

St. John’s at Worship
Second Sunday after Christmas (Epiphany)

(Grades Pre-K through 4 may go to Sunday School after the Children’s Time.
Grades 5 – 12 remain in the sanctuary for communion.)

Welcome and Announcements *(please pass the fellowship roll)*

Introit “Sheep May Safely Graze” *J.S.*
Bach

Call to Worship
A PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION FOR THE NEW YEAR

Leader: This day is a new day that has never been before.
 This year is a new year, opening the door to transformation.
 Let us open the door of our hearts.
People: You give us life, and we welcome you with opening hearts.
Enter, Lord Christ, that we may feel the joy of your presence!

Leader: I turn now to face you.
 I open my life to you.
 Be the light shining on my face, O Beloved.
 Be the blessing in my eyes,
 and the fire in my heart.

People: May the inner eye of your soul
behold the beauty within you.
May your outer eye behold the beauty around you.
May you see your neighbors, your loved ones,
and those you find difficult to love
as treasured gifts shaped by God’s good and generous hands.

Silence

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Leader: We welcome you, Lord, with opening hearts.
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*Hymn (INSERT) “As With Gladness, Men of Old”

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1 – 12 (pg. 2) Rev. Dr. Howard Friend

Children’s Time Rev. Marshall

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:13 – 23 (pg.
2)

Sermon WHAT’S NEXT? Rev.
Marshall

*Hymn **626, vss. 1, 2** “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper (Intinction)

Invitation to the Table
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
Communion of the People
Prayer after Communion

Offering
Call to Offering
(Ushers will collect blue card prayer requests at the time of the offering.)

Offertory “Adiagio”

Beethoven
*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 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.**

*Hymn **254, vss. 1, 6** “We Three Kings”

*Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude “March in C”

Stickles

*All who are able, please stand

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco*
Greeter *Virginia Holt*
Ushers *Chuck Lynam, Jeanne Lynam,*
Kathy Johnson, Judy Mileto
Flowers *Given by Gordon & Mimi Wright in honor of their*
parents: C. Elmer & Ruth Wright,
and T. Borden & Marie Van Stone.
Coffee Service *Women’s Fellowship*

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN’S!

We are so happy that you have joined us for worship this morning, and we hope that you experience the love of Jesus Christ here with us! If there is anything we can do to help you feel more at home, please feel free to ask one of the ushers located at each of the sanctuary doors. We would love for you to join us for refreshments downstairs immediately following worship. Our greeter, Virginia Holt, will be available in the back of the sanctuary after worship to answer any questions you might have about St. John’s. We are glad that you are here, and hope that you will worship with us again soon!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Day of Service at Cornerstone Christian Academy and The Common Place in southwest Philadelphia in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. will take place on Saturday January 16 from 10 AM – 2 PM. Cornerstone and The Common Place share a campus at 1939 S. 58th St. in Philadelphia. Please contact Chris Petersen at Cornerstone for more details or to confirm your participation: cpetersen@cornerstonephiladelphia.com or 215-724-6858 ext. 234.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Our beautiful sanctuary flowers are provided by the generosity of congregation sponsors. Cowen’s Flowers in Wayne creates the bouquets and bills the sponsor directly at a cost of \$48. Sponsors may take the flowers home after worship on Sunday or donate them to one of our homebound or hospitalized members. Please see **the new 2016 Flower Calendar** on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. **Kindly sign the chart, complete an order form, and return the form to the pocket folder on the bulletin board.** Please contact Lisa Estabrook for more information.

CARRIAGE CLUB

On Monday, January 11 at Noon, St. John’s Carriage Club will hold its monthly luncheon. Following a light lunch of soup and sandwiches, St. Johns' members Cindy and Gavin Kerr will share their family's journey following the loss of their son Ryan which resulted in Cindy founding RYAN'S CASE FOR SMILES. This national volunteer organization currently has more than 120 chapters worldwide serving nearly 50,000 children and families annually. If your schedule does not allow you to be present for the entire program, please feel free to come and go as you must. Reservations are greatly appreciated and may be made by responding to the forthcoming e-mail or by calling Virginia Holt. Childcare will be available with seven days notice, and all who have time for lunch are invited to join us.

A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING OUR MUSIC PROGRAM

We are happy to announce that Iris Blanco, who had served as our Interim Director of Music from August through December, is now officially our Director of Music! Iris has been a wonderful addition to the life of our church, not just because of her incredible talent and the quality of music she has provided, but also because of her warm, loving personality. We especially want to thank Iris for the amount of time and energy that she invested into preparing the music for Christmas Eve. There was a wide range of musicians and styles, and Iris brought it all together wonderfully to provide a musical offering that truly reflected the glory of Christ's birth. Thank you, Iris, for who you are and all that you do, and we are so happy that you are a part of St. John's!

DRIVERS WANTED FOR THE YOUTH RETREAT

We are looking for a few extra drivers to help take our youth to their MidWinter Retreat on Friday, January 29, and then bring them back home on Sunday, January 31. The retreat is in Keswick, NJ (about an hour and a half away). If you can't do both days, can you do one? Talk to Patrick or contact Eric (eric.walker@stjohnsdevon.com) if you are interested in helping.



YOUTH GROUP

Month of January: Retreats and Personal Faith Stories

January 3 – No Youth Group

January 10 – No Youth Group (Confirmation Retreat)

January 17 – 4 PM – 6 PM
Sharing our faith stories.

January 24 – 4 PM – 6 PM
Sharing our faith stories.

January 29-January 31 Mid-Winter Advance – All Youth Retreat
We will meet at St. John's at 5pm, Friday, January 29 and travel to Keswick, New Jersey. We return to the church at 1:30 pm Sunday, January 31.
Remaining balance for this trip is due Jan 10, 2016.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Jan 3	8:00 am	Deacons' Meeting
Thurs, Jan 7	10:00 am	Women's Morning Bible Study
Sun, Jan 10	8:00 am	Trustees' Meeting
Mon, Jan 11	12:00 pm	Carriage Club
	7:00 pm	Session Stated Meeting

A Reminder about Staff Days Off

Patrick is out of the office on Fridays and Saturdays.
Eric is out on Saturdays and Tuesdays.
Rody is out on Saturdays and Sundays.
If you email or call on those days, you may not get a response until they are back in the office. Thank you for understanding!

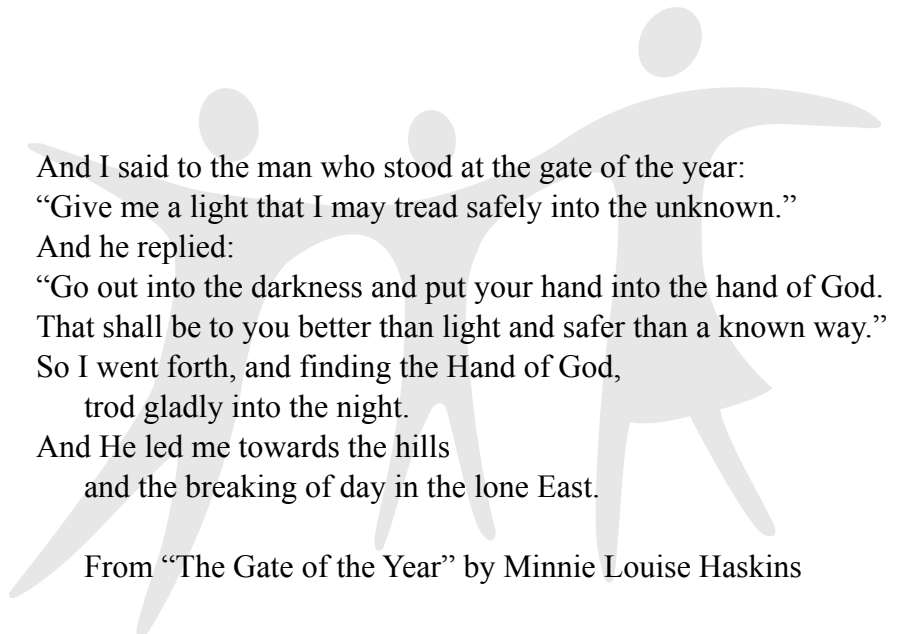


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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."
And he replied:
"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."
So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God,
trod gladly into the night.
And He led me towards the hills
and the breaking of day in the lone East.

From "The Gate of the Year" by Minnie Louise Haskins

January 3, 2016
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