

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

Theme: Faith in the family

Prelude "Allegro" *J. Hassler*
"Scherzo" *S. Heller*
"Regina Coeli" *G. Aichinger*
(Devon Brass)

Congregational Concerns (*please pass the friendship role*)
Call for Prayer Concerns

*Greeting _____ ** _____

Introit "Chatter with the Angels" *D. Rao*
(Alleluia Choir)

*Call to Worship Deuteronomy 11:18-21 Emily Chudy

Leader: You shall put these words of mine in your heart and soul,
and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand,
and fix them as an emblem on your forehead.

**People: We will teach them to our children, talking about them
when we are at home and when we are away,
when we lie down and when we rise.**

Leader: Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates,

**All: So that our days and the days of our children
may be multiplied in the land that the Lord swore
to our ancestors to give them,
as long as the heavens are above the earth.**

*Invocation

*Hymn 92, vss 1-4 "For the Beauty of the Earth" DIX

New Testament Lesson Dave Dalrymple
Ephesians 6:1-3 (p. 195, NT); Mark 10:13-16 (p. 46, NT)

*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

**Our lives are sometimes very lacking in love, O God.
We only barely love ourselves;
some days it is a struggle to love our families,
and there's little energy left for loving our neighbor.**

**We love you when we can, God,
and try to believe in your inexhaustible love for us.**

Forgive us for putting limits on love.

Teach us to love as you love us. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon Colossians 3:12-13

*Affirmation of Faith A Trinitarian Affirmation

We believe in God the Creator,

who gives to us our providential earth in all its richness;

God, who cherishes every family on earth and seeks its wholeness,

who waits like the prodigal's father to welcome us home.

We believe in God the Son, Jesus the Christ,

who overcame death and bestows eternal life though our believing;

who yearns to enrich every soul;

who fills us with love for God, for one another, and for our best selves.

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from within,
who speaks for us when the words won't come,
who stands with us in all things, in heartbreak and thanksgiving.
We believe in one God, the lover of our souls;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Anthem "Alleluia, Amen" *W. Boyce*

Special Presentation Christine Markle, Women's Fellowship
(teachers may dismiss at their discretion; children may dismiss after the sermonette)

*Hymn 118 "The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young" CRIMOND

Offering

Call to Offering Matthew 25:37-40

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

Offertory "O, What a Beautiful City" arr. *E. Boatner*
(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

Old Testament Lesson Exodus 20:1-17 (p. 66, OT)

Sermon FAMILY FAITH Dr. Wilson

Text: Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land
that the Lord your God is giving you. *Exodus 20:12 (see also front cover)*

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Traditional)

Communion Hymn 405 "Seek Ye First" SEEK YE

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. (please use the words most familiar to you)**

Fraction and Cup

*Hymn 158 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" SPANISH HYMN

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

*Benediction Genesis 1:27, 29, 31

Postlude "Hornpipe" *G.F. Handel*

*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 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 John Woodcock, Mike Wagner, Sue Parsons, Joanne Engard

Greeters Bob Miller

Coffee Service John Elliott & Nancy Davis

Flowers From the Burgess Family

Devon Brass Mark Ator, Jeff Estabrook, Frank Mercuio,

Mike Ruhl, Paul Steege

Alleluia Choir *Brigitte Belzer, Olivia Churchill, Catherine Duncan,
Connor Feldman, Oliver Feldman, Heather Hughes,
Kent Ruhl, Clara Steege, Clara Suski, Andrew Ward*

LECTURE AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

Want to learn how to better understand the Bible? Try out the Disciples
group. We have discovered that you can't learn it alone. *Group participation
makes all the difference.* The Disciples group meets Wednesdays to study the
Bible book by book, and grow and learn through togetherness and study.
Won't you join us during one of the Wednesdays, May 5 through May 26, as
we continue our study of the Old Testament? See if you would like to join us
for the New Testament segment which begins June 2 and will conclude on
November 30. During the summer months our group meets every other
Wednesday. Please stop in and observe, Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the Kean
Room. All are welcome.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

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

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.

A CELEBRATION FOR SUM

Recently you received an invitation to a special event in honor of our Pastoral Intern for the past two years, Sum Thang. On **Sunday, May 16**, we will have a themed worship service, followed by a brunch where you'll have an opportunity to thank Sum for all his contributions to St. John's, and to wish him and Anna well as they prepare for the next step in their life and ministry together. *Please make a reservation for the brunch to ensure we prepare enough food for all.* Nancy Higgins will be available during coffee fellowship today to answer questions and take your reservation. Or you may call the office at 610-688-5222. We hope you'll be able to join us!

Y'ALL COME SING CHOIR

Come Sing with St. John's Choir! We know there are quite a few of you who would love to sing with the choir but can't make our rehearsal schedule. Here's a perfect opportunity for you to join us. On **Sundays, May 30, June 6, and June 13**, St. John's Choir invites you to come to church at 8:30 am for a brief rehearsal to learn a simple, fun-to-sing anthem for that day. Everyone from high school age on up is invited to join us, so we hope to see YOU there.

WOMEN'S BIBLICAL REFLECTION RETREAT

All women of St. John's are invited to a gathering of quiet prayer and conversation on **Saturday, June 5 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm** at a retreat center nearby. In this lovely spring season, we hope you will join us for a time of "restful breathing" and listening to God. For more information, please call Betsy Friend (610-647-4142) or Debbie Railton (610-578-0212).

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DEVON HORSE SHOW PARKING EXTRAVAGANZA!

We're preparing for that time of year again, when our usually quiet grounds are transformed into a hustling, bustling short-term parking lot for Devon Horse Show-goers. You are a vital part of this event which raises funds for St. John's youth programs (our only fundraiser!). *All youth must sign-up for 2 three-hour shifts.* And, adults are critically important to the success of this event. Watch for sign-ups in Fellowship Hall and on-line www.stjohnsdevon.com to be sure you're here for the time slot you want (**May 27 – June 5**).

*The most satisfying thing in life is to have been able
to give a large part of one's self to others.*

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, May 2	8:00 am	Trustees' Meeting
		Women's Biblical Reflection
	9:30 am	Worship and Sunday School
	10:45 am	Alleluia Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 am	Jingle Bells
	11:30 am	Rejoicing Ringers
	5:00 pm	Jr. High Fellowship
	6:30 pm	Sr. High Fellowship
Tues, May 4		Victor's Day of Rest
	5:00 pm	Philabundance Volunteering
Wed, May 5	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer
	6:45 pm	Confirmation Class
	7:00 pm	Disciples Group
Thurs, May 6	10:00 am	Inward Journey
	6:30 pm	Devon Chapel Bells Rehearsal
	7:45 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 pm	Devon Brass Rehearsal
Sun, May 9	9:30 am	Youth-led Mother's Day Worship
Sun, May 16	8:00 am	Deacons' Meeting
	11:00 am	Special Celebration for Sum
Tues, May 18		Primary Election Day
Sun, May 23	8:00 am	Called Session Meeting (confirmands)
	9:30 am	Confirmation during Worship
Thurs, May 27		Devon Horse Show Parking Extravaganza!
Sun, May 30	8:30 am	Y'All Come Sing Choir Rehearsal
Mon, May 31		Memorial Day (office closed)

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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

FAMILY FAITH

They replied, "Believe in the Lord, Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." *Acts 16:31*

For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessings on your descendants. *Isaiah 44:3*

Children's children are a crown to the aged, and the parents are the pride of their children. *Proverbs 17:6*

My child, keep your father's commands and do not forsake your mother's teaching. *Proverbs 6:20*

"Now then, my children, listen to me; blessed are those who keep my ways. Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not ignore it. *Proverbs 8:32, 33*

Train your children in the way they should go, and when they are old they will not turn from it. *Proverbs 22:6*

Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them... "assemble the people before me to hear my words so that they may learn to revere me as long as they live in the land and may teach them to their children." *Deuteronomy 4:9, 10*

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