

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

Prelude Various selections presented by the Harp Weavers

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 1 Peter 2:9 Emily Chudy

Leader: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,  
a holy nation, God's own people,

**People: that we may declare the wonderful deeds of God,  
who called us out of darkness  
into God's marvelous light.**

\*Invocation

\*Hymn 57, vss 1-4 "O For a Thousand Tongues" Azmon

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 148 (p. 582, OT) Caroline Strickler, confirmand

\*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

**Eternal God,  
we bring our darkness to your light,  
our weakness to your strength,  
our sometimes indifferent heart to your endless compassion.  
We have not always sought to understand your ways,  
nor have we always acknowledged your love.  
Have mercy upon us, and turn us again to yourself;  
that for love of you,  
we may forsake those things of which we are ashamed  
and follow to our lives' end the way of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon 1 Peter 1:3-4a

\*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary;  
suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried.**

He descended into hell.

**The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father, Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,**

**the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Anthem "There Is a Balm in Gilead" arr. F. McGaughey  
(Harp Weavers)

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

Sermonette A baseball brought by Matthew Repke Stephanie Eft

\*Hymn 557 "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" DENNIS

Offering

Call to Offering *St. Augustine, 354-430*

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

Offertory "Son of the Sea" arr. C. Guard

(Harp Weavers)

\*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.**

Epistle Lesson Philippians 4:4-9 (p. 198, NT)

Sermon DOXOLOGY Dr. Wilson

Text: Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just,  
whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is  
any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these  
things. *Philippians 4:8*

\*Hymn 715 "Rejoice, the Lord is King" DARWALL'S 148TH

Choral Benediction "Alleluia, Amen" C. Wiltse

\*Benediction Hebrews 13:15-16

Postlude "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing" D. Laskey

\*Those who are able, please stand

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

After the service, Jim Little will be at the doors of the sanctuary 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 *Jim Netter, Chris Oliver, Nancy Fielden, Terry Belzer*

Greeters *Jim Little*

Coffee Service *Carolyn Repke*

Flowers *From Jim and Sylvia Louise Ryland in memory of Jim's parents  
Betsy Johnson Ryland and J. Robert Ryland,  
and his brother, John David Ryland*

**Harp Weavers**

*Pam Dimeler, Marilyn Hertler, Fran McGaughey  
Dave McGaughey, Jupie Seaholm, Carole Smith*

**Special Thanks**

A heartfelt "thank you" for the many calls, cards, flowers, meals and expressions of  
love this week following Victor's shoulder surgery. You have helped the healing  
and have touched our hearts deeply! *Love, Jane and Victor*

Congratulations to *Roy Eft*, finishing the Boston Marathon in just under 3.5  
hours. And, to *Kathy and Stephanie Eft* for completing the 5K.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

**ALL CHURCH SPRING SERVICE DAY TODAY**

**Please join us 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"!

**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).

**BAKER INDUSTRIES NEEDS HOUSEHOLD ITEMS**

Baker Industries trains and employs people from the often unemployable  
segment of our population. Baker also assists their employees to re-assimilate  
into the mainstream by helping to find housing and other necessities. An  
immediate need is for household items for a woman who has nothing, and will  
begin living on her own in a **small studio apartment** on May 17. *If you can  
help with any of the following items, Baker Industries will collect them from  
your home:* bed and bed linens, table, lamp, chair, pots, pans, kitchen utensils  
and small appliances. Please call Kim Starkweather: 610-296-9795 at Baker  
to arrange pick up.

**CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**ALL DAUGHTERS DINNER TONIGHT AT 5:30 PM**

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. 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. Please bring a salad  
and Women's Fellowship provides the rest. 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.

*Last Day to Sign-up for*  
**St. John's Progressive Dinner**  
**This 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 PERMANENTLY!

Today **Sunday, April 25** is your last chance to participate by depositing your Acme grocery receipts in the folder in Fellowship Hall.

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Today, Jr. & Sr. High Fellowship is combined starting at 4:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

## ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

|                      |          |  |
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| <b>Sun, Apr 25</b>   | 9:30 am  | Worship and Sunday School                |
|                      | 10:45 am | All Church Spring Service Day with Lunch |
|                      | 4:30 pm  | Joint Jr. & Sr. High Fellowship          |
|                      | 5:30 pm  | All Daughters Dinner                     |
| <b>Mon, Apr 26</b>   | 10:00 am | Baby Bundles Sewing Group                |
| <b>Tues, Apr 27</b>  |          | Victor's Day of Rest                     |
| <b>Wed, Apr 28</b>   | 9:00 am  | Companions in Prayer                     |
|                      | 6:45 pm  | Confirmation Class                       |
| <b>Thurs, Apr 29</b> | 10:00 am | Inward Journey                           |
|                      | 7:45 pm  | Chancel Choir Rehearsal                  |
|                      | 9:00 pm  | Devon Brass Rehearsal                    |
| <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)  
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*Lord, how glorious are your works. Psalm 92:5*



A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

## A SABBATH PRAYER

We cannot merely pray to you, O God, to end war;  
For we know that You have made the world in a way  
That man must find his own path to peace.  
Within himself and with his neighbor.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end starvation;  
For You have already given us the resources  
With which to feed the entire world,  
If we would only use them wisely.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to root out prejudice;  
For You have already given us eyes  
With which to see the good in all men,  
If we would only use them rightly.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end despair,  
For You have already given us the power  
To clear away slums and to give hope,  
If we would only use our power justly.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end disease;  
For You have already given us great minds  
With which to search out cures and healing,  
If we would only use them constructively.

**Therefore** we pray to You instead, O God,  
For strength, determination and will power,  
To do instead of just pray,  
To become instead of merely to wish.

*Rabbi Jack Riemer*

**April 25, 2010**

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