

# FROM THE CORNER

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## FEBRUARY

**16 SUNDAY**– Family eXperience at Incredible Pizza (5:00pm)

**17 MONDAY**– Finance (6:00pm)

**19 WEDNESDAY**– Parents Night Out (6:00-7:30pm)

**23 SUNDAY**– United Methodist Men’s Breakfast (8:30am)

**25 TUESDAY**– Church Council in Room 205 (6:00pm)

**26 WEDNESDAY**– Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary (6:30pm)

**28 FRIDAY**– Scripture for the Eyes Adult Sunday School Paint Night at Easel Town (6:00-8:00pm)

## MARCH

**4 WEDNESDAY**– Moms Demand Action Advocacy Day in Nashville

**7 SATURDAY**– Soup kitchen volunteers needed (3:30-5:30pm); sign up with Annie (ahunter@stjohnsmidtown.org)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Family eXperience** This year, we’re offering more all-ages church family eXperiences, known as FX! **Today at 5:00pm**, we’ll be heading to Incredible Pizza for food, fun, and fellowship! Our next FX will be a bingo night & potluck on **Sunday evening, March 29!**

**Soup Kitchen** Love on your neighbors by serving them a wonderful meal on **Sat., March 7, 3:30-5:30pm!** Sign up with Annie (ahunter@stjohnsmidtown.org).

**Ash Wednesday** The Lenten Season is upon us! We mark the start with our Ash Wednesday service on **Wednesday, February 26 at 6:30pm** in the sanctuary.

**Church Council** Please note that this month’s meeting of the Church Council has been moved to **Tuesday, Feb. 25** due to the Ash Wednesday service. We will meet in Room 205 at **6:00pm**.

**Parents Night Out** Leave the kids with us! We’ve got a fun night of dinner, games, and more ahead **this Wednesday, Feb. 19, 6:00-7:30pm!** PNO is for kids 3-12; nursery is available. Sign up with Josh (jshaw@stjohnsmidtown.org).

**Ches’ Closet** Our clothing ministry, which serves our Way Family is growing and could use a little more storage! Have a shelf to get rid of? We could use it!

**Diapers** Our diaper ministry, Operation Swaddling Clothes, is in great need of **diapers sizes 4, 5, & 6** to help families served through our food pantry. Please bring donations by the church office.



Johnny leads The Way this Friday at 6:00pm with Dave Smith, Steve Selvidge, Steve Potts & Kurt Clayton.



## St. John’s

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*A Reconciling Congregation*

St. John’s welcomes everyone. Our hearts, minds, and doors are open to people of all ages, races, nationalities, sexual orientations, gender identities, theological identities, economic status, disabilities, and people who sojourn on the way to recovery and wholeness. We are a diverse community whose discipleship to Jesus Christ is demonstrated through our deep commitment to servant ministry. Welcome Home!

### TODAY’S USHERS:

Lloyd Hearn, Mike Coop,  
Charles Garrison, Herb Levy,  
Ralph Morgan

### TODAY’S COUNTERS:

Counters Needed  
+ Please stand as you are able.

*Children’s worship materials are available at the front right of the sanctuary.*

# A Service of Word & Table

February 16, 2020 ❖ 10:50 a.m.

Epiphany + 6

## THE ENTRANCE

*Words of Welcome*

*Prelude*

“I Surrender All”  
Handbell Ensemble

arr. Sondra Tucker

+ *Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 29)*

O lilies of the field, we of all colors and all varieties,  
GOD calls us to hear the Word.

**We have been planted in faith,**

**So we turn our faces to you, O GOD.**

O people of the plains, the cities and the mountains,  
we of all colors, theologies and life choices,  
we are God’s field.

Come into God’s sanctuary with joy!

**You have cultivated us, O GOD. Let us vine and blossom  
and bear the fruit of your integrity.**

O we of mustard seeds and wheat,  
we of little faith and great, we come.

**We come to the Living Waters, to the Sun of love and light.**

**We will drink of your ways, O GOD, and sow your seeds.**

O, all who are of the world,  
come and see what GOD has grown.

**We come to worship you.**

**We stand in the sunshine of your living word.**

**We prosper in your paths, O GOD, as the lilies of your field.**

+ *Opening Hymn 400*

NETTLETON

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

+ *Prayer for Holiness of Heart 401*

Howard Thurman

+ *Gloria Patri*

Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly  
 Ghost; as it was in the be - gining, is now, and ev - er shall be,  
 world with - out end. A - men. A - men.



*PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE*

*Children's Message*

Josh Shaw, Director of Children's Ministries

*Prayers of the People*

*Sharing of Joys and Concerns*

*Call the Prayer - 462 v.1*

*"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"*

TRUST IN JESUS

*'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take him at his word;  
 Just to rest upon his promise and to know "Thus saith the Lord."  
 Jesus, Jesus how I Trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
 Jesus, Jesus, blessed Jesus! O for grace to trust him more.*

*The Morning Prayer*

*Choral Anthem*

*"Order My Steps"*  
 Chancel Choir

Glenn Burleigh

**WORSHIP & MINISTRY STAFF**

**Rev'd Johnny Jeffords**

*Senior Pastor*

**Rev'd Mimi White**

*Associate Pastor*

**Matthew Bogart**

*Music Ministries*

**Carol Craig**

*Organist*

**Alan Butler**

*Youth Ministries*

**Josh Shaw**

*Children's Ministries*

**Heather Ragland**

*Office Manager*

**Annie Hunter**

*Communication*

**Cynthia Green**

*Reception*

**Bill Dozier**

*Building & Maintenance*

**Robert Phillips**

*Custodian*

**Rose Holmes**

*Housekeeper*

*Epistle Reading - 1 Corinthians 3.1-9*

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup> I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup> for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? <sup>4</sup> For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? <sup>5</sup> What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to

believe, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup> I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup> So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup> The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. <sup>9</sup> For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

The New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha:  
New Revised Standard Version  
Oxford University Press

*Homily*

Rev'd Dr. Jonathan L. Jeffords

"Spiritual Horticulturalist"

*Call to Confession*

Draw near with faith, and with me make your confession, and receive the saving justice of God. Let us pray:

*Prayer of Confession*

**Righteous God, we confess with sorrow  
that we often forget who has given us light,  
who has made our garden grow with waters of love.  
We forget your living word  
and move off your paths to serve our own worldly desires.  
We leave your cultivated field  
to venture out into the wilderness on our own.  
We quarrel with one another trying to decide "who is the greatest."  
We make our own faces the benchmark for all faces.  
Help us to remember Jesus,  
reconciling the whole world in himself.**

*Silence is kept for personal confessions*

*Assurance of Pardon*

Thank you for calling us back,  
for never giving up on us when we turn aside,  
for always loving us,  
even when we forget who we are and who you are.  
We know you, as the greatest Gardener of all,  
who has promised always to replant us in flourishing fields.  
With thanksgiving, let us offer one another a sign of Peace.

*Passing the Peace*

*Offertory*

“KINGSFOLD”  
Handbell Ensemble

arr. Sondra Tucker

+ *Doxology - 94*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God the source of all our gifts.  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts.  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION*

*The Great Thanksgiving 13*

*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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

*Time of Receiving*

*Communion Music*

“FORREST GREEN”  
Handbell Ensemble

arr. Sondra Tucker

*Prayer After Receiving*

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery, in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world, in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*SENDING FORTH*

*Invitation to Take the Journey*

+ *Hymn of Response 438*

DUKE STREET

”Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go”

+ *Benediction*

+ *Postlude*

Matthew Bogart, Organ