

St. John’s at Worship
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements

Introit “O Worship the King” arr. Tucker

Answering God’s Call to Worship
One: We come to worship because we long for mercy.
All: We long for community. We long for God.
One: We come to worship because we need a good word.
All: We need connection. We need reminders.
One: We come to worship because we are in between:
All: hope and grief, faith and doubt, joy and longing, curiosity and conviction.
One: So we come to worship, and God meets us here.
All: Surely, we are not alone.
Thanks be to God for meeting us in the middle! Amen.

*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
In a world that loves to cast blame and point fingers,
Jesus loved by different rules.
He offered mercy and invited people to dinner.
He told stories of love and chose to see the best in others.
We believe that small acts of mercy and compassion
have ripple effects in our lives.
We believe that small acts of righteousness and justice
are integral to a life of faith.
So like Christ, we believe in offering mercy,
inviting people to dinner,
telling stories of love,
and choosing to see the best in others.
With God’s help, may it be so. Amen.

Scripture Reading Luke 19:1–10 (pg. 82, 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!

Anthem “Like a River, I Exalt Thee”
“All Hail, King Jesus”

Sermon RIGHTEOUSNESS & MERCY Rev. Dr. Marshall
Lenten Sermon Series:
Everything in Between: Navigating the Polarities of Life and Faith

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 Insert “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

*Benediction

*Postlude “Come Thou Font of Every Blessing” McNair

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD
Music Director Janet Kaido
Pianist Dwight Jaggard
Bell Choir Betsy Miller (Director), Diane Alleva, Christina Fish, Janet Kaido, Nancy Veronesi
Greeter Barbara McConnell
Coffee Marianne McClennen, Skip McClennen
Flowers The flowers are given by Doris Humphrey and her daughters in memory of John Humphrey.

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 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.

EASTER LILIES
For \$10, you can sponsor a lily to enhance the beauty of the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Jeanne Lynam and Nancy Wolfe will be in Fellowship Hall at coffee hour for signups. You can also email Jeanne at cwlynam@msn.com. The lily is yours to take home after worship on Easter Sunday.

HOPE FEST AT THE COMMON PLACE – THIS SATURDAY
Over the years Cornerstone Christian Academy and the Common Place have worked together in serving the Southwest Philadelphia community. The Common Place provides holistic support to children and their families in southwest Philadelphia through educational programs, food sovereignty, community collaboration, and a welcoming space. On Saturday, April 12, The Common Place will be hosting “Hope Fest,” a service day on their campus. If you are interested in learning more, see our weekly email for a link to register!

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.

MEN’S GROUP
The Men’s Group will meet this Wednesday, April 23 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 12–14. All men are welcome!

WOMEN’S BOOK STUDY – 2 OPPORTUNITIES!
The Sunday book group meets from 8:15–9:20 a.m. (excluding the first Sunday of every month) in the Kean Room. 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.

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.

LUNCH & LEARN – MONDAY, APRIL 28

Mark your calendars for our next Lunch & Learn on Monday, April 28 from 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Pastor Ridgley will be sharing about her sabbatical travels on the Portuguese Camino. A link to RSVP will be available in the coming weeks.

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).

IMMIGRATION FORUM – SATURDAY, MAY 10

St. John’s has supported the work of the Wellspring Karitas Foundation in Mexico for many years. Their work building community-based programs for food, education, and jobs has been life changing for homeless and near-homeless families. Please join us in the Carriage House on Saturday, May 10 at 4:00 p.m. for a special gathering to examine the roots of migration and how we can help cultivate sustainable alternatives. How can we build opportunities for people to stay at home? Please contact Betsy Friend (betsyfriend23@aol.com) or Sandy Forbes (54sandyjo@comcast.net) with any questions.

APRIL 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. Please join us today for cake after the service in Fellowship Hall to celebrate our St. John's members who are having birthdays this month!

- April 2 Lynne Hay
- April 14 Dwight Jaggard
- April 21 Janette Scott
- April 21 Mary Caroline Ward
- April 23 Finn Holcomb
- April 26 Cindy Kerr
- April 27 Emma Kaido

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

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

Sun, Apr. 6	Fifth Sunday in Lent
	8:15 am Deacon’s Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am Worship & Communion
	6:00 pm All Boards Dinner (Fell. Hall)
Mon, Apr. 7	10:00 am Women’s Book Group (Kean)
Tues, Apr. 8	5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Thurs, Apr. 10	5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
	7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sat, Apr. 12	9:00 am Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
Sun, Apr. 13	Palm Sunday
	8:15 am Trustees Meeting (Kean)
	8:15 am Women’s Book Group (Carr. House)
	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

Righteousness & Mercy
by Rev. Sarah Speed

As children we were taught to tell the teacher.
(Justice was dealt when we spoke up.)
As children we were taught to always be kind.
(Friends were made when we spoke love.)
As children we were taught that Zaccheus climbed a tree.
(But we cut that tree down a long time ago.)
So what are the rules for this day and age?
Can we turn black and white into shades of gray?
Do we call each other out, for righteousness’ sake?
Do we call each other in and grab something to eat?
As always, love is somewhere in between.

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