

**St. John's at Worship**  
Third Sunday of Easter; 9:30 am

Prelude "The House of Our God" *J. K. Manley*  
"Lord, Make Us Servants" ENGLISH FOLK MELODY  
"O Jesus, King of Gentleness" PUER NOBIS  
(Joy Messengers)

Congregational Concerns (*please pass the friendship role*)

Call for Prayer Concerns

\*Greeting

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Choral Introit "Celtic Alleluia" *F. O'Carroll*

\*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

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

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

\*Invocation

\*Hymn 98 "To God Be the Glory" TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 36:5-10 (p. 510, OT) Meggie Wolfe

\*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

\*Prayers of Confession

**Dear God,**

**thank you that you love us and care for us all the time.**

**We know that this week we have not always lived  
the way you tell us.**

**We have done wrong things**

**and not done all the good things we should have done.**

**Only you can save us,**

**so please forgive us**

**and help us to live as your friends.**

**We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God's love for us is from everlasting to everlasting.  
Friends, receive the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

\*Affirmation of Faith

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,**

**and the communion of the Holy Spirit,**

**we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,**

**whom alone we worship and serve.**

Anthem "I Know the Lord Laid His Hands on Me" SPIRITUAL  
(Joy Messengers; Chancel Choir)

(teachers may dismiss at their discretion; children may dismiss after the sermonette;

**Grades 7 through 12 remain in sanctuary)**

Sermonette Emily Chudy

\*Hymn 153 (Green) "Come to Us Beloved Stranger" BEACH SPRING

Offering

Call to Offering

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

Offertory "Jesus Lives" *C. Waddell, OCSO*

\*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 Prayers, and the Lord's Prayer (please use the words most familiar to you)

**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.**

New Testament Lesson John 13:33-35 (p. 108, NT)

Sermon UNFAILING LOVE Sum Thang

\*Hymn 191 "Jesus Loves Me" JESUS LOVES ME

Choral Benediction "Alleluia, Amen" *C. Wiltse*

\*Prayer for Blessing

Postlude "All Christians Who Have Been Baptized" *K. Hildebrande*

\*Those who are able, please stand

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**ALL ARE INVITED TO COFFEE FELLOWSHIP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.**

After the service, Lyn Strickler will be at the doors of the sanctuary to answer any  
questions visitors may have about us. She 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** *Tom Higgins, Nancy Higgins, Bob Damiano, Sue Parsons*

**Greeters** *Lyn Strickler*

**Coffee Service** *Judy Mileto*

**Flowers** *From Mark and Elizabeth Ator in memory of our fathers,  
Donald Dew and Donald Ator*

**Joy Messengers**

*Linda Duncan, Lauren Feldman, Lisa Howell,  
Nancy Kimmons, Mike Ruhl, John Senior*

**Chancel Choir**

*Mark Ator, Max Birtcil, Henri Damiano, Jeff Estabrook,  
Christina Fish, Jim Friday, Kathy Friday, Daphne Hill,  
Lisa Howell, Nancy Kimmons, Frank Mercurio, Betsy Miller,  
Margot Moore, Kay Pritchard, Julie Rockhold, Mike Ruhl,  
Pam Schafer, Paul Steege, Sandra Thompson, Liz Ward*

**Joys and Sorrows**

*Barbara Alexander*, recovering from insertion of heart stent:  
234 Sunset Road, Strafford 19087

*Agnes Ulrich*, recovering from a fall:  
Trinity House 5-F, 15 Leopard Road, Berwyn 19312

*Victor Wilson*, recovering from shoulder surgery:  
515 Forest Hills Circle, Devon 19333

Congratulations *Lillian Keenan*, celebrating 103 years of life!  
1296 Grove Road, West Chester 19380

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

**ALL CHURCH SPRING SERVICE DAY**

Please join us **Sunday, April 25, immediately following worship** for a  
chance to help spruce up our Lord's beautiful church property! In  
exchange for 2 hours of your time we offer lunch for all workers, good  
fellowship and the satisfaction of a job "well done"! *Becky Wagner will  
have sign up sheets in Fellowship Hall highlighting the work tasks.*  
Remember, wear your work clothes to church that day, and please bring  
your tools: rakes, shovels, wheel barrows etc. See you April 25,  
immediately following the service.

**PHILABUNDANCE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

**Tuesday, May 4 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).

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PERSONAL MINISTRY**

YoungLives, is an international evangelical ministry bringing Christ's love to  
high school and middle school girls who are pregnant or are raising a child on  
their own. *YoungLives in Northeast Philadelphia and Norristown, is  
recruiting loving people to babysit at camp Lake Champion, 3 hours away in  
Glen Spey, New York, from August 3-9.* Set in beautiful surroundings and  
packed with adventure, young moms are given the opportunity to experience  
all the fun their peers do. During camp, the young women get a break from  
their everyday schedules — *thanks to childcare volunteers who look after  
children.* Teen moms get the chance to relax, hang out and learn about God and  
His plan for their lives. If you feel called to help, please contact Debbie  
Perkins, Area Director for YoungLives at 484-947-1429. *Ellen Moeller* will be  
happy to talk to you (610-783-6301) and share her personal insights as a  
volunteer babysitter. Volunteers must be 18 or older (those 14-17 year olds are  
welcome if accompanied by a parent or other adult).

**CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**ALL DAUGHTERS DINNER**

Please join Women's Fellowship at our annual St. John's All Daughters  
Dinner. Our guest speaker from Waterloo Gardens will acquaint us with the  
incredible edible herb. The evening includes planting herbs and enjoying  
fellowship – a lovely spring girls' night out.

- Save the date – **Sunday, April 25 at 5:30 pm** (changed from May 2)
- For planting herb seeds: bring the bottom half of a gallon milk  
container with holes punched in the bottom OR a standard 8" clay pot
- Bring a salad and Women's Fellowship provides the rest

If you have questions, please contact Darlene Hinderer at  
dhinderer@comcast.net (610-687-3551) or Shirley Hughes at  
daisy.guinea@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

### MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE

Mother's Day is coming up on **Sunday, May 9** and we need YOUTH to help lead the church service! All youth and children are invited to participate in the service by offering a few words of tribute to their mothers and presenting them with a flower. We also need youth volunteers to read Scripture, help lead parts of the service, usher, greet, lead music, and write and participate in a skit. A sign-up sheet is posted on the CE bulletin board in fellowship hall, and you can contact Stephanie with your interest or questions. Practices will be announced at a future date.

*Come one come all!*

**St. John's Progressive Dinner**  
**Saturday, May 1**  
**Beginning at 6:00 pm**  
**With appetizers at the home of Don & Ginger Black**

Don't miss this fun and festive annual event!  
We will all gather at the Blacks' home for appetizers and then go off in smaller groups of 8-10 for a main course. Finally, we'll all re-convene at the dessert home. Won't you consider hosting a small group for a main course? If you can accommodate more people (50 or so), we still need a host for desserts. Please contact Elizabeth Ator (EDAator@comcast.net; 610-644-3634) or Nancy Higgins (tomandnancy@verizon.net; 610-644-3642).  
**Or, you may sign up on our website, [www.stjohnsdevon.com](http://www.stjohnsdevon.com).**  
Suggested contribution: \$10 per person.  
Hope to see you there!

### ACME REBATE PROGRAM ENDING

Acme Markets rebate to non-profits program ends permanently *April 30!*  
**Sunday, April 25 is your last chance to participate** by depositing your Acme grocery receipts in the folder in Fellowship Hall.

*Today, if you would hear God's voice,  
harden not your heart. Psalm 95:8*

### ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

<b>Sun, Apr 18</b>	9:30 am	Worship and Sunday School
	10:45 am	Alleluia Choir Rehearsal
	4:30 pm	Jr. High Fellowship
	6:30 pm	Sr. High Fellowship
<b>Tues, Apr 20</b>		Victor's Day of Rest
<b>Wed, Apr 21</b>	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer
	6:45 pm	Confirmation Class
<b>Thurs, Apr 22</b>	10:00 am	Inward Journey
	7:45 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 pm	Devon Brass Rehearsal
<b>Sun, Apr 25</b>	10:45 am	All Church Spring Service Day
	5:30 pm	All Daughters Dinner
<b>Mon, Apr 26</b>	10:00 am	Baby Bundles Sewing Group
<b>Sat, May 1</b>	6:00 pm	Progressive Dinner
<b>Sun, May 2</b>	8:00 am	Trustees' Meeting
<b>Tues, May 4</b>	5:00 pm	Philabundance Volunteering
<b>Sun, May 9</b>	8:00 am	Deacons' Meeting
	9:30 am	Youth-led Mother's Day Worship
<b>Sun, May 16</b>	11:00 am	Special Celebration for Sum
<b>Tues, May 18</b>		Primary Election Day
<b>Sun, May 23</b>	8:00 am	Called Session Meeting (confirmands)
	9:30 am	Confirmation during Worship
<b>Thurs, May 27</b>		Devon Horse Show Parking Extravaganza!

Rev. Dr. Victor Wilson, Pastor (victor.wilson@stjohnsdevon.com)  
Rev. Dr. Howard Friend, Parish Associate (hfriend@prodigy.net)  
Stephanie Eft, Director of Christian Ed (stephanie.eft@stjohnsdevon.com)  
Diane Legnini, Director of Music (diane\_legnini@hotmail.com)  
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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

*1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

**April 18, 2010**

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