

**St. John's at Worship**  
Confirmation/Pentecost Sunday, 9:30 AM

*Theme: Confirmation*

Prelude "Komm Heiliger Geist BWV 651" *J.S. Bach*

Congregational Concerns (*please pass the friendship role*)

Call for Prayer Concerns

\*Greeting

Introit "Love Rescue Me" *B. Dylan*  
(Joy Messengers)

\*Call to Worship Acts 13: 32-33

Leader: We bring you the good news  
that what God promised to our ancestors

**People: He has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising Jesus;  
as also it is written in the second psalm,  
"You are my child; today I have begotten you."**

\*Invocation Emily Chudy

\*Hymn 67 "We, Thy People, Praise Thee" ST. ANTHONY CHORALE

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 67 (p. 529, OT) Elsie Wagner, 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

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

**Rite of Confirmation of Christian Faith**

Presentation of Confirmands

Abigail Lord	Elisabeth Wagner
Rebecca Chudy	Emma Brumbaugh
Ben Floyd	Eric Frederick
Blake Thomson	Hayley Wallace
Brianna Bird	Ian Wolfe
Caroline Strickler	Mark Frederick
Daniel Hughes	Margaret Wolfe
Drake Friend	Morgan Vockel
Elizabeth Hollinger	Stephen Goodwin

Confirmation Vows, with Prayer

Presentation of Gifts

Presentation of Stoles by the Parents

\*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 "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me" arr. *K. L. Scott*  
(teachers may dismiss at their discretion; children dismiss after the hymn;  
**grades 7 & 8 please remain in the sanctuary)**

\*Hymn 206 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" HOUSTON

Offering

Call to Offering Hebrews 13:15-16

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

Offertory "Minuet in G" *G. F. Handel*

(Linda Duncan, flutist)

\*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

Gospel Lesson John 5:1-9 (p. 96, NT)

Sermon STARTING OVER Dr. Wilson

Text: The sick man answered him, "sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when  
the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps  
down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk."  
*John 5:7-8*

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (traditional)**

*Gluten-free wafers are now available in an aluminum cup on the bread tray*

\*Communion Hymn 632 "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" UNION SEMINARY

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.**

Fraction and Cup

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

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

Benediction Psalm 121:5, 7-8

Postlude "O That I Had a Thousand Voices" arr. *D. Cherwien*

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

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**ALL ARE INVITED TO COFFEE FELLOWSHIP DOWNSTAIRS  
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP  
TO GREET THOSE WHO HAVE MADE THEIR CONFIRMATION.**

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 in fellowship hall.

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

**ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD**

**Director of Music** *Diane Legnini*

**Ushers** *Rich Scott, Carla Chieffo, Paul Wilson, Cindy Wilson*

**Greeter** *Lyn Strickler*

**Flowers** *Given by Lisa Maynard and family in loving memory of*

*Lisa's father, Edward B. Gross*

**Coffee Service** *Steve & Lisa Scolari*

**Special Thanks**

Dearest St. John's Church Family,  
A HUGE THANKS to each and every one of you for giving us the best  
send off this past Sunday. We are deeply grateful for your generosity,  
kindness, and love throughout the past two years. You all have been such a  
wonderful blessing to us in so many ways. We will miss you very much!  
May the Lord repay all the love you have given to us two-fold in the days  
to come. We thank God every time we remember you!  
With love, *Sum and Anna*  
(please note Sum's new email address on back cover)

***LECTURE AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES***

**DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY**

You are welcome 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 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. 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**).

***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).

### 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!

### CHANCEL FLOWERS

Won't you please consider sponsoring flowers for our beautiful sanctuary on one of these available **Sundays, June 27, July 18, August 15 and 22**? You may take the arrangements home with you after the service or the Deacons will deliver them to parishioners whom they visit in hospitals, nursing homes or at home. Chancel Flower sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in fellowship hall. Contact Barbara McConnell for more information 610-722-0692.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Egypt – Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace** God is active everyday! At VBS this summer, we'll learn how to look for "God sightings" through the miracles around us daily: sunset, rain, friends, even a tasty snack. The Adventure begins **Sunday, August 22 and runs through Thursday, August 26**, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Children from kindergarten through grade 5 are invited. Please sign up with Stephanie at [Stephanie.eft@stjohnsdevon.com](mailto:Stephanie.eft@stjohnsdevon.com). Volunteers are needed for teaching, dinner prep, games, music. Thank you for your usual general support of our children.

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*Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations...  
and remember, I am with you always...*

*Matthew 28:16a, 20b*



**Sunday, May 30**, Memorial Day weekend,  
Rev. Dr. Howard Friend will preach on the theme  
*Embrace Death, Embrace Life.*  
Please come mindful of friends, family and loved ones  
who have died in the past year, whom we will name and remember.  
**Scripture Lessons:**  
Philippians 1:18-26; John 14:1-14; 1 Corinthians 15:35-58

### ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

While Victor had planned to fly to Manchester, UK this Monday night for his annual trip to visit his mother, now in a nursing care facility, he felt it necessary to cancel these plans. The ongoing impact of volcanic eruptions on Iceland, and the deep uncertainty regarding flights in and out of the UK, especially at its northern airports, make travel very uncertain. Victor's greatest concern is the unpredictability of return flights, and the possibility of being seriously delayed in getting back to the US.

<b>Sun, May 23</b>	8:00 am	Called Session Meeting (confirmands)
	9:30 am	Worship and Sunday School
<b>Mon, May 24</b>	10:00 am	Baby Bundles Sewing Group
<b>Tues, May 25</b>		Victor's Day of Rest
<b>Wed, May 26</b>	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer
	7:00 pm	Disciples Group
<b>Thurs, May 27</b>		Devon Horse Show Parking Extravaganza!
	7:45 pm	Devon Brass Rehearsal
<b>Sun, May 30</b>	8:30 am	Y'All Come Sing Choir Rehearsal
<b>Mon, May 31</b>		Memorial Day (office closed)
<b>Wed, June 2</b>	7:00 pm	Disciple Bible Study (New Testament)
<b>Sat, June 5</b>	9:00 am	Women's Retreat
<b>Sun, June 6</b>		3 <sup>rd</sup> Graders Recite Book of the Bible
	10:45 am	Strawberry Festival and Joy Messengers Concert
<b>Sun, June 13</b>		Baccalaureate Sunday
<b>Sun, June 20</b>		Father's Day (Treats with Dad)

Rev. Dr. Victor Wilson, Pastor ([victor.wilson@stjohnsdevon.com](mailto:victor.wilson@stjohnsdevon.com))  
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Jesus said,  
"You are the salt of the earth;  
but if salt has lost its taste,  
how can its saltiness be restored?  
It is no longer good for anything,  
but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

You are the light of the world.  
A city built on a hill cannot be hid.  
No one after lighting a lamp  
puts it under the bushel basket,  
but on the lampstand,  
and it gives light to all in the house."

*Matthew 5:13-14*

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