

**St. John's at Worship**  
Second Sunday after Christmas, 9:30 am

*Theme: Cherishing the good earth*

Prelude

Congregational Concerns (*please pass the friendship role*)

Call for Prayer Concerns

\*Greeting

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Choral Introit "I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me" *W. Billings*

\*Call to Worship Isaiah 52:7

Leader: How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of those who bring good tidings,

**People: Who publish peace, who bring good tidings of salvation,  
who say to the people, "Your God reigns".**

\*Invocation

\*Hymn **152** "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" *FOREST GREEN*

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 148 (p. 582, OT) *Becca Chudy*

\*Gloria Patri

**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.**

\*Silent Prayer

\*Prayer of Confession

**Creator God, by whose wisdom and command  
all things on earth have come to be,  
and by whose loving friendship are sustained,  
we confess our sometimes careless tending of this good earth;  
that we are quick to claim its land and fruits as ours,  
yet slow to heed its need, and give it care.**

**Lord Jesus, who taught us how to overwhelm our adversaries  
with astonishing gifts of love; who taught us  
how to touch the forgotten and the commonplace,  
and make them sacred;  
we confess that we have let our busyness cloud our sense of wonder,  
and prevent our acts of grace.**

**Holy Spirit, who came with all the power and imagination  
of a new creation, to raise us as a renewed humanity,  
we confess that we too timidly display  
the stamp of God's own character in ourselves.**

**Forgive us, we pray, and help us to be like you,  
creative, loving and lively partners in the building of your Kingdom.  
Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon Psalm 103:11-13

\*Affirmation of Faith A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church

**We believe in the one God,  
creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations,  
the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
God manifest in the flesh,  
our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.**

**We believe in the forgiveness of sins,  
in the life of love and prayer,  
and in grace equal to every need.**

**We believe in the Word of God  
contained in the Old and New Testaments  
as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.**

**We believe in the church,  
those who are united in the living Lord  
for the purpose of worship and service.**

**We believe in the reign of God  
as the divine will realized in human society,  
and in the family of God,  
where we are all brothers and sisters.**

**We believe in the final triumph of righteousness  
and in the life everlasting. Amen.**

(children through grade 4 may dismiss to story hour after the hymn;  
**children grades 5-12 remain for Communion)**

Anthem "Hail to the Gladness of Zion's Bright Morning" *E. Butler*

\*Hymn **251** "Go Tell It On the Mountain" *GO TELL IT*

Offering

Call to Offering John 12:24

(Ushers will collect *blue card* prayer requests with the offering: *please print briefly. Thank you*)

Offertory "Pastoral" *R. Williams*

(Max Birtcil, tenor)

\*Doxology and Presentation of the Offering

**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 of the Offering

Epistle Lesson Colossians 1:15-20 (p. 200, NT)

Sermon TO HONOR THE GIFT AND THE GIVER *Dr. Wilson*

Text: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him  
all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible,  
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been  
created through him and for him. *Colossians 1:15-16*

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Traditional)**

Communion Hymn **145** "Morning Has Broken" *Bunessan*

Invitation

Words of Institution

Great Thanksgiving, Pastoral Prayers, and 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.**

Fraction and Cup

\*Hymn **144** "This is My Father's World" *TERRA BEATA*

Benediction Iona Blessing of St. Columba

Choral Response "Go In Peace and Joy" *M Franck*

Postlude Postlude on "Go Tell it on the Mountain" *Go Tell It*

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

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ALL ARE INVITED TO COFFEE FELLOWSHIP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

After the service, Bob Miller will be at the rear of the church to answer any questions  
visitors may have about us. He will also be available at coffee fellowship.

**SERVING GOD THROUGH SERVICE TO ONE ANOTHER**

**ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD**

**Director of Music** Diane Legnini

**Ushers** *Our thanks to the gracious folks  
who guide us to our seats today.*

**Greeter** *Bob Miller*

**Coffee Service** *Women's Fellowship*

**Flowers** *Paul & Lisa Christy & family wishing all  
a healthy and blessed 2010.*

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

**PHILABUNDANCE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

**Tuesday, January 5 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 p.m.** For those who would like to  
carpool or need help with transportation, please meet at St. John's by 5 p.m.  
Please R.S.V.P. in advance to Kathy Shaw at [Kathryn\\_shaw@vanguard.com](mailto:Kathryn_shaw@vanguard.com)  
(610.308.9646 cell) or Brian Bouvier at [bbouvier@duanemorris.com](mailto:bbouvier@duanemorris.com)  
(610.873.9856).

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

Our beautiful sanctuary flowers are provided by the generosity of congregation  
sponsors. Cowen's Flowers in Wayne creates the bouquets, and bills the  
sponsor directly at a cost of \$48—sponsors may take the flowers home after  
worship on Sunday. If you prefer, the Deacons will deliver the arrangements to  
lift the spirits of church family members in need. Please sign up on **the new  
2010 Flower Calendar**, which is located on the bulletin board in Fellowship  
Hall. St. John's Deacons thank you for enhancing our worship of God with  
this lovely addition to the sanctuary each week. Please contact Barbara  
McConnell (610-722-0692) or Amy Lord (610-293-1922) for more  
information.

**LECTURE AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

**CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Wednesdays, beginning **January 13 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm through  
May**, students will meet with Victor to learn more about our shared faith.  
All youth in 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grades who have not been confirmed are welcome.  
Please call the church office if you have not signed up.

**SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S**

Mark your calendars starting **Wednesday, January 20**. Enjoy dinner for the  
whole family, followed by a study of the Gospel of Mark. Age appropriate  
youth and children's programs deepen our young people's relationships with  
our church. This is an opportunity for fellowship with others who are  
committed to exploring and growing in faith. Watch for more details!

**INWARD JOURNEY**

This group meets in the Carriage House on **Thursdays from 10:00 am to  
11:30 am** to read and discuss Luke's Gospel, our current study. *We resume  
Thursday, January 21, please read Luke chapter 17.* Led by Victor.

### INQUIRER'S SEMINAR SAVE THE DATE

Whether you've been attending St. John's for two weeks or two years, we invite you to get better acquainted with us. Please join us on **Sunday, January 24, 7:00 pm** to hear more about St. John's, the inner workings and programs that contribute to our congregational life and faith, and what it means to be a *Presbyterian*. Child care will be provided. For more details please call Bob Miller (610-647-0807).

### ST. JOHN'S NEWS

Our diligent and hard-working **newsletter team** has been publishing the St. John's News, mailed to your homes monthly, for several years now. We thank them each and every one. Earline Eck, Betsy Friend, and Carol Netter collectively gather article information, interview people and write copy. (Thanks to board and congregation members who contribute, too.) For many months Earline and Elizabeth Ator shared the layout part of production until Elizabeth's session duties forced her to retire from the team. Virginia Holt, Lee Holt, Kay Pritchard, and Sue Parsons join the team for the mailing part of production. Sue single handedly deals with the bulk mail department of the southeastern post office (bless her heart). *Now, in the interests of economy, and preserving the environment, our St. John's News will be bi-monthly, coming to your homes five times a year.* Of course, you can see these newsletters on-line at [www.stjohnsdevon.com](http://www.stjohnsdevon.com) (under Congregational Life).

### DEVON BUILDERS' COMPETITION 2010 NEWS

John McClintick announces exciting plans for the Devon Builders' Competition 2010. Goals have been set to host 8-10 competition teams which will produce 12-14 house framing packages for local Habitat for Humanity affiliates. *What's new is the opportunity to stage the event indoors next March 9-10, 2010 at the Greater Philadelphia Expo center in Oaks, PA.* Our event will be running concurrently with the Philadelphia Construction Expo slated for the same dates at the Expo center. Watch for more details and information about how you can be part of this life-changing experience.

### RHYTHM

Thou canst not wave thy staff in air,  
Or dip thy paddle in the lake,  
But it curves the bow of beauty there,  
And the ripples in rhyme the oar forsake.

*Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1802-1883*

### ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Guest Preachers:

January 10, Rev. Dr. Howard Friend  
January 17, Sum Thang

<b>Sun, Jan 3</b>	9:30 am	Worship and Story Hour
	10:40 am	Alleluia Choir Rehearsal
<b>Mon, Jan 4</b>		Victor's study leave (through 1/17)
<b>Wed, Jan 6</b>	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer
<b>Sun, Jan 10</b>	8:00 am	Deacons' Meeting Trustees' Meeting
	4:30 pm	Jr. High Youth Fellowship
	6:30 pm	Sr. High Youth Fellowship
<b>Mon, Jan 11</b>	7:00 pm	Session Stated Meeting
<b>Wed, Jan 13</b>	6:30 pm	Confirmation Class begins
<b>Wed, Jan 20</b>	6:00 pm	SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S (10-week session)
<b>Sun, Jan 24</b>	7:00 pm	Inquirer's Seminar

### Pledge Envelopes in Fellowship Hall - thanks for taking yours!

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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

### I HAVE FELT A PRESENCE

For I have learned  
To look on Nature, not as in the hour  
Of thoughtless youth; but hearing oftentimes  
The still, sad music of humanity,  
Nor harsh nor grating, though of ample power  
To chasten and subdue. And I have felt  
A presence that disturbs me with the joy  
Of elevated thoughts; a sense sublime,  
Of something far more deeply interfused,  
Whose dwelling is the light of setting suns,  
And the round ocean and the living air,  
And the blue sky, and in the mind of man;  
A motion and a spirit, that impels  
All thinking things, all objects of all thought,  
And rolls through all things. Therefore am I  
still.

*William Wordsworth, 1770-1850*

### LET ALL EARTH KEEP SILENCE

How lovely is the silence of green, growing things—  
Orchard blossoms, apple, plum, and pear,  
Branches laden down by fruit they bear,  
Fields of everlasting, creeping vine,  
Mountain-forest, hemlock, balsam, pine,  
Gentian, asters, sweet-fern on the hill,  
All praise Him in their beauty—keeping still.

*Lucy A. K. Adee*

January 3, 2010

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