

NEWS NOTES

March 20, 2022

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SERVING TODAY

Communion Assistants:

4:00pm: Bill Woodgeard

8:15am: Karen Bentley

11:00am: Gloria Biggs, Lynda Berry,
Linda Diehl

Acolytes:

8:15am: Hunter Thompson

Colton Thompson

11:00am: Mackenzie Norman
Merrick Wilson

Altar Guild

Lynda Berry, Linda Vozel,
Paul and Pam Wittenberg,
Sarah Schmitz

Greeters:

4:00pm Mary Campbell

8:15am:

11:00am N/D: Lynda Berry

M/D: Dave and Lisa
Stallard

Readers:

4:00pm: Chris Jenkins

8:15am: Marilyn Smith

11:00am: Sheryl Fraley

Lessons Today: Isaiah 55:1-9; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In celebration of Dwight & Cindy's 33rd wedding anniversary! Married at St. John's on March 18, 1989. Given by Dwight Henricksen.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Richard Davis. Given by Vi Davis & Family.

PULPIT FLOWERS: In memory of Rev. Virgil Wittenberg. Given by the Wittenberg Family.

LECTERN FLOWERS: In memory of Gail Turnbull. Given by Greg Turnbull and family.

BULLETINS: Given by Linda Chenault in celebration of her 77th birthday.

BULLETINS: Given by Rhonda Maynard.

☞ PERSONAL NOTES ☞

HOSPITALIZED Please pray for the following members who are or were in the hospital this week: Christine Hank.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Alice Loomis, who passed away on March 9th, 2022. All who grieve are in our prayers.

NOTES OF THANKS: "Thank you so much for all the prayers, concern, food and flowers during David's most recent surgery. He is on the way to a full recovery. We feel truly blessed." ~ Linda Chenault

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

GOOD NEWS! Starting this **Sunday, March 20th** we will have nursery staffing available from **9:15am - noon**. If you are in need of childcare on Sunday mornings during that timeframe, please be sure to bring your children to the nursery. Meet Heather and participate in both Sunday school and worship service knowing that your children are in great hands!

CLEAN THE CLOSETS: HELPERS NEEDED 10AM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23. To make room for technology equipment, we'll be cleaning out some closets at 10am on **Wednesday, March 23rd**. Please let Pastor Seth know if you will be able to be there for any amount of time that day: sjersild@stjohnsgc.org. He will appreciate the help!

SUBMITTING A NEWS NOTES ARTICLE? Please email secretary@stjohnsgc.org, or drop off your article in the secure slot of the church office. Articles for next weekend are due by **9am on Wednesday, March 23rd**.

CHURCH LIBRARY SPRING CLEANING: It's finally March and time for spring cleaning! We are sorting through books and removing those from the church library that are duplicates, out of date, etc. Most of these items are brand new. Right now, there is a rolling cart in the Link filled with books and DVDs. **Help yourself to FREE books!** A variety of subjects are included (mostly personal Christianity) and almost all are brand new. Perhaps you will find one or two books that interest you, or that you would like to give to a friend who needs some Christian encouragement.

EASTER CANDY DONATIONS AND “STUFFERS” NEEDED! We are asking for donations of individually wrapped candies to fill plastic Easter eggs. There is a marked bin in the link area and for candy donations. If you would like to help fill the Easter eggs or prepare crafts, please mark your calendars for **Sunday, April 3rd from noon – 2pm.** We will meet in The Family Life Center. A light lunch and all supplies will be provided. Please mark the salmon sheet if you plan to attend. Thank you so much for your support!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR EASTER FAMILY FUN / VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Please join us for a fun-filled morning including a scavenger hunt, craft making, Easter egg hunts for children of all ages and more! Our Church family and the community are invited. The event takes place on **Saturday, April 9th at 10am.** We plan to meet outside, weather permitting. If it is not a nice day to be outside, we will meet in the Family Life Center. Be sure to bring your friends! Please mark the salmon sheet if you can help with the event.

EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST. Please join us on Easter Sunday for a time of fellowship and good food. We will be serving breakfast on **Easter Sunday, April 17th from 7 – 10am** in the Family Life Center. A free will offering will be taken. Volunteers are needed to take shifts serving breakfast. If you are interested, please contact Elaine Bennett at 614-446-0148 or at ebennett@stjohnsgc.org. You may also mark the salmon sheet for us to contact you and schedule a shift.

☞ YOUTH NEWS ☜

HIGH SCHOOL GLOW is tonight 6:30 – 9pm. It's an art night – come be inspired with acrylics, photo transfer, and wood projects! Go home with some very cool artwork!

CONNECT meets weekly on Thursday nights! We have groups for ages 4/5/K, Grades 1 – 2, Grades 3 – 4, Grades 5 – 6. Grades 7 – 12 students are invited to be group leaders. We also have an amazing adult leadership team. Join us at Connect. Greeter's table opens at 5:40pm.



The most we can do is pray... Pray for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and across the world. Please take a prayer bag for your family so that you can be reminded to pray daily for God's love, grace and peace to flood the world.

Be sure to keep your eyes out for Prayer bags!
They will be at the entrances for each service.
~ St. John's Youth Ministries

AID FOR UKRAINE: Are you disturbed as much as we are, watching the news and seeing firsthand what's happening in Ukraine? We've been praying, of course. We know God is in control. Still, we want to do something more. Our next-door neighbors are from Ukraine, and their families came to the U.S. when they were small children. Their church, Grace Evangelical Church, located on Norton Road (previously, the Oakhurst Country Club), is collecting donations that will be taken to Ukraine.

"There is a great need for prayer, humanitarian and monetary aid to help."

Their donation item list is extensive, so we've selected a few items for all of us at St. John's to collect. **The requested items are:**

Hygiene items for men and women

Baby food and necessities
Antibacterial ointment
Plastic wrap/cling film

Blankets and bedding
Sleeping bags
Hats and gloves

First Aid Kits

Tweezers
Safety pins
Candles



Items that **cannot** be accepted include:



Aerosols Batteries Matches Oils
Rubbing alcohol products Hydrogen peroxide
Fragrance (perfumes, aftershave, etc.)



Humanitarian help will be so greatly appreciated by those whose lives have been affected and will never be the same. We are accepting all donations in the church library donation box. These will be collected weekly to be shipped. To see a list of requested medical supplies, please see the post on the North Entrance and Link bulletin boards. For complete details, go to the Grace Ev. Church website at www.visitgec.org. Additional donation questions? Call 614-648-9849. Thank you. ~ Bruce and Karen Whyte.

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

Attendance: March 13 – 273

March 16 -- 165

<u>February 2022</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating	\$54,038	\$114,575	\$62,333	\$121,750
Benevolence	\$ 5,512	\$ 9,428	\$11,398	\$ 13,182

**WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL AND GENEROUS GIVING
TO ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES!**

☞ LENT AND EASTER CALENDAR ☞

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

March 2—April 6 — Wednesdays at 12 noon and 6:30pm

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES - APRIL 10—17

- April 9 — “*The Cry of the Whole Congregation*” Saturday at 4pm
- April 10 — ***Palm Sunday*** “*The Cry of the Whole Congregation*” at 8:15 & 11am
No Contemporary Service on Palm Sunday
- April 14 — ***Maundy Thursday*** Worship at 7:00pm
with Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar
- April 15 — ***Good Friday*** Worship at 12pm and 7:00pm
- April 16/17 — ***Easter*** Traditional - Saturday at 4pm, Sunday at 8:15 & 11am
Contemporary - Sunday at 11am

OTHER LENTEN AND EASTER EVENTS

- Mar. 9—Apr. 6 — Lenten Soup Supper, Wednesdays at 5:45pm
- April 3 — Palm Sunday Rehearsal 12pm
— Easter Egg Stuffing and More 12pm
- April 9 — Easter Family Fun Day 10am
- April 17 — Easter Sunday Breakfast 7am

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Colossians, Pastor Seth, FH Rm 101 / Ephesians, Steve Johnston, Chapel / 2 Peter, Rick Butsko, Rms 301, 303.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: Ages 2-3, Rm 003 / Ages 4-5, Pre-K and Kindergarten, Rm 009 / Grades 1 and 2, Rm 204 / Grades 3 and 4, Rm 307 / Grades 5 and 6, Rm 306 / Grades 7 and 8, Rms 302 and 304 / High School, Rm 311.

☪ CALENDAR ☪

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School
9:30am Men's Chorale Reh. (Choir Rm)
10:30am Small Group (Lib)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
1:00pm Private Event (FLC, Kit)
3:00pm Prayers and Pins (*off-site*)
6:00pm Saddles n Such 4-H (FH)
6:30pm Bible Study (103-4)
6:30pm GLOW (FLC, 3rd Flr)

MONDAY, MARCH 21

PLASTER RESTORATION (Sanc)

9:00am Eagle Mailing (204)
9:30am BSF Leaders (*virtual*)
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)
1:00pm Altar Guild Meeting (Chapel)
6:00pm Puppet Rehearsal (FLC)
7:00pm Council (103-4)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

PLASTER RESTORATION (Sanc)

9:00am Quilters (103-4)
7:00pm BSA Troop 392 (103-4)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

9:30am BSF
12:00pm Lenten Noon Service (Sanc)
1:00pm Small Group (101)
5:45pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
5:45pm Lenten Soup Supper (FLC, Kit)
6:30pm Lenten Evening Service (Sanc)
7:15pm Chancel Choir Reh. (Sanc)

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
1:00pm Small Group (101)
2:30pm HS Acting Class (FLC)
6:00pm CONNECT
6:15pm Celebration Ringers Reh. (Sanc)
8:00pm Dartball (FLC)

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

PLASTER RESTORATION ALL DAY (Sanc)

10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

4:00pm Traditional Service (Sanc)
7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School
9:30am Men's Chorale Reh. (Choir Rm)
10:30am Small Group (Lib)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
1:00pm Private Event (FLC)
1:00pm Private Event (103-4)
3:00pm Prayers and Pins (*off-site*)
6:30pm Bible Study (103-4)

SATURDAY WORSHIP UPDATE –
Saturday evening worship services will
remain at 4pm moving forward.

DAILY AND WEEKLY UPDATES ARE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE AND
FACEBOOK PAGES. BE SURE TO CHECK THEM OUT!

MARCH 20, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY
IN LENT



To repent is to seek and thirst for God.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 13:1-9	Parable of the fig tree
Monday	Isaiah 55:1-9	Abundant life
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Warnings from Israel's history
Wednesday	Luke 12:54-59	Knowing what to do
Thursday	1 Chronicles 16:8-13	David's psalm of thanksgiving
Friday	Acts 3:17-26	Peter speaks in the temple
Saturday	Psalms 63:1-8	Comfort in God's presence
Sunday	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	Parable of the forgiving father

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Psalm 63:1 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, give us a thirst for your presence in our lives and world that we may live in peace and confidence through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Loving God, may this food remind us that you promise us a feast that costs us nothing and shows your great love for us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Isaiah 55:1)

A Blessing to Give:

May God give you a repentant heart, peace, and joy.



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MARCH 20, 2022
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Restore in Us, O God



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- How would you describe what life is like in today's world?
- What do you think God sees that is lacking in the world today?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Luke 13:1-9.

Lent is a season of repentance. Repentance is not first and foremost a moral change on our part; it is a changed way of seeing that influences one's actions. Jesus sees human tragedies caused by tyrants [like Pilate] or by accidents [like a tower that falls on people] as part of life. Life is fragile for lots of reasons. To see the world as Jesus sees it is to see the need for all of us to repent, that is, to turn to God and see God's care for us in the world. To repent is to turn toward God. It is to turn away from a thirst for acceptance from others, power, prestige, or wealth. The life of repentance Jesus wants for us bears the fruit of God's ways that is full of mercy and forgiveness (see Isaiah 55:7).

Discuss: How does knowing of God's care for us change your way of thinking and behaving in the world?

Pray: **Forgiving God, help us to see as you see and to desire what you desire through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how does repentance influence your actions towards others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Lent is a time to focus on prayer. When reading a newspaper or watching the news, we learn about tragedies and sad events happening in the world. After reading or seeing the news this week, sit in silence and pray for those situations and the people involved. Light a candle and say: **Jesus Christ is the light of the world. The light no darkness can overcome.** The Bible gives us models for praying. Close by reading Psalm 63:1-8 as a prayer.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org