

St. John's at Worship
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 9:30 AM
Theme: Gratitude as extravagant spontaneity

Prelude "Benedictus" from "Mass for St. John the Divine" *J. Haydn*
(Greta Moorhead, soprano)

Congregational Concerns (*please pass the friendship role*)

Call for Prayer Concerns

*Greeting

*Call to Worship Philippians 4:4-7

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.
Do not worry about anything, but in everything
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.

**People: And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.**

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise **139** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 40:27-31 (p. 668, OT) Kathy Johnson

*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

Mighty God:

**By your power is Christ raised from death
to rule this world with love.**

**We confess that we have too little believed in him,
but fall into doubt and fear.**

**Gladness has a fleeting home in our hearts,
and gratitude is slight.**

**Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness,
and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ,
who was dead but lives**

**and will put down every power to hurt or destroy
as we bring to life Christ's kingdom on earth. Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon Ephesians 4:32

*Affirmation of Faith A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (USA)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

The same Spirit

**who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

In a broken and fearful world

**the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

(children ages through grade 5 may dismiss to story time after the hymn)

*Hymn **404** "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" PENTECOST

Offering

Call to Offering Malachi 3:10

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

Offertory "Evening and Morning" Op. 68 *M. Spicker*

(Greta Moorhead, soprano)

*Doxology

**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

**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.**

Gospel Lesson Mark 14:3-9 (p. 51, NT)

Sermon WHEN THE HEART FINDS WINGS Dr. Wilson

Text: While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the
table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard,
and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head.
Mark 14:3

*Hymn (see cover) "We Plow the Fields" CLAUDIUS; *Matthias Claudius*

Benediction Ancient Collect

Postlude Postlude on "Claudius"

**Those who are able, please stand*

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**ALL ARE INVITED TO COFFEE FELLOWSHIP DOWNSTAIRS
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

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 in fellowship hall.

SERVING GOD THROUGH SERVICE TO ONE ANOTHER

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Diane Legnini*

Ushers *Jim Netter, Carol Netter, Joanne Engard*

Greeter *Jim Little*

Flowers *Given by David and Christine Markle in loving memory
of Jim and Joan Bassett*

Coffee Service *Kristan Burgess*

Special Thanks

Heartfelt thanks for all your prayers and support during Jim's most recent bout
of illness. We are both very grateful to our church family. *Jim and Kathy
Friday*

LECTURE AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

During the summer months our group meets *every other* Wednesday from
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm to study the New Testament. The next date is Wednesday,
July 28. All are welcome.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

REACT

In these difficult times REACT is providing basic non-perishable food
items to 141 local families every month. And because these are difficult
economic times, donations have dropped. *Won't you please consider
placing cans of Ensure Plus (any flavor), and boxes of Cheerios in our
Food Pantry box in Fellowship Hall? Also, greatly appreciated would be
monetary donations for perishable items and emergency situations.* Please
make your check payable to St. John's, with REACT in the memo. Bless
you for your generous response!

PHILABUNDANCE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Tuesday, August 3 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).

GARDEN NEWS

There are now 16 memorial plates in remembrance of loved ones, and ashes
of a few grace the garden, a sacred and peaceful place. For more information
about adding your loved one's plate, or to volunteer to help groom the
garden, please contact Earline Eck at hteick@aol.com.

WEDDING COMMITTEE

Did you know that St. John's has a Wedding Committee? The members of this
group take turns helping behind the scenes at each wedding rehearsal and
ceremony to answer questions and keep things running smoothly. If you enjoy
weddings and helping to familiarize visitors with St. John's, we would love to
have you join us. We have several weddings scheduled during the next two
months so this is an ideal time to get started. If you're interested in learning
more about this occasional service opportunity, please call (610)-688-5222) or
email the church office (rody.gratton@stjohnsdevon.com). We hope to hear
from you!

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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 welcome.

Please sign up with Carolyn Repke, crepke@comcast.net, or
call the church office (610-688-5222).

Volunteers are needed for teaching, dinner prep, games, music.
Thank you!

Pray for Peace

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, July 18	9:30 am	Worship and Child Care
Tues, July 20		Victor's Day of Rest
Wed, July 21	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer
Thurs, July 22	7:45 pm	Devon Brass Rehearsal
Wed, July 28	7:00 pm	Disciple Bible Study

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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

WE PLOW THE FIELDS AND SCATTER

We plow the fields, and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand;
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

Refrain:

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above,
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord
for all his love.*

He only is the Maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star;
the winds and waves obey him,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread. *Refrain*

We thank thee, then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed time and the harvest,
our life, our health, and food;
no gifts have we to offer,
for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts. *Refrain*

Matthias Claudius, 1782; Tr Jane M. Campbell, 1861

July 18, 2010

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