

St. John's at Worship
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, 9:30 AM

Prelude Joy Messenger Selections
"Canon in D major" J. Pachelbel
(Lauren Bain)

Congregational Concerns (*please pass the friendship role*)

Call for Prayer Concerns

*Greeting

*Call to Worship *based on Psalm 27; John 4:23*

Leader: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

People: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

Leader: We desire to live in God's house
and to see God in God's holy temple.

**People: We have come with shouts of joy,
to sing and make music to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

People: **Teach us your ways and make straight our paths
during this hour of worship and always.**

*Invocation

*Hymn 64 "Holy, Holy, Holy" NICAEA

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 1:4-10 (p. 698, OT) Emily Chudy, liturgist

*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

**Merciful God,
you made us in your image,
with a mind to know you,
a heart to love you,
and a will to serve you.**

**But our knowledge is imperfect,
our love inconstant,
and our obedience incomplete.**

Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness.

**In your tender love, forgive us
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon *based on Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:17*

Hear the good news!

Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ,
and Christ died for us,

Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us,
Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ
is a new creation.

The old life has gone;
a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Affirmation of Faith from *A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)*

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,

whom alone we worship and serve...

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 people long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or death

can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

*Hymn 420 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" TRENTHAM

Offering

Call to Offering

Colossians 3:17

*And, whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the
Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*

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

Offertory

"You Are the Lord of Me"

R. Sims

*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

Luke 13:10-17 (p. 76, NT)

Sermon

BENT INTO SHAPE

Dr. Sutton

*Hymn 284

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

WELSH MELODY

Benediction

Postlude

"With All My Being I Wish You Well"

Paumann

**Those who are able, please stand*

*A warm St. John's welcome to the Rev. Dr. Debra Sutton, returning to our pulpit
this week. Dr. Sutton works with adolescents, women, couples and families as a
psychotherapist. Her private practice is affiliated with Building Bridges: A Center
for Healing and Change in Media.*

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

After the service, Carol Netter 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 Alberto Urbina and Stella Urbina

Greeter Carol Netter

Flowers Dedicated to Earline Eck's mother, who loved to garden

Coffee Service Carla Chieffo

Joy Messengers Linda Duncan, Lauren Feldman, Lisa Howell,
Nancy Kimmons, Mike Ruhl, John Senior

Special thanks to Nancy Kimmons, serving as today's guest organist.

Joys and Sorrows

St. John's mourns the death of long-time member, *Agnes Ulrich*. A Memorial
Service will be held at St. John's on Friday, August 27, 11:00 am.

Victor and Jane Wilson and family mourn the death of Victor's mother in the
U. K. A fund has been established to help defray the Wilson family's travel
expenses for the memorial service. If the funds are not needed for travel, they
will be dedicated to an appropriate remembrance of Helen Wilson.
*Contributions may be made to St. John's Presbyterian Church, with Helen
Wilson Memorial Fund in the memo line.* Cards of condolence may be sent to
the family at 515 Forest Hills Circle, Devon 19333.

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 25. 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. Please contact John Senior 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

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, September 19, 5:00 pm.

St. John's Annual Burger/Corn Roast—family fun and fellowship, a delicious dinner, plus a concert by our own Joy Messengers! Watch for more details.

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

Victor on vacation through Tuesday, August 31

Sun, Aug 22	9:30 am	Worship and Child Care
Wed, Aug 25	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer
	7:00 pm	Disciple Bible Study
Thurs, Aug 26	7:45 pm	Devon Brass Rehearsal
Mon, Sept 6		Labor Day, office closed

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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

MY COMMITMENT AS A CHRISTIAN

I'm part of the fellowship of the unashamed.
I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made.
I'm a disciple of Jesus Christ.
I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still.
My past is redeemed, my present makes sense,
my future is secure.

I'm finished and done with low living, sight walking,
small planning, smooth knees,
colorless dreams, tamed visions,
mundane talking, cheap living, and dwarfed goals.
I no longer need preeminence, prosperity,
position, promotions, plaudits, or popularity.
I don't have to be right, first, tops,
recognized, praised, regarded, or rewarded.
I now live by faith, lean on His presence,
walk by patience,
lift by prayer, and labor by power.

My face is set, my gait is fast, my goal is heaven,
my road is narrow, my way rough,
my companions few, my Guide reliable, my mission clear.
I cannot be bought, deluded, or delayed.
I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice,
hesitate in the presence of the adversary,
negotiate at the table of the enemy,
or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I won't give up, shut up, let up, until I have stayed up,
stored up, prayed up, paid up,
and preached up for the cause of Christ.
I am a disciple of Jesus.

I must go till He comes, give till I drop, preach till all know,
and work till He stops me.
And when He comes for His own,
He will have no problem recognizing me—my banner will be clear!

—written by a young African pastor who died as a martyr for the gospel.

August 22, 2010