

St. John's at Worship Christmas Day

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

Scripture Reading Matthew 1:18 – 23 (p. 1) Jeff Estabrook

*Call to Worship

Leader: O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem!

People: Come and behold him, born the king of angels!

Leader: Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning.
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.

People: Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

Leader: O come, let us adore him!

People: O come, let us adore him!

All: O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

*Hymn 220, vss. 1, 2, 4 “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer Jeff Estabrook

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 Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:2, 6 – 7 (p. 638)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

**Those who lived in a land of deep darkness,
on them light has shined.**

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders,

and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,

and there shall be endless peace

for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it

with justice and with righteousness,

from this time onward and forevermore.

Hymn 219, vss. 1, 3 “What Child Is This”

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1 – 20 (p. 58) Libby & Dave Dalrymple

Hymn 240, vss. 1, 3 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

Scripture Reading John 1:1 – 14 (p. 91)

Homily “GOD IS WITH US” Christie McConnell

Hymn 28 (INSERT) “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

Offering

Offertory

*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 246 “Joy to the World”

*Unison Benediction

**May Christ be born anew in us today,
so that the light of God's presence can shine through us,
bringing hope, peace, joy, and love to the world in Christ's name.
Amen!**

*Postlude

*All who are able, please stand

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Guest Organist

Nancy Kimmons

Liturgist

Jeff Estabrook

Greeter

Jim Netter

Ushers

Carla Chieffo and Rich Scott

Coffee Service

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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

We are so happy that you have joined us to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ 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. We are glad that you are here, and hope that you will worship with us again soon. Merry Christmas!

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for 2017 are located downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Please pick them up at your convenience. If there is not one with your name on it, and you would like one, please call Ken Dilloway.

YEAR-END GIFTS

Year-end gifts will be credited in the 2016 tax year if they are received in the church office by Friday, December 30, or postmarked by the 31st. In the past, some members and friends of St. John's have donated shares of stock or mutual funds at the end of the year. If you are interested in this option, we use Vanguard to process these transactions. Please ask your broker to use DTC number 0062; our account number is 6142 8971. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Bouvier.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – ELDERS, DEACONS, AND TRUSTEES

If you feel called to serve as an Elder, Deacon, or Trustee, or if you know of someone else who would be a good fit, please let us know! There are boxes and forms in the back of the sanctuary and downstairs in Fellowship Hall. You can also fill out and submit a form on our website. If you have questions, please speak to a member of the Nominating Committee: John Adams (Chair), Sue Chudy (Deacons), Gordon Wright (Trustees), Cammy Wagner, Steve Barnes, or Judy Mileto.

A SPECIAL MISSION-GIVING ANNOUNCEMENT

Last year, \$55,000 was taken from the Wellington Fund in order to re-side the church building. In keeping with St. John's commitment to mission, 25% of that amount was set aside for ministry outside the life of our church (actually just *over* 25%, based on a somewhat complicated but necessary and accurate formula). Rather than dividing it up to support many different ministries, the Session decided to give the entire amount to one ministry where it could make a significant and lasting impact. **After much research, discussion, and prayerful discernment by our Outreach Committee, the Session voted at the December meeting to give \$18,333 to Cornerstone Christian Academy in Philadelphia.** St. John's has a longstanding relationship with Cornerstone, with many of our members giving their time and energy as volunteers and mentors there. Cornerstone will use the funds toward their goals of hiring a school nurse, initiating a breakfast program, and improving their physical education program. Cornerstone is providing amazing ministry to the children of southwest Philadelphia, and we are so excited to be able to partner with them in such meaningful ways!

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES

Our next monthly concert will be on **Sunday, January 29 from 5-6 PM**, featuring the music of American composers Cole Porter, Leonard Bernstein, and George Gershwin sung by Lara Kennedy with Iris and the Harvey sisters, as well as pianist Olga Valiente and flutist Amanda Heckman. These concerts are free and open to the whole community, so please bring a friend and join us for an evening of amazing music!



Sunday, January 8 – Lunch at Bertucci's (11:30 AM – 1 PM)

Meet at Bertucci's after worship to hang out, catch up, eat some pizza, and do a little Bible study!

Friday, January 27 – Snow Tubing!

Meet at the church at 5 PM, and we will drive to AvalanceXpress in York for a fun night of snow tubing, hot chocolate, and games! The cost is \$20 per person (\$3 extra if you want to ice skate).

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Dec. 25	9:30 am	Worship (No Sunday School)
Sun, Jan 1	9:30 am	Worship, Sunday School, and Communion (Intinction)
Tues, Jan. 3	7:30 pm	Adult Scout Leader's meeting
Thurs, Jan. 5	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Sun, Jan. 8	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship and Sunday School
Mon, Jan. 9	7:00 pm	Session Meeting

Please Note – Staff Vacation and Office Closure

Patrick and Lara will both be on vacation this week, so the church office will be closed. Messages will be checked daily in case of pastoral emergencies. Patrick will be back next Sunday (Jan. 1) and Lara will be back on Monday, January 2.

ST. JOHN'S LEADERSHIP

The Session

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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

From "In the Bleak Midwinter"
by Christina Rossetti

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him
Nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When He comes to reign.

In the bleak mid-winter
A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty,
Jesus Christ.

December 25, 2016
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