

# FROM THE CORNER

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## MARCH

**13 FRIDAY** – Musical Celebration of Rev Dr. John Kilzer (6:00pm)

**15 SUNDAY** – UMM Breakfast (8:30am)

**15 SUNDAY** – No Children’s Sunday School

**22 SUNDAY** – UMW Potluck at Susan McKnight’s home (5:00pm)

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

**29 SUNDAY** – FX: Bingo Night & Potluck (5:00pm)

## APRIL

**4 SATURDAY** – Soup kitchen volunteers needed (3:30-5:30pm); contact Annie (ahunter@stjohnsmidtown.org)

**5 SUNDAY** – Palm Sunday (10:50am)

**9 THURSDAY**– Maundy Thursday service (6:30pm)

**10 FRIDAY**– Good Friday service in the chapel (12:00pm)

**12 SUNDAY**– Easter Breakfast, egg hunt, flowering of the cross (9:30am)

**12 SUNDAY**– Easter Worship (10:50am)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Communion Offering** Our communion offering supports One Million Wells, which brings water well drilling equipment and knowledge to impoverished areas worldwide. St. John’s member Jim Forbis is currently serving with OMW.



This Friday at 6:00pm Johnny Jeffords leads us with Steve Potts, Steve Selvidge, & Dave Smith.

**Kilzer** The Way Family will gather to celebrate the music and ministry legacy of our beloved John Kilzer **this Friday, March 13, 6:00pm**. We want to be intentional about honoring the gift of John’s music as we live into the legacy of his ministry. Reba Russell & Susan Marshall join The Way Band! There will be no better music in Memphis that evening than what will come from St. John’s sanctuary!

**UMW Potluck** The United Methodist Women will gather at Susan McKnight’s home for a potluck on **Sunday, March 22 at 5:00pm**. Bring your favorite childhood comfort food! Contact Janet to receive UMW emails (jhall38118@yahoo.com).

**Bingo!** Our next Family eXperience will be Bingo Night! Grab your crockpot and your game face for a fun evening and potluck dinner on **Sunday, March 29**. The fun starts at **5:00pm** in the fellowship hall; bring a friend! Or two!

**Soup Kitchen** Our next soup kitchen date will be **Saturday, April 4**. Volunteers are needed from **3:30-5:30pm**. This is a fun way to serve your neighbors and bond with your church family! Contact Annie to sign up (ahunter@stjohnsmidtown.org).



## 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.*

## Service of Word & Table

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2020 + 10:50 a.m.

## Gathering

*Words of Welcome*

*Prelude*

Georg Frederic Handel

“Minuet”  
Carol Craig, Organ

† *Call to Worship*

Come, all who need help!

**Our help comes from God, the one who made heaven and earth.**

Come, all who desire blessing!

**Our blessing comes from God, the God of Abraham, the God of the ages.**

Come, all who long for salvation!

**Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ, the one sent by God to save the world.**

† *Hymn 117* “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ST. ANNE

† *Prayer for the Day*

The Lord is with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

**O God our Creator, your kindness has given us a new morning.**

**Help us to leave yesterday,**

**not be anxious about tomorrow, and appreciate the unique gift of today.**

**Open us to the movement of your Holy Spirit that we may desire to bring new order, new possibility, and new hope in this land, and new life in the depths of our being. Amen.**

† *Kyrie eleison*



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### Proclamation of the Word

*Children's Message*

Josh Shaw, Director of Children's Ministries

*Prayers of the People*

*Call to Prayer TFWS 2216*

"Cares Chorus"  
*Two Times*

CARES CHORUS

***I cast all my cares upon you,  
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet,  
and anytime that I don't know what to do,  
I will cast all my cares upon you.***

*The Morning Prayer*

*Anthem*

"In This Hour"  
Chancel Choir

Heather Sorensen

† *The Holy Gospel - John 3.1-17* (NRSV)

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"



### WORSHIP & MINISTRY STAFF

**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*

*and be gracious (and be gracious),  
unto you and be gracious;  
the Lord be gracious, gracious unto you.  
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.*

*- There will be no postludes during the season of lent. -*

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

*Homily*

Rev'd Dr. Jonathan L. Jeffords

“Jesus Saves”

*The Invitation to Table*

Jesus invites all who believe in his reign of justice and love to gather around this table and be fed in body and spirit for strength on the journey. As we prepare to share in this holy meal together, may we confess before God and one another our need for grace.

*Prayer of Confession*

**Holy One, who is able to make all things new,  
we are thankful for the gift of each day  
being an opportunity to do better, to be better.  
We ask forgiveness for wanting new life  
without being willing to die to old ways of being.  
Forgive us for doubting that new life, rebirth is possible.  
Midwife our spirits,  
that we may be born into a new state of consciousness;  
that we may be born from above.**

*Assurance of Grace*

Even in our reluctance, even in our brokenness, God provides a path to wholeness and renewal. When we confess our shortcomings, God has mercy on us and is generous with forgiveness. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven. . . .and that is good news.

**Thanks be to God!**

† *The Peace*

Let us greet one another with signs of restoration and forgiveness.

*Sharing of God's Tithes and Our Offerings*

“Thou Shalt Bring Them In”  
Carol Craig, Organ

G. F. Handel

† *Doxology*

*Praise God the Source of Life and Birth  
Praise God the Word who came to earth  
Praise God the Spirit, Holy Flame  
All Honor, Glory to God's Name. Amen.*

OLD 100TH

**Thanksgiving & Communion**

† *The Great Thanksgiving - Heart-shaped Bread*

by Rev. Dr. John T. Kilzer

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

What? With our hearts?

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Why?

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Sanctus*

What else can we do now other than join your company  
of heaven in their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Mystery of Faith*

So: Remember, give thanks always, praise, and pray,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*The Great Amen.*

We all, with one heart, one voice, one spirit, and one love, say:

**Amen.**

*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.**

*Giving the Bread and Cup*

*Communion Music*

*Prayer After Receiving*

**God, through this meal,**

**we pray that your grace would empower us to do justice,  
to offer mercy, and to do so with humility.**

**You have given us your Son as an example,**

**and your Holy Spirit as Advocate.**

**Give us the courage to do your work in the world. Amen.**

**Sending Forth**

*Invitation to Take the Journey*

† *Hymn 369*

“Blessed Assurance”

ASSURANCE

† *Benediction*

† *Choral Response*

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Peter Lutkin

*Choir & Congregation*

*The Lord bless you and keep you.*

*The Lord lift his countenance upon you,*

*and give you peace, (and give you peace)*

*and give you peace. (and give your peace)*

*The Lord make his face to shine upon you,*