyone who participates will receive a link providing them with a compilation of our church family’s many talents, hobbies, and interests.

<https://mator.wufoo.com/forms/skills-interests-inventory/>

If you would prefer to fill out a paper copy of the survey, just contact Annie in the church office.

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.

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.

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 (blbmconnell@aol.com).

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

Sun, Mar. 16	8:15 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean)
	8:15 am	Women’s Book Group (Carr. House)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
Mon, Mar. 17	10:00 am	Women’s Book Group (Kean)
	7:00 pm	Implementation Team Meeting (Kean)
Tues, Mar. 18	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Wed, Mar. 19	7:00 am	Men’s Group (Carr. House)
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John’s (Fell. Hall)
Thurs, Mar. 20	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sat, Mar. 22	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
Sun, Mar. 23	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



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

“In the Fast Lane: A Lenten Poem”
by J. Barrie Shepherd

Slowing down, this holy season,
may be the way to go.
Letting go, at least an hour here and there,
of that wheel with which you drive,
and which drives you.
Pulling over, kicking back,
searching for a rest area.
Shutting down those surround sounds
of music and the breaking news
that keep you wide awake.
And tuning out and in again
to all those hungers never met
in daily destinations.

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