

St. John's at Worship
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 9:30 AM
Theme: Compassion for the poor

Prelude "Elevation" *F. Couperin*

Congregational Concerns (*please pass the friendship role*)

Call for Prayer Concerns

*Greeting

*Call to Worship Proverbs 22:9; 19:17; Matthew 25:40

Leader: Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed,

People: For they share their bread with the poor.

Leader: Whoever is kind to the poor, lends to the Lord,

People: For as Jesus said, "As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me."

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise **154 vss. 1-2, 5-6**

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

CORONATION

Epistle Lesson Philippians 2:1-8 (p. 197, NT)

Charlie Krueger

*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

Holy and Eternal Lord,

our hope in all times,

we confess that we have not always met the challenges

you have laid before us.

Sometimes we resist your call to service in the world,

living only for ourselves and our own wants and desires.

Forgive our attempts to hide from you.

Forgive us when we overlook the needs of those around us,

for not hearing your voice,

for not acknowledging your presence in our lives.

Loving God, your forgiveness knows no bounds.

Have mercy on us and free us from the temptation

to live merely for ourselves

that we may lovingly embrace your calling Spirit.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 4:23-24

*Affirmation of Faith

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.

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

*Hymn **561 vss. 1-2, 5-6** "Jesus, United by Thy Grace"

ST. AGNES

Offering

Call to Offering

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

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

Offertory

"Intermezzo IV"

H. Schroeder

*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.

Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 15:7-11 (p. 171, OT)

Sermon

GOD'S LOTTERY AND THE POOR

Dr. Wilson

Text: Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, "Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land." *Deuteronomy 15:11*

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. *Philippians 2:3*

*Hymn **712**

"I Sing a Song of the Saints"

GRAND ISLE

Benediction

from *the Book of Prayers for Schools*

Postlude

"Intermezzo VI"

H. Schroeder

**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 *Terry Belzer and John Lieberman*

Greeter *Jim Little*

Flowers *Celebrating the joy that family, both near and far,
add to our lives. George and Mary Park*

Coffee Service *Kristan Burgess*

Guest Organist

A warm St. John's welcome to *Lynne Powley*, wife of our own Ben Powley,
playing for us today. Lynne has served as Director of Music in several local area
churches throughout her career as a church organist.

Joys and Sorrows

Jesse Hill (husband of Daphne) recovering from cardiac procedure:
1602 Worthington Drive, Exton 19341

Special Thanks

Sincere thanks for the birthday cards and for my lovely party last Sunday.

Kay Pritchard

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,
August 11. All are welcome.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

ST. JOHN'S SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Recording Worship: WE NEED YOUR HELP

Every Sunday we record our worship, the recording is then edited by John
Senior and Victor's sermons are uploaded to St. John's website,
www.stjohnsdevon.com. CD copies of the entire service are available
upon request for any homebound or other persons who would like to
receive them. We need willing volunteers who are technically inclined and
are attentive to detail to operate the recording system on occasion as the
need arises, and perhaps to assist with other aspects of the recording,
editing, and distribution process. John Senior, a professional sound
engineer, will give simple instructions to anyone willing to help on Sunday
mornings. Please contact John at jsenior@comcast.net, or call the office.

PHILABUNDANCE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Tuesday, September 7 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).

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.

The Adventure begins **Sunday, August 22 and runs
through Thursday, August 26, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.**

A very special Joseph will be present to talk about
his life from Prison to Palace.

Children from kindergarten through grade 5 are welcome.

**Register on-line www.stjohnsdevon.com – look for the
link on the home page under the VBS announcement.**

(or call the church office 610-688-5222)

Volunteers are needed for all areas. Thank you!

DONATED AND LOANED ITEMS NEEDED FOR VBS

Are you able to donate any of these items?:

Old white bedsheets; 4" X 36" scraps of colorful fabric;
Men's white tee-shirts (new or used)
pony beads; brown grocery bags
Krispie Rice cereal; marshmallows; Fig Newtons

Are you able to lend these?:

6 hoola hoops; 1 child-size wading pool
See the box in Fellowship Hall

LOST IN FELLOWSHIP HALL, AND LOOKING FOR A GOOD HOME!

Please check the table on the stage in Fellowship Hall for anything that might belong to you: caps, scarves, jackets, shirts, bags, dishes, platters, vases.
Please help yourself to free cassette tapes.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Aug 8	9:30 am	Worship and Child Care
Wed, Aug 11	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer
	7:00 pm	Disciple Bible Study
Thurs, Aug 12	7:45 pm	Devon Brass Rehearsal
Fri, Aug 13		Victor's Day of Rest
		Victor on vacation (thru Tues 8/31)
Sun, Aug 22		Vacation Bible School (thru Thurs 8/26)
Mon, Sept 5		Labor Day, office closed

Rev. Dr. Victor Wilson, Pastor (victor.wilson@stjohnsdevon.com)
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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

LEND A HAND

I am only one,
But still I am one.
I cannot do everything,
But still I can do something;
And because I cannot do everything
I will not refuse to do the something
that I can do.

Edward Everett Hale, 1822-1909

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from **MEASURE FOR MEASURE** Act 1, sc. 1

Thyself and thy belongings
Are not thine own so proper as to waste
Thyself upon thy virtues, they on thee.
Heaven doth with us as we with torches do,
Not light them for themselves; for if our virtues
Did not go forth of us, 't were all alike
As if we had them not. Spirits are not finely touch'd
But to fine issues, nor Nature never lends
The smallest scruple of her excellence
But, like a thrifty goddess, she determines
Herself the glory of a creditor,
Both thanks and use.

William Shakespeare, 1564-1616

August 8, 2010

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