

St. John's at Worship
**First Sunday after Christmas Day/
Epiphany of the Lord**

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

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1 – 12 (p. 2)

***Call to Worship**

Leader: With the wise men, we come, searching for the Messiah.

People: We have found him!

Jesus has been born king of kings and Lord of Lords!

Leader: And yet, we are *still* searching for glimpses of his presence in this world and in our lives.

People: We are still searching for light in the midst of darkness.

Leader: May we encounter him *here, now*,
and be illuminated by his presence as we worship God.

*Hymn **246, vss. 1 – 4** “Joy to the World”

***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

As we begin this new year, Lord, we long to be made new, too.

We give you all the mistakes,

all the pain,

all the failures and sin of this past year,

in hope that you will help us learn from it all and grow.

Use our brokenness to make us whole.

Use our weaknesses to strengthen our reliance on you.

Help us to let go of it all and, by your grace, begin again.

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 Matthew 2:13 – 23 (p. 2)

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

Pre-K through 4th grade may go to Sunday School after the children's time.

Grades 5 – 12 stay for communion. Sunday School ends at 10:45.

Scripture Reading Ephesians 3:1 – 12 (p. 193)

Sermon SEEING THE LIGHT Rev. Marshall

*Hymn **254, vss. 1, 5** “We Three Kings”

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Intinction)

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Offering (Ushers will also collect blue prayer request cards at the time of the 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 **(Insert)** “As with Gladness Men of Old”

*Benediction

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Guest Organist

Nancy Kimmons

Greeter

Andrea Zomber

Ushers

Carla Chieffo and Rich Scott

Coffee Service

Skip and Marianne McClellan

Flowers

Proverbs 17:6 – “Children's children are a crown to the aged and parents are the pride of their children.” In honor of our parents, T. Borden & Marie Van Stone, and C. Elmer & Ruth Wright, given by Gordon & Mimi Wright

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, Andrea Zomber, 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!

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.

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. These concerts are free and open to the whole community, so please bring a friend and join us for an evening of amazing music!

A SPECIAL BENEVOLENCE 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 on Monday night 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!

2017 MISSION TRIP – REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Our youth mission trip this summer will be to Crosspoint, New Mexico, from June 24 – July 1. This year the trip is open to high school and college-age students! The deadline for registration is Tuesday, January 3, and a \$100 deposit is due at that time. You can make checks out to St. John’s Presbyterian Church and put “Mission Trip” in the memo line. We only have a few spots left, so don’t miss out! Contact Debbie Ealer to register.



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

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| Sun, Jan. 1 | 9:30 am | Worship, Communion, & Sunday School |
| 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 |

A Reminder about Staff Days Off

Patrick is out of the office on Fridays and Saturdays.
Lara 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!

ST. JOHN’S LEADERSHIP

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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

“I Walked in Darkness”
by Kathryn Rose

I walked in darkness. Many a lonely mile,
my eyes and footsteps hesitant and blind.
I sought a kindly light I did not find
in land or ocean, asking all the while
if lightless lives are taken in exchange
for light eternal; still the shades of sight
would whisper, “Even I shall see the light!”
I never thought the light would look so strange.
Not in a temple, echoing and awed,
Nor in a palace, glistening and grand,
Nor in my home, nor any friendly land.
But distant, dirty, in a shed abroad,
I met a maiden bloody from a birth
and in her arms, the light of all the earth.

January 1, 2017
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