

St. John's at Worship

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, 9:30 am

Theme: *The companionship of scripture for daily life*

Prelude "The Only Son From Heaven" arr. M. Burkhardt
"Chorale and Variation" J.S. Bach

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

Leader: Surely, this commandment that the Lord
is commanding me today
is not too hard for me, nor is it too far away.

**People: It is not in heaven, that I should say,
"Who will go up to heaven for me,
and get it for me so that I may hear it and observe it?"**

Leader: Neither is it beyond the sea, that I should say,
"Who will cross to the other side of the sea for me,
and get it for me so that I may hear it and observe it?"

**People: No, the word is very near to me;
it is in my mouth and in my heart for me to observe.**

*Invocation

*Hymn 110 "A Mighty Fortress" EIN FESTE BURG
New Testament Lesson Luke 4:14-21 (p. 61, NT) Wanda Odom

*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

**We confess to you, almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
Make us truly contrite; touch us with a holy awe,
and give us grace to amend our lives according to your Word,
for the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon 1 Peter 3:18

*Affirmation of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
In a broken and fearful world**

the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.
(teachers may dismiss at their discretion, children may dismiss after the sermonette)

Anthem "I Believe This is Jesus" U. Moore

Sermonette

*Hymn 212 (green) "Spirit Song" SPIRIT SONG

Offering

Call to Offering James 1:22-24

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

Offertory "Renaissance Motet" W. Byrd

*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

Pastoral Prayer 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.**

Old Testament Lesson Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (p. 436, OT)

Sermon MAKING SENSE: HOW TO READ THE BIBLE Dr. Wilson

Text: When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the
synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and
the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. Then he began to say to
them, "today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."
Luke 4:16-17a, 21

So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They
gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. *Nehemiah 8:8*

*Hymn 593 "Here I Am, Lord" HERE I AM, LORD

Benediction 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

Choral Response "Keep Us, Heavenly Father" M. Schweizer

Postlude "Here I Am, Lord" arr. J. Carter

**Those who are able, please stand*

THE SECOND CALLING

The Annual Congregational Meeting and Meeting of the Corporation of St. John's are called for **Sunday, January 31 at 10:30 am**, for the purpose of:

1. Election of officers (Elders, Deacons, Trustees; see bio insert)
2. Election of Congregational Members of the 2010 Congregational Nominating Committee.
3. To act on recommended changes in the Pastor's Terms of Call.

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 Chuck Lynam, Jeanne Lynam,
Tom Johnson, Kathy Johnson

Greeter Bob Miller

Coffee Service John & Barbara Alexander

Flowers Given by Women's Fellowship in honor of the anniversary of
Dr. Wilson's installation as Pastor of St. John's.

Devon Brass Mark Ator, Jeff Estabrook, Frank Mercurio,
Mike Ruhl, Paul Steege

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S VILLAGE – APPEAL FOR COATS

During this particularly cold and snowy winter, *new or gently used winter coats* are being collected for the Presbyterian Children's Village residents, *in sizes ranging from M to XXL*. Please leave your donation in the Carriage House cloak room. For more information please contact Susanne Engheta 610-647-2117 or s_engheta@yahoo.com.

MOMS MORNING OUT

The Membership Enrichment Committee (Bob Miller, chair, Nancy Higgins, Dick Oliver, Lyn Strickler, Carol Netter, Jim Little, and Melody Ticknor) is interested in sponsoring a Mom's Morning Out group which would meet at St John's. Would you, or perhaps you and a friend be interested in starting a group? The ideal candidate would have young, pre-school age children and the desire to start a group which would meet the interests and requirements of other young families. If you have the willingness to investigate this possibility or wish to discuss it further with the committee please talk to any of the committee members listed above or email Melody at birtic@comcast.net.

PHILABUNDANCE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Tuesday, February 9 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 p.m. 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 (610.308.9646 cell) or Brian Bouvier at bbouvier@duanemorris.com (610.873.9856).

ANNUAL BLANKET DRIVE

Today is the final Sunday of our blanket drive this year for Church World Service. The desperate situation in Haiti could not make this drive more timely. Since the earthquake hit on January 12, CWS and its local partners have been trying to reach as many people as possible with clean water, food, temporary housing and medical care. A donation enough for just a blanket makes the difference between having a place to sleep and lying in the dirt. *Please make checks payable to St. John's Presbyterian Church with Blanket Drive in the memo line.* Thank you very much for your generosity.

LECTURE AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

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 28, please read Luke chapter 18.* Led by Victor.

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S

Wednesday, January 27 at 6:00 pm. Following dinner, three studies are available: the Gospel of Mark; "The Death and Resurrection of the Messiah"; and Disciple One. (Disciple One is a 34-week course, and the group will decide together when to continue the remaining classes.) SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S will have ten sessions, ending before Palm Sunday. You may sign up at www.stjohnsdevon.com—on the home page scroll to Supper at St. John's, and click on the link, Sign Up for Spring 2010. Or call the office: 610-688-5222.

INQUIRER'S SEMINAR TONIGHT

You may still join us this evening, **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*. Please call Bob Miller (610-647-0807) if you would like to attend, and have not previously signed up.

SHOWCASING OUR ARTISTS

St. John's will transform the Carriage House into a "gallery" during the weekend of February 19. Opening festivities will be Friday from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm with a wine (BYOB) and cheese reception. On Saturday our gallery will be open to all from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Our show will culminate on Sunday beginning with a special coffee fellowship following worship, and closing at 2:00 pm. ***We welcome art of all media made by all ages of our congregation.*** If you have work to display or would like to help backstage with the art show, please contact Lisa Maynard at 610-578-0494 or at lisamaynard1@gmail.com.

TREATS FROM HOME FOR OUR MARINES!

Over the next several weeks we will be encouraging you to lend your support as we collect items for "care" packages for the men and women of John Alexander's former Marine Osprey squadron, recently deployed to Afghanistan. *Collection boxes can be found in Fellowship Hall for any items you care to donate (see suggestions below). Thank you for your generosity.*

What You Can Contribute

Cash to cover the expenses of packaging and mailing
Beef jerky / slim jims
Coffee (ground or whole; instant or drip, ground is preferred)
Powder drink mix (Gatorade, Kool-aid, Crystal Light)
Sunflower seeds & pumpkin seeds
Tuna & chicken (in foil pouches, or ready-to-eat kits - no cans)
Protein bars & protein powder
Baby wipes (travel size)
Hand sanitizer (travel size)
Batteries: (AA, AAA, C & 9 volt are the most requested)
Laundry detergent packets & fabric softener sheets
Flashlights - small (battery operated, surefire brand preferred)
Air fresheners (standalone-not plug-in, car types are good too.)
Chewing Gum, Twizzlers, Starburst (other non chocolate candies)

Please do not include anything that will melt

We encourage families – adults and children – to write short notes to the marines expressing your appreciation for their service to our country.

Deadline for this collection is Sunday, February 7.

For more information, please contact Jim Friday, 610-644-3696.

FEBRUARY 7, 2010 - SUPER BOWL XLIV

St. John's Youth Fellowship is looking for a host home to share the excitement of the game *for the first half only*. Please contact Stephanie if you are interested in having our group at your house. Thank you very much!

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Jan 24	8:00 am	Women's Biblical Reflection
	9:30 am	Worship and Sunday School
	10:40 am	Alleluia Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 am	Jingle Bells Rehearsal
	2:00 pm	Memorial Service (Vernon Lunger)
	4:30 pm	Jr. High Youth Fellowship
	6:00 pm	Rejoicing Ringers
	6:30 pm	Sr. High Youth Fellowship
	7:00 pm	Inquirer's Seminar
Mon, Jan 25	10:00 am	Baby Bundles Sewing Group
Tues, Jan 26		Victor's Day of Rest
Wed, Jan 27	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer
	6:00 pm	SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S
	6:30 pm	Confirmation Class
Thurs, Jan 28	6:30 pm	Devon Chapel Bells Rehearsal
	7:45 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 pm	Devon Brass Rehearsal
Sun, Jan 31	10:30 am	Annual Congregational Meeting

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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

THE BIBLE

We search the world for truth. We cull
The good, the true, the beautiful,
From graven stone and written scroll,
And all old flower-fields of the soul;
And, weary seekers of the best,
We come back laden from our quest,
To find that all the sages said
Is in the Bible our mothers read.

John Greenleaf Whittier, 1807-1892

January 24, 2010

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