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**ST. JOHN'S**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Reflecting God's unconditional love to all!

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March 1, 2026

Second Sunday in Lent

### 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.

Today is the second Sunday in Lent. Lent is a 40-day season (not counting Sundays) in which we prepare for the death and resurrection of Jesus. It comes from an Old English word that means, "spring," after the season in which it is observed. The 40 days are modeled on Jesus' time in the wilderness, but Sundays are treated as "little Easters" of joy, renewal, and rest.

### 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!

Prelude "The Gift of Love" *Krug*

Welcome & Announcements

Introit "It Is Well With My Soul" *Krug*

Answering God's Call to Worship

One: Tell me something good!

**All: God loves us more than we can imagine.**

One: Tell me something good!

**All: God loves all of creation more than we can imagine.**

One: Tell me something good!

**All: God's love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.**

One: This is good news indeed!

**All: Let us worship our compassionate God.**

^ Hymn "Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights"

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 (#71 in the red hymnal)

**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.**

**Love is from God.**

**Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.**

**God's love was revealed among us in this way:**

**God sent his only son into the world, so that we might live through him.**

**In this is love, not that we loved God, but that God loved us**

**and sent his son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

**Since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.**

**No one has ever seen God;**

**if we love one another, God lives in us, and God's love is perfected in us.**

**We have seen and do testify**

**that the Father sent his Son as the savior of the world.**

**So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.**

**God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God,**

**and God abides in them.**

The full scripture readings can be found on the back of the bulletin.

Scripture Reading

Luke 7:36-50

John McClintick

*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

"Amazing Grace"

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:35-40

Sermon

"Choosing the Good News"

Rev. Dr. Marshall

Sermon Series: "Tell Me Something Good"

The Lord's Supper

^ 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

"I Come With My Devotion"

^ Benediction

^ Postlude

"You Are Crowned with Many Crowns" & "With All of My Heart"

### Enriching Our Worship of God

**Music Director**

Janet Kaido

**Usher**

Joe Arico

**Greeter**

Brian Bouvier

**Coffee Servers**

Gail Nelson, Wanda Odom

**Pianist**

Dwight Jaggard

**Devon Chapel Bells**

Diane Alleva, Stephanie Crill, Christina Fish,  
Karen Huang, Jim Tiede

**Flowers**

Given by Kathy Johnson and family in memory of Tom.

The Lord's Supper 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 dip in the common cup.

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.

# Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights 129

May be sung in canon

G (1) D Em (2) D G Am G

1 Through-out these Lent - en days and nights we turn to walk the  
 2 The pil - grim Christ, the Lamb of God, who found in weak-ness  
 3 We bear the si - lence, cross and pain of hu - man bur - dens,  
 4 And though the road is hard and steep, the Spir - it ev - er

D G Am G D G

in - ward way, where, meet - ing Christ, our guide and light, we  
 great - er power, em - brac - es us, though lost and flawed, and  
 hu - man strife, while sis - ters, bro - thers help sus - tain our  
 calls us on through Cal - vary's dy - ing, dark and deep, un -

Am G D G *for canon only* D G

live in hope till Eas - ter day. (till Eas - ter day.)  
 leads us to his ris - ing hour. (his ris - ing hour.)  
 cou - rage till the feast of life. (the feast of life.)  
 til we see the com - ing dawn. (the com - ing dawn.)

5 So let us choose the path of one  
 who wore for us the crown of thorn,  
 and slept in death that we might wake  
 to life on Resurrection Morn!

# I Come With My Devotion

ANGEL'S STORY 7.6.7.6 D ("O Jesus I Have Promised")

Words: Anna Strickland (2025)

Music: Arthur H. Mann (1881)



I come with my de - vo - tion to love and serve  
I hear my Sa - vior's call - ing to serve the lost  
God made us in God's im - age each per - son whom



my God Whose lov - ing cos - mos formed me  
and least The hun - gry and im - pris - oned,  
we meet Ex - tra - va - gant - ly lov - ing



be - fore I e - ver sought The glo - ry of the  
the bro - ken ones like me For in each act of  
all of hu - man - i - ty So I'll re - turn the



hea - vens or praise on earth be - low So ev - ery  
kind - ness it's Christ for whom we care All wor - thy  
love which has formed me from the start — Lov - ing



gift I have now I lay be - fore the throne  
of our love — since it's God's face we bear  
my cre - a - tor, my - self, and ev - ery heart

## Announcements

### Called Congregational Meeting Today

Immediately following worship, there will be a congregational meeting 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, the Confirmation Class and grades K-4 will leave with their teachers. Grades 5-12 will stay in worship 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.

#### Supper @ St. John's

We would love for you to join us on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. for a delicious "home cooked" meal in Fellowship Hall. There will not be a class after supper for these final five weeks, as we want you to be able to take your time and enjoy being in fellowship together!

#### Women's Book Study – 2 Opportunities

The Sundry 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 this Wednesday, March 4 at 7 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

A financial update for February will be available soon. For January, operating income from all sources totaled \$95,098, above budget by \$38,357, due largely to full-year pledges received at the beginning of the year. 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).

### Pastoral Update

The Presbytery meeting that Pastor Patrick was supposed to be at last week was postponed due to snow. So he will be out of the office *this* Tuesday instead. He will also be out on vacation from March 9-15.

### Congregational Care

**Lynn Brown** is at Bryn Mawr Rehab, recovering from a fall and broken hip. Cards can be sent to:

**Lynn Brown**  
47 Drummers Lane  
Wayne, PA 19087

**Peter Crawford** is recovering from back surgery. Cards can be sent to:

**Peter & Nancy Crawford**  
535 Bradyville Road, Apt. 117  
Newtown Square, PA 19073

## Congregational Life

### Discussion on Iran with the Enghetas - Today!

Join us at 11:00 a.m. 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."

### Henrietta Damiano Memorial Service

There will be a memorial service for Henrietta Damiano on Saturday, March 14 at 11:00 a.m. at St. John's. Please join us as we give thanks to God for the life of one of our longtime members!

### St. John's Guitar Club

Our new Guitar Club had their first meeting this past week. Whether you play guitar, want to learn, or are just curious, this is open to all levels of ability. We just want to have fun, play together, and learn from each other. The next gathering will be on Wednesday, March 25 at 7 pm (after Supper at St. John's). For questions, contact Brian Bouvier or John Senior.

### March Birthdays

Happy Birthday to members and friends of our St. John's Family who are celebrating birthdays this month! Please consider wishing them a Happy Birthday in person at church or sending them birthday wishes by text, email or a birthday 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!

March 4 Janice Rosencrance  
March 5 Steve Scolari  
March 7 John Lieberman  
March 8 Chris Oliver, Ryan Marshall  
March 10 Colvin Oliver  
March 11 Peter Oliver  
March 17 Charlie Scott  
March 20 Jen Marshall  
March 21 Susanne Engheta  
March 25 Jared Holcomb  
March 27 Pat Churchill  
March 29 Ellie Fisher

## Service

### Coffee Drive for Great Valley Food Cupboard

Starting today, we are accepting ground coffee or Keurig cups (decaf and caffeinated) for the Great Valley Food Cupboard. A collection box will be in Fellowship Hall.

## Children & Youth

*Children & Youth Sunday School will not meet on Sunday, March 15 due to Children's Sunday!*

**CCYC (TONIGHT!)** - Youth registered will meet at Color Me Mine (109 W Lancaster Ave, Wayne) at 2 pm!

**Youth Bible Study** - Meet us in the Youth Room at 7 pm every Wednesday in March to read the book of Job!

**Youth Study Club** - Meet us in the Youth Room to do homework together on Sundays (11 am-1 pm) and Wednesdays (3-6 pm). Don't forget to sign up!

### Upcoming Children/Youth Activities

**Mar. 15:** Family Fun Day @ Arnold's 2-4 pm (RSVP by 3/1)

**Mar. 21:** Rise Against Hunger @ Covenant Pres (10 a-12 p)

**Mar. 20-22:** Confirmation Retreat

**Mar. 29:** Palm Sunday Parade & Egg Hunt

**Subscribe to our Children & Youth Newsletter Here:**



## Save the Date

### March 15

Children's Sunday  
Spring Family Fun Day (RSVP by TODAY)

### March 22

New Officer Installation Sunday

### March 29

Palm Sunday Worship (Egg Hunt after worship)

### April 2

Maundy Thursday Service at St. John's Presbyterian

### April 3

Good Friday Service at Covenant Presbyterian

### April 20

Lunch & Learn with Jed Koball (missionary in Peru)

### April 26

Education Seminar: "Faith, the Brain, and Mental Well-Being" by Rev. Miriam Diephouse-McMillan

## Church Staff

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## This Week at St. John's

Scan this QR code for the complete church calendar:



### Sunday, March 1 (Second Sunday in Lent)

8:15 am Deacons Meeting (Kean Room)  
9:30 am Worship & Communion  
10:30 am Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)  
11:00 am Discussion on Iran w/ the Enghetas (Carriage House)  
11:00 am Youth Study Club (Youth Room)

### Monday, March 2

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

### Tuesday, March 3

4:30 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)  
5:30 pm Set up for Supper at St. John's (Fellowship Hall)

### Wednesday, March 4

7:00 am Men's Group (Carriage House)  
3:00 pm Youth Study Club (Youth Room)  
6:00 pm Supper at St. John's (Fellowship Hall)  
7:00 pm Youth Bible Study (Youth Room)

### Thursday, March 5

4:30 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)  
7:00 pm Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### Saturday, March 7

9:00 am Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

### Sunday, March 8 (Third Sunday in Lent)

8:15 am Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)  
9:30 am Worship & Sunday School

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

