St. John's at Worship Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude "Trumpet Voluntary" John Stanley

Welcome and Announcements (please pass the fellowship roll)

Introit "Adagio from Voluntary IV" John Stanley

*Call to Worship From Isaiah 12

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O Lord!

People: Surely God is our salvation.

We will trust and will not be afraid,

for the Lord God is our strength and our might.

Leader: With joy we will draw water from the wells of salvation.

People: Give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name.

Make known God's deeds among the nations.

Proclaim that God's name is exalted.

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously.

People: Shout aloud and sing for joy,

for great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel!

*Hymn **110** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*Prayer of Invocation 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.

Unison Prayer of Confession

There are deep divisions among us, Lord;
powerful fears and anxieties at work in us
that make us feel distant from each other and from you.
The power of sin is strong,
in our individual lives and in our life together.
Our hope is that the power of your love is stronger.
Heal our fractured hearts and minds,
our broken bodies and spirits,
our wounded world and relationships.
Fill us with the fullness of your love and presence,
which we search for in so many other people and places.

May we find our true selves in you,

letting go of all that is false and fearful,

so that we can be the people you call us to be, in Christ.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*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.

Scripture Reading Isaiah 65:17 – 25 (p. 696) Tom Higgins

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

Pre-K through 12th grade may go to Sunday School after the children's time. Sunday School ends at 10:45.

Anthem "O Sing Unto the Lord" Hobby

Scripture Reading Luke 21:5 – 19 (p. 85)

Sermon FAITH IN EXILE Rev. Marshall

*Affirmation of Faith From The Theological Declaration of Barmen Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way, and with the same seriousness, is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

We reject the false doctrine that there are areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords – areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

As the Church of pardoned sinners, we have to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with our faith as with our obedience, with our message as with our order, that we are solely his property, and that we live and want to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.

Offering (Ushers will also collect blue prayer request cards at the time of the offering.)

Offertory "Thy Will" Hillary Scott

*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

*Hymn 428, vss. 1, 2, 4 "For the Healing of the Nations"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "O Bless the Lord" Bell

*Postlude "Amazing Grace" Traditional

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music Iris Blanco-Urgelles

Greeter Jim Netter

Ushers Lee & Virginia Holt,

Scott & Cynthia Schumacher

Coffee Service Earline Eck

Flowers Given by Kathy and John Shaw

with loving memories of our parents

Guest Musician Christine Scolari

Devon Brass Frank Mercurio and Jeff Estabrook (trumpet)

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, Jim Netter, 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 you will worship with us again soon!

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S

Join us Wednesday at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall as we share a delicious dinner and explore session 10 of Alpha: "How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life?" Even if you haven't come to the previous sessions, you can still join in the conversation without missing a beat! There are activities for youth and child care for younger children. We are always looking for volunteers to set tables, help prepare meals, and bring desserts. Contact Carla Chieffo to help with set-up or dessert, or Betsy Miller to help with preparing the meals.

DEACON'S COAT DRIVE

The deacons are collecting gently used or new winter coats and jackets for those in need. Please leave your donated items in the coatroom of the carriage house by today, November 13th. All items will be cleaned before distribution.

SANDY RELIEF MISSION TEAM

The Sandy Relief Mission Team works to help those still struggling to rebuild homes in the wake of 2012's Superstorm Sandy. If you would like to join them for one or all three days of the next planned trip (**Dec 6–Dec 8**), please contact Howard Friend or Joe Birmingham for more information.

ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree will be in Fellowship Hall **next Sunday**, decorated with over 100 angels! On each angel you will find the name, age, and gift suggestions for a child. These children either attend Sherwood Christian Outreach Center, Chester County Family Academy, or has an incarcerated parent who is part of Prison Ministries. The Deacons ask you to select one or two angels and buy a gift for each child in the \$15–\$25 range, following the gift suggestions on the tag. Wrapped gifts are to be returned to Fellowship Hall no later than Sunday, December 4. Please attach the gift nametag to your gift. If you have any questions, please contact Mimi Wright or Kim Collett.

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES - TONIGHT!

Join us **today from 5–6 PM** for the next performance in our monthly concert series, focusing on "Musical Forms: Suites, Variations, and Song Cycles." These concerts are free and open to the whole community, so please bring a friend and join us for an evening of amazing music!

STOP HUNGER NOW RETURNS - NEXT SUNDAY!

On **Sunday, November 20,** we will be working with the international hunger relief organization *Stop Hunger Now* to pack 10,000 meals. To accomplish this task, we need 50 volunteers ready to go at 2 PM. The project will be completed in less than two hours, and we guarantee you'll have a great time! Anyone age 5 and older is welcome to participate. We also need a few volunteers at 1 PM to help with setup. To sign up, contact Nancy Higgins. Visit www.stophungernow.org to learn more.

ST. JOHN'S FLAG FOOTBALL GAME

Are you ready for some football? On Saturday, November 26 we will have a flag football game for anyone (male or female) who is in 5th grade or above. We are working on securing a field at Wilson Park from 9:30 AM to Noon, and we will confirm the time and location with you as soon as possible. If you are interested, please contact Jeff Ealer so we can know how many people are coming. Bring a friend!

ADVENT CRAFT NIGHT

Join us for our annual Advent Craft Night on **December 4 from 4–6 PM** in Fellowship Hall. It will be a fun evening of food, crafts, and fellowship to celebrate the Advent season. This event is open to everyone – kids and adults – and you are welcome to bring a friend! If you have questions or would like to help plan the evening, please contact Jeff Ealer.



Sunday, November 13 – CHANGE IN PLANS!

Instead of pizza and bowling tonight, we have been invited to join a big group of youth at the Church of the Good Samaritan in Paoli. There will be games, food, and Tony Campolo will be speaking! Meet at Good Sam at 4 PM, and we will be done by 6. Bring a friend!

Sunday, November 20 – Stop Hunger Now (2–4 PM)

The Youth Group will meet at 2 PM to help package meals for Stop Hunger Now! This is a great way to help people who are in need, and it's a lot of fun!

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Nov 13	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship and Sunday School
	5:00 pm	St. John's Concert Series
Mon, Nov 14	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
Sat, Nov 19	8:30 am	Interfaith Group
Sun, Nov 20	9:30 am	Worship and Sunday School
	2:00 pm	Stop Hunger Now

A Reminder about Staff Days Off

Patrick is out of the office on Friday and Saturday. Lara is out on Saturday and Sunday.

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

I will provide for you
And I'll stand by your side
You'll need a good companion now
For this part of the ride
Leave behind your sorrows
Let this day be the last
Tomorrow there'll be sunshine
And all this darkness past

This train carries saints and sinners This train carries losers and winners This train carries lost souls

Dreams will not be thwarted Faith will be rewarded

Big wheels roll through fields
Where sunlight streams
Oh meet me in a land of hope and dreams

- From "Land of Hope and Dreams" by Bruce Springsteen

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