



February 15, 2026

Transfiguration of the Lord

Worship Notes

There are offering trays located at each entrance to the sanctuary. If you would like to give, you can put your offering there before worship. You can also give online using the QR code below. If you have a prayer request, there are blue prayer cards in your pew racks that can be put in the trays, as well.



The ^ symbol indicates that you are invited to stand, as you are able.

Transfiguration of the Lord

The Feast of the Transfiguration has been celebrated by Christians since at least the 5th century. Its placement immediately before the season of Lent begins is meant to strengthen Jesus' disciples before his suffering and death and offer a "preview" of the resurrection.

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 greeters located at the sanctuary doors. We would love for you to join us for refreshments downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship. We are so glad that you are here and hope you will worship with us again soon!

Introit "Shall We Gather at the River" *Lowry*

Scripture Reading Matthew 17:1-9 (pg. 18, N.T.)

Answering God's Call to Worship

One: On this Transfiguration Sunday, we remember that Jesus and three of his disciples went up on a mountain to pray...

**All: While they were there, Jesus was transformed!
 The glory of God was revealed, and they understood who he was.**

One: In the same way, we have gathered *here* to behold the glory of God, so that we might understand who he is and be transformed ourselves.

All: Let your glory shine on us, Lord, as we worship you!

^Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

Prayer of Invocation & Confession (ending with 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 to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Katy Love comes to St. John's by Profession of Faith. She was born and raised in Hong Kong and came to the US to attend the University of Pennsylvania, where she double majored in accounting and music. Katy is a CPA and works as a financial auditor. She is also a part-time graduate student in counseling psychology at Eastern University. Katy lives in Devon with her husband Donn and their dog Sparky.

Mark Owusu-Ntow is originally from Ghana. He has worked in banking for over 17 years and is currently pursuing an MBA with a concentration in Business Analytics and Marketing Technologies at Drexel University's LeBow College of Business, with an expected graduation date in March 2026. In Ghana, he also served as the branch pastor of Victory Bible Church International. He and his wife Sheila are blessed with three amazing kids, Papa, Nana, and Jewel.

The Porter's Gate is a sacred ecumenical arts collective reimagining and recreating worship that welcomes, reflects, and impacts both the community and the church. It was founded with a mission to be a "porter" for the Christian Church - one who looks beyond church doors for guests to welcome. This song speaks a powerful message of hope.

After the Postlude, you are encouraged to greet one another (especially people you don't already know!) and come downstairs for a time of refreshments and fellowship.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:24-26 (pg. 18, N.T.)

Jim Tiede

The Sacrament of Baptism (Katy Love) & Welcoming of New Member (Mark Ntow)

As a part of affirming/reaffirming the baptismal covenant, we will stand and profess our faith together using 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.

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

"Wade In The Water"

spiritual

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (pg. 181, N.T.)

Sermon

"Deciding to Be Transformed"

Rev. Dr. Marshall

After the sermon, a brief musical interlude offers time for reflection.

^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 & Prayers of the People

^Hymn

"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

^Benediction

^Postlude

"The Lord Will Have His Way"

The Porter's Gate

Enriching Our Worship of God

Music Director Janet Kaido

Usher Jeanne Lynam

Greeter Chrissy Bouvier

Coffee Servers Sandy Forbes, Jeanne Thompson

Joy Messengers Chaka Allen, Patrick Bullock, Lauren Feldman, Troy Fisher, Lisa Howell, Nancy Kimmons, John McClintick, Pam Schafer, John Senior

Flowers The flowers are given by Bob & Betsy Miller in loving memory of their parents, Robert & Eleanor Miller and James & Alice Gillespie.

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1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

This Is a Day of New Beginnings 383

Unison

1. This is a day of new be - gin - nings,
 2. For by the life and death of Je - sus,
 3. Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing,
 4. Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us

time to re - mem - ber and move on,
 God's might - y Spir - it, now as then,
 step from the past and leave be - hind
 to show and share what love can do.

time to be - lieve what love is bring - ing,
 can make for us a world of dif - ference,
 our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and griev - ing,
 This is a day of new be - gin - nings;

lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
 as faith and hope are born a - gain.
 seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
 our God is mak - ing all things new.

1-3 | 4 or 5

*Alternate text for Holy Communion

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1978; alt. 1987 (Rev. 21:5)

MUSIC: Carlton R. Young, 1984

BEGINNINGS

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Announcements

Called Congregational Meeting Sunday, March 1

A congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, March 1, immediately following worship, for the purpose of amending the church bylaws. The bylaws currently mandate that there be nine Trustees. With the board restructuring presented at the Feb. 1 Annual Meeting, the Session is proposing amending that number to "at least six" (although we will have seven active Trustees). We anticipate this being a very brief meeting.

Faith Formation

Sunday School

After the reception of new members, grades K-12 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.

Supper @ St. John's Covenant This Week!

Instead of Supper at St. John's this week, we will be joining our friends at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Frazer for dinner and a mission project. Join us on Wednesday at 6 p.m. for pizza and then stay to help us pack hygiene kits to help people recovering from natural disasters. There is a link in the weekly email for you to RSVP. Supper will be back at St. John's next Wednesday, Feb. 25.

Women's Book Study – 2 Opportunities

The Sunday book study meets at 8:15 a.m. in the Carriage House (except the first Sunday of each month). They are discussing "Appreciate these Things" by Jill Duffield. Contact Nancy Wolfe (nj.wolfe@verizon.net) for more information.

The Monday group meets at 10:00 a.m., both in person and on Zoom (use the church Zoom link found on the website under Quick Links). They are discussing *Sabbath as Resistance* by Walter Brueggemann. If you would like to find out more or order a book, contact Nancy Arico (nancy.arico@verizon.net or 610-550-9547).

Men's Group

The Men's Group will meet Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 7:00 a.m. in the Carriage House to continue their study on the book of Isaiah. Contact Pastor Patrick to get more information.

Giving

Offering

If you would like to support the life and ministry of St. John's, there are offering trays located at each door in the sanctuary. You can also give electronically by scanning this QR code.



Financial Update for January

Operating income from all sources totaled \$95,098, above budget by \$38,357, due largely to full-year pledges received in January. Expenses for the month were \$75,163, over budget by \$225. Income minus Expenses yielded a surplus of \$19,935. The picture early in the year is always slightly inflated due to the prepaid pledges. That will average out over the course of the year. Thank you for all the ways that you make the life and ministry of our church family possible!

2026 Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2026 are available for pickup in Fellowship Hall. If there is not a box of envelopes with your name on it, but you would like one, please email Brian Bouvier (brianbouvier57@gmail.com).

Service

Ashes & Action with Covenant Presbyterian

In lieu of Supper at St. John's on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, we will be having dinner and doing a service project with our friends at Covenant Pres. in Frazer! Join us at 6 p.m. for pizza at Covenant, and then help us put together hygiene kits and clean up buckets for people recovering from natural disasters. There is a link to RSVP in the weekly email, along with a link to an Amazon wish list where you can help purchase supplies for the buckets.

Rise Against Hunger

Join us on Sunday, Feb. 22 at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall as we pack 10,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger. 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!

Coffee Drive for Great Valley Food Cupboard

On Sunday, March 1 we will begin accepting ground coffee or Keurig cups (decaf and caffeinated) for the Great Valley Food Cupboard. A collection box will be in Fellowship Hall.

Congregational Life

Discussion on Iran with the Enghetas

Join us on Sunday, March 1 after worship in the Carriage House for a discussion on Iran led by Nader & Susanne Engheta. They will discuss the recent Iranian political turmoil, exploring its effects not just on the people within Iran but also on Iranians globally. The discussion will also include a segment about the bestselling book, "The Lion Women of Tehran."

Courageous Conversations – Climate Change

Please join us next Sunday, Feb. 15 from 4–6 p.m. for our second *Courageous Conversation*, focused on climate change. We will be screening the film *Kiss the Ground* in Fellowship Hall and discussing our responsibility to protect our beautiful planet. This award-winning documentary reveals a viable solution to our climate crisis. If you ever ask, "What can I do?" come watch this film with us!

Ladies' Lenten Luncheon

Our annual Ladies' Lenten Luncheon is on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, in the Fellowship Hall. We will gather at 11:30 a.m. for lunch, followed by worship and communion. All women of the church are invited and encouraged to bring a friend!

St. John's Guitar Club

Whether you play guitar, want to learn, or are just curious, all levels of ability are invited to the initial meeting of the St. John's Guitar Club on Wednesday, February 25 at 7 p.m. (after Supper). We just want to have fun, play together, and learn from each other. Bring your guitar! For questions, contact Brian Bouvier or John Senior.

February Birthdays

Happy birthday to everyone 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. Contact Barbara McConnell (blbmcconnell@aol.com) if you would like to be added to the list.

Feb. 3	Ken Dilloway
Feb. 4	Ken Coradi
Feb. 6	Deborah Bellew
Feb. 9	Ryan Crill, Julie Spahr, Katie Yoder
Feb. 10	Don Black, Caroline Carty
Feb. 11	Katie Holcomb, Lee McConnell
Feb. 15	Jeff Wagner
Feb. 17	Kathy Shaw, Janet Kaido
Feb. 24	Brigitte Belzer, Shintaro Kaido
Feb. 28	Jeanne Thompson
Feb. 29	Brynn Yoder

Children & Youth

Children's Choir

Children in 4th grade and under are invited to join Ms. Janet in the sanctuary for Children's Choir every Sunday after worship. For more information contact our music director Janet Kaido (music@stjohnsdevon.com)

Children's Worship Resource Station

Our littlest worshippers are now able to customize their worship experience. In the coat closet in the sanctuary, kids can pick out a bag to fill with items to enrich their time. Please return to the brown basket when finished! In a hurry? Pre-made bags are available.

Upcoming Children/Youth Activities

Feb. 15: Deadline to sign up for Youth Trips!

Feb. 18: Mission Project @ Covenant Pres., 6-8 pm

Feb. 22: Rise Against Hunger 1-3 pm

Mar. 1: CCYC Pottery Painting 2-3:30 pm (RSVP by 2/22)

Subscribe to our Children & Youth Newsletter Here:



Order St. John's Apparel

Today is the last day to order apparel with the new St. John's logo through our online store! Just scan the QR code below to check out a wide variety of shirts, quarter zips, hoodies, and hats. Order online, and it will all be shipped to the church to save you shipping fees.



Save the Date

March 15

Spring Family Fun Day (RSVP by March 1)

March 22

Church Family Game Night (RSVP by March 19)

March 29

Palm Sunday (Egg Hunt after worship)

April 15-17

Youth Mission Weekend (RSVP by February 15)

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This Week at St. John's

Scan this QR code for the complete church calendar:



Sunday, February 15

9:30 am Worship & Sunday School

4:00 pm Courageous Conversations (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, February 16

10:00 am Women's Book Group (Kean Room)

Tuesday, February 17

5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, February 18 (Ash Wednesday)

7:00 am Men's Group (Carriage House)

11:30 am Ladies Lenten Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 pm Dinner and Mission Project @ Covenant

Thursday, February 19

5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

Saturday, February 21

9:00 am Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, February 22 (First Sunday in Lent)

8:15 am Women's Book Group (Kean Room)

9:30 am Worship & Sunday School

11:00 am New Officer Training (Kean Room)

1:00 pm Rise Against Hunger (Fellowship Hall)

Any announcements for next week's bulletin or email must be sent to Annie by **Noon on Wednesday**.

Friday is Pastor Patrick and Pastor Ridgley'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

St. John's Mission Statement

Reflecting God's unconditional love to all!

Core Values

Faith

We seek to grow in our faith and to recognize God's presence in our lives through scripture, worship, music, fellowship, study, and prayer.

Love

All people are welcome here. We are a caring, inclusive, intergenerational community, following Jesus Christ's example to love everyone, to be with one another in difficult times, and to share in each other's joys.

Service

We are passionate about helping those in need within our church family, in our local communities, across the country, and throughout the world.

Led by the Holy Spirit, we are generous with our time, talents, and resources to bring hope to others in tangible, transformative ways.

Vision Statement

A spiritual home for the community where...

- everyone is welcomed with open hearts, showing each other grace in a complicated world
- people find belonging as they are known, valued, and loved
- together, we grow in our knowledge and love of God
- Jesus inspires us to serve others with compassion

