

St. John's at Worship Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Quiet Reflections" Dan R. Edwards

Answering God's Call to Worship

One: God is a shepherding God.

God knows us by name and will never stop searching for us.

**All: So if we feel lost, then know that God is seeking us.
If we feel found, then know that God will never leave.**

One: This is the promise of God's love.

Let us give thanks for it with our worship and our lives.

*Hymn **Insert** "My Shepherd, You Supply My Need"

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 seeking God,
a with-us and before-us God,
a chasing-after-us God.**

**We believe that no matter where we wander
or what mountains we climb, this God—
the God who walked the streets of Jerusalem,
shook hands with lepers,
patted children on the head,
and told stories of love—
is always close at hand.**

**So on the good days and the hard days,
on the mountains and in the valleys,
we believe that we are always being found.
Thanks be to God for a love like that! Amen.**

Scripture Reading Luke 15:1-7 (pg. 78, N.T.) Jeanne Lynam

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 "Brother James' Air" arr. Bullard

Sermon LOST & FOUND 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 **378, vss. 1-4** "Amazing Grace"

*Benediction

*Postlude "Two Settings of Psalm 23" Wilbur Held

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Music Director Janet Kaido

Bell Choir Betsy Miller (Director), Garrick Bellew, Rowan Bellew, Christina Fish, Avery Hillier, Brandon Marshall, Emily Marshall, Claire Tiede, Jim Tiede

Greeters Susanne Engheta, Alex Engheta

Coffee Kathy Johnson, Kate Johnson

Flowers The flowers are given by Lynne Hay in honor and love for her family.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

No matter who you are, where you're 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 chairs of the various ministry teams have all been confirmed, and they will now begin contacting the members of their teams. There will be a meeting of the chairs on Sunday, April 13 after worship to walk them through the implementation process.

PASTOR RIDGLEY RETURNS THIS WEEK!

Pastor Ridgley's sabbatical concludes this week, and she will be back in the office on Wednesday. Until then, 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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Andy Walsh is recovering at home from back surgery on Tuesday. Cards can be sent to: 113 Cherry Lane, Berwyn, PA 19312

Lisa Scolari is recovering at home from surgery on Tuesday. Cards can be sent to: 739 Clovelly Lane, Devon, PA 19333

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet **this Wednesday, April 2 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 10 and 11. 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 discuss *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.

DEACON'S CLOTHING DRIVE ENDS TOMORROW

Tomorrow is the last day to donate new and gently used clothing for CityTeam based in Chester. Donations can be dropped off in the front closet of the Carriage House. Please contact Ann Roberts (610-952-1128 or annroberts204@gmail.com) with any questions.

TEAM OLIVER'S 6TH ANNUAL PILLOWCASE SEWING EVENT – APRIL 5!

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!

ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER – SATURDAY, MAY 17

It's almost time for one of our favorite fellowship events! The Annual Progressive Dinner will take place on Saturday, May 17. To prepare to make this awesome event a reality, we are looking for hosts! If you are available to host, please email Lauren Feldman (laurengfeldman@yahoo.com).

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S

This Wednesday is the last Supper at St. John's until September! Join us at 6:00 p.m. for a delicious home-cooked meal, followed by a class starting at 7:00 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 conclude 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.

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.

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 (blbmccconnell@aol.com).

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Mar. 30	8:15 am	Women's Book Group (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	1-4 pm	Carriage House Reserved
Mon, Mar. 31	10:00 am	Women's Book Group (Kean)
	7:00 pm	Implementation Team (Kean)
Tues, Apr. 1	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Wed. Apr. 2		Pastor Ridgley Returns from Sabbatical!
	7:00 am	Men's Group (Carr. House)
	1-4 pm	Carriage House Reserved
	6:00 pm	Final Supper at St. John's (Fell. Hall)
Thurs, Apr. 3	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sat, Apr. 5	9:00 am	Pillowcase Sewing Event (Fell. Hall)
Sun, Apr. 6	8:15 am	Women's Book Group (Kean)
	9:30 am	Worship & Communion

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

The Good Shepherd
by Rev. Sarah Speed

Jesus said, "Who among you wouldn't leave the 99?
Who among you wouldn't look for the one?"

Someone in the crowd probably rolled their eyes.
Someone squirmed and looked at their palms.
Someone sighed and thought to themselves,
"This man doesn't understand the business.
What fool would leave 99 to look for one?"

But maybe Jesus was not talking about us.
Maybe Jesus was talking about
God's own reckless love.
Maybe Jesus was talking about
God's own willingness
to turn the world upside down
for us.

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