

**St. John's at Worship**  
Seventh Sunday of Easter, 9:30 AM  
*Theme: Servanthood*

Prelude "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" arr. *D. Blair*  
"And Can It Be That I Should Gain" arr. *P. Sanders*  
(Devon Chapel Bells)

Congregational Concerns  
Call for Prayer Concerns  
\*Greeting

Choral Introit "Come, All You People" *A. Gondo*  
\*Call to Worship Revelation 1:5b-6

Leader: To him who loves us  
and freed us from our sins by his blood,  
and made us to be a kingdom,  
priests serving his God and Father,

**People: To him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

\*Invocation

\*Hymn 157 "Jesus Shall Reign" DUKE STREET  
Old Testament Lesson Joshua 24:14-18 (p. 216, OT) Ben Floyd†

\*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

**You, in all your majesty, are also among us as the one who serves.**

**We acknowledge that all too often**

**we do not remember your call to us to be of service to others:**

**parent to child, child to parent**

**employer to employee,**

**citizen to country,**

**spouse to spouse,**

**friend to neighbor.**

**Forgive our sin of casual faith.**

**Help us, by your example and with your gifts,**

**to be steadily in the service of those about us,**

**through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon Acts 13:32-33, 38-39

\*Affirmation of Faith A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,**

**who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,**

**to reconcile and make new,**

**who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,**

**to love and serve others,**

**to seek justice and resist evil,**

**to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.**

**We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Introduction of Sum's Support Team Rev. Dr. Howard Friend  
Anthem "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" arr. *D. Wagner*  
(Devon Chapel Bells)

Sermonette Stephanie Eft  
(teachers may dismiss at their discretion; children dismiss after the sermonette;  
**Grades 7 & 8 remain in worship)**

Hymn 712 "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" GRAND ISLE  
Offering

Call to Offering Romans 12:9-13

Offertory "Make Strong For Service" arr. *H. Hopson*

\*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 Rev. Dr. Howard Friend  
**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 Acts 20:31-38

Sermon SERVANTHOOD Dr. Wilson

Text: But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. *Joshua 24:15c*

And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message  
that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are  
sanctified. *Acts 20:32*

Hymn 378, vss 1-4 "Amazing Grace" Amazing Grace

Choral Benediction "From the Rising of the Sun" *R. Makeever*

Benediction *Book of Common Prayer*, Genesis 31:49

Postlude "Recessional Rondeau" *D. Lasky*

†Member of the 2010 Confirmation Class

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

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**ALL ARE INVITED TO A SPECIAL BRUNCH  
IN HONOR OF ST. JOHN'S PASTORAL INTERN,  
SUM THANG**

**IN FELLOWSHIP HALL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

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 in fellowship hall.

***SERVING GOD THROUGH SERVICE TO ONE ANOTHER***

**ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD**

**Director of Music** *Diane Legnini*

**Ushers** *John Woodcock, Barbara Woodcock,*

*Gordon Wright, Mimi Wright*

**Greeter** *Bob Miller*

**Flowers** *Given by Bob & Julie Spahr in memory of our parents,*

*Virginia & Robert Darling, and Elizabeth & Christian Spahr*

**Devon Chapel Bells**

*Susan Bain, Marilyn Benton, Susan Canas, Christina Fish,*

*Sue Hardin, Christie McConnell, Elizabeth Unger, Ian Wolfe,*

*Nancy Wolfe*

**Joys and Sorrows**

*Ed Menig* mourns the death of Bea, his wife of 67 years:  
144 S. Cedar Hollow Road, Paoli 19301

*Hank Wilson*, recovering from second eye surgery:  
406 Eaton Way, West Chester 19380

*Coralie Moorhead* to be in surgery Tuesday.

***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 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, July 6 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).

**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**).

**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BERWYN**

Our neighbor church, Trinity Presbyterian, is gearing up to celebrate its 150th  
Anniversary in January of 2013. An *inaugural* 5K run/walk Pancake Breakfast  
fundraising event is planned for **Saturday, May 22, 9:00 am**, starting and  
ending at the church. Following the 5K run/walk a delicious pancake breakfast  
will be served in Trinity's Fellowship Hall. Fee: \$30. Sign-up by calling 610-  
644-0932 or on-line at www.berwyntrinity5K.org.

### 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

### 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 space with ponds and gardens in nearby Radnor. 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).

Sunday, May 23 – Confirmation Sunday  
Scripture: Psalm 67; John 5:1-9  
Theme: Starting Over

### ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL AND JOY MESSENGERS CONCERT

Please plan to join us on Sunday, June 6 immediately following worship for St. John's special celebration of God's spring harvest. We'll enjoy strawberry shortcakes with all the trimmings, and the stirring music of our own Joy Messengers. Bring family, friends, neighbors – all are welcome!

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*Jesus said "...do you love me?  
Feed my lambs...tend my sheep...feed my sheep..."  
John 21:15-17*

### ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

<b>Sun, May 16</b>	8:00 am	Deacons' Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship and Sunday School
	11:00 am	Special Celebration for Sum
<b>Mon, May 17</b>		Victor's Day of Rest (this week only)
<b>Tues, May 18</b>		Primary Election Day
<b>Wed, May 19</b>	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer
	6:45 pm	Final Confirmation Class
	7:00 pm	Disciples Group
<b>Thurs, May 20</b>	10:00 am	Inward Journey (none May 27)
	6:30 pm	Devon Chapel Bells Rehearsal
	7:45 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 pm	Devon Brass Rehearsal
<b>Sun, May 23</b>	8:00 am	Called Session Meeting (confirmands)
	9:30 am	Confirmation during Worship
<b>Tues, May 25</b>		Victor to U.K.
<b>Thurs, May 27</b>		Devon Horse Show Parking Extravaganza!
<b>Sun, May 30</b>	8:30 am	Y'All Come Sing Choir Rehearsal
<b>Mon, May 31</b>		Memorial Day (office closed)
<b>Tues, June 1</b>		Victor returns to the office in pm
<b>Sun, June 6</b>	10:45 am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Graders Recite Book of the Bible
		Strawberry Festival
		and Joy Messengers Concert
<b>Sun, June 13</b>		Baccalaureate Sunday
<b>Sun, June 20</b>		Father's Day (Treats with Dad)

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CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

FROM: THE PROLOGUE TO THE CANTERBURY TALES  
"THE PARSON"

A holy-minded man of good renown  
There was, and poor, the Parson to a town,  
Yet he was rich in holy thought and work.  
He also was a learned man, a clerk,  
Who truly knew Christ's gospel and would preach it  
Devoutly to parishioners, and teach it.  
Benign and wonderfully diligent,  
And patient when adversity was sent  
(For so he proved in great adversity)  
He much disliked extorting tithe or fee,  
Nay rather he preferred beyond a doubt  
Giving to poor parishioners round about  
From his own goods and Easter offerings.  
He found sufficiency in little things.  
Wide was his parish, with houses far asunder,  
Yet he neglected not in rain or thunder,  
In sickness or in grief, to pay a call  
On the remotest whether great or small  
Upon his feet, and in his hand a stave.  
This noble example to his sheep he gave,  
First following the word before he taught it,  
And it was from the gospel he had caught it . . .

His business was to show a fair behaviour  
And draw men thus to Heaven and their Saviour,  
Unless indeed a man were obstinate;  
And such, whether of high or low estate,  
He put to sharp rebuke to say the least.  
I think there never was a better priest.  
He sought no pomp or glory in his dealings,  
No scrupulosity had spiced his feelings.  
Christ and his Twelve Apostles and their lore  
He taught, but followed it himself before.

*Geoffrey Chaucer, 1340?-1400*  
translated by Nevill Goghill

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