

# FROM THE CORNER

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## FEBRUARY

**5 WEDNESDAY**– The Service of Healing & Blessing (6:45pm)

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

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

**17 MONDAY**– Finance (6:00pm)

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

**26 WEDNESDAY**– Church Council (6:00pm)

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Family eXperience** This year, we are offering more church Family eXperiences, also known as FX! These opportunities include: bingo nights, trivia competitions, public outings, and much more! You don’t want to miss our first FX of the year! On **February 16**, we will be heading to Incredible Pizza! This time for food, fun, and festive fellowship is a treat for all ages! We will gather for dinner at **5:00pm**. The cost is \$12.00 per person or \$10.00 per person for families of 4+, which includes a pizza and drink buffet, plus a \$20.00 game pass! Come join the fun and experience the church beyond the doors! RSVP and payment due to Josh by **February 13** (jshaw@stjohnsmidtown.org).

**Special Sunday School** Young Adult and In Medias Res classes are joining this month for *Scripture for the Eyes*, a study focusing on the themes of art and scripture, lead by our own Dr. Todd Richardson. Todd is an associate art professor at The University of Memphis, co-founder of Crosstown Arts, and co-leader of Crosstown Concourse. *Scripture* meets at **9:30am** in Room 307.

**Healing & Blessing** The Service of Healing & Blessing is a short, informal gathering that provides a safe space for those seeking a place to share their joys and concerns. During this time, you can participate in scripture readings, simple music, and prayers of healing and blessing. You are free to participate in private prayer or prayer lead by clergy & lay leaders, lighting of candles, and anointment with oils. This service truly meets you where you are! Join us for our next gathering **this Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 6:45pm** in the chapel!

**Diapers** Operation Swaddling Clothes supplies diapers to families served through our food pantry. We are currently in need of **sizes 4, 5, & 6**; donations are appreciated! Please bring them by the church office.



Johnny leads The Way this Friday at 6:00pm with Dave Smith, Steve Selvidge, Steve Potts, and 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:

Don Tyson, Bill Denton,  
John Buxton, Carla Shirley,  
Gary Hall

### 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 2, 2020 ❖ 10:50 a.m.

Epiphany 4

## THE ENTRANCE

*Words of Welcome*

*Prelude*

“Voluntary”  
Carol Craig, Piano

Robert Groves

+ *Call to Worship*

People of God, who do you come to worship?

**We come to worship the one true God.**

How will you worship?

**Not with words alone, but by living lives of justice and love.**

Come, you who belong to God.

Come, you who are foolish in the eyes of the world.

**Come and abide in God’s tent and in God’s heart, now and forever.**

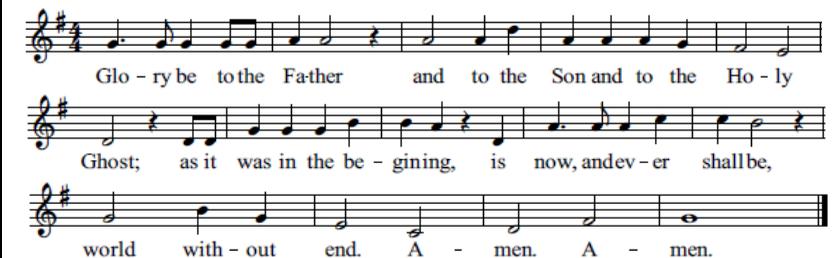
+ *Opening Hymn 568*

ITALIAN HYMN

“Christ for the World We Sing”

+ *Statement of Faith 883*

+ *Gloria Patri*



*PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE*

*Children's Message*

Ryan Baker

*Hebrew Bible Reading - Micah 6:1-8*

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me.

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab

devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?



**WORSHIP & MINISTRY STAFF**

*Prayers of the People*

*Sharing of Joys and Concerns*

*Call to Prayer* 605 vs. 1 – "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

BEACH SPRING

***Wash, O God, Our Sons and daughters Where your cleansing waters flow  
Number them among your people Bless as Christ blessed long ago  
Weave them garments bright and sparkling Compass them with love and light  
Fill, anoint them, send your Spirit Holy Dove and heart's Delight***

*Morning Prayer*

*Anthem*

"Blest Are They"  
Chancel Choir

David Haas

**Rev'd Johnny Jeffords**  
**Rev'd Mimi White**  
**Matthew Bogart**  
**Carol Craig**  
**Alan Butler**  
**Josh Shaw**  
**Heather Ragland**  
**Annie Hunter**  
**Cynthia Green**  
**Bill Dozier**  
**Robert Phillips**  
**Rose Holmes**

*Senior Pastor*  
*Associate Pastor*  
*Music Ministries*  
*Organist*  
*Youth Ministries*  
*Children's Ministries*  
*Office Manager*  
*Communication*  
*Reception*  
*Building & Maintenance*  
*Custodian*  
*Housekeeper*

+ *The Holy Gospel - Matthew 5:1-12(NRSV)*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

*Homily*

Rev’d Dr. Jonathan L. Jeffords

“Blessed Requirement”

*Invitation to Table*

This is the table, not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit.  
It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more.  
So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,  
You who have been here often  
and you who have not been for a long time or ever before,  
You who have tried to follow and all of us who have failed.  
Christ invites everyone to be known and fed here.

*Prayer of Confession*

**Gracious God, in Christ you call us to unity of mind and purpose,  
but we confess that our hearts are often turned  
toward separation and division.  
We quarrel; we encourage rivalries;  
we tear down our brothers and sisters in faith.**

**Help us to remember that all have been baptized as one body  
into Christ's death and resurrection.  
Teach us to hold fast to those promises  
which draw us together in the Spirit,  
so that we may proclaim the power. Amen.**

*Silence is kept for personal confessions*

*Assurance of Pardon*

Receive the good news: There is no place, not even in our hearts,  
where the love of God cannot penetrate.

and calling us to new life as one body, united in Christ.

God is around and among us, healing, restoring

**Praise be to God for the gift of forgiveness and the promise of peaceful unity!**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Passing the Peace*

*Offertory*

“Meditation”  
Carol Craig, Organ

Robert Groves

+ *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*

*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 433*

CHARLESTON

“All Who Love and Serve Your City”

+ *Benediction*

+ *Postlude*

“Postlude”  
Carol Craig, Organ

Robert Groves