

St. John's at Worship Second Sunday of Easter

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

Introit "Keeper of My Heart" *Clark and Halloran*

*Call to Worship

Leader: The tomb is *still* empty!

People: Christ is *still* risen!

Leader: Jesus is Lord! Our redeemer lives!

People: Because *he* lives, *we* can live new lives, with God and with each other!

Leader: Let us worship our living God!

*Hymn **303** "The Day of Resurrection"

*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

The good news of Easter can wear off quickly, and even after the celebration and transformation of that day, we soon find ourselves walking down all the old paths of life; the paths that lead not to life, but to death; not to forgiveness, but to sin.

Don't let us go back to the tomb, Lord.

Don't let us look there anymore.

You are *still* risen! You are *still* alive!

May *we* be risen, too! May *we* be alive, too!

Set us back on your path of righteousness, and continue to overcome the power that sin and death attempt to hold over our lives.

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 John 20:19 – 31 (pg. 115) John McClintick

The Sacrament of Baptism

Logan James Carty (son of Jim and Meredith Carty)

Brian Bouvier, Elder Assisting

As part of the baptismal liturgy, we profess our faith using the Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.

He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father, Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

Anthem "The Beauty of Your Holiness" *Scheer*

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 1:3 – 9 (pg. 232)

Sermon RESURRECTING TRUST Rev. Marshall
At the end of the sermon, we will have a moment of silent reflection and prayer.

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

Offertory "One Voice" *Moody*

Feel free to sing along:

This is the sound of one voice, one people, one voice.

A song for every one of us.

This is the sound of one voice, this is the sound of one voice.

*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 (If you need to sit for the prayer, please feel free.)

*Hymn **610** "We Know That Christ Is Raised"

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude "Amen"

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco*

Greeter *Carol Netter*

Ushers *Mark Ward, Pat Marshall, Kathy and Kate Johnson*

Flowers *Given in memory of Thomas Moore who was a loving husband and father*

Coffee Service *Patrick Bullock, Janice Rosencrance, Kate Johnson*

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

Guest Musicians *Julia Petters and Jess Schury (flute)*

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, Carol 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!

CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY – TODAY!

Help us prepare for the upcoming renovation project! Following worship on Sunday, April 23, we will be cleaning out the kitchen and closets, reorganizing storage areas, and disposing of unneeded items. You can wear your work clothes to worship, and lunch will be provided for all who help.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER – APRIL 29

The arrival of spring means it's time for St. John's Annual Progressive Dinner. Plan to join us on **Saturday, April 29 at 6 PM** at the home of Andrea & Michael Zomber, conveniently located right across from the church. After some time for conversation with appetizers and drinks, we will split into small groups for dinner and dessert in individual homes. It's a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends or meet new ones! **Today is the last day to sign up**, so please contact Nancy Phillips. The cost is \$5 per person or \$10 per couple (no fee for hosts). We look forward to seeing you on April 29!

ST. JOHN'S MONTHLY CONCERT SERIES

Our next monthly concert will be **Sunday, April 30 from 5–6 PM**, featuring "Dances Through the Centuries." These concerts are free and open to the whole community, so please bring a friend and join us for an evening of amazing music!

"LIVING OUR DUAL CITIZENSHIP" DISCUSSION SERIES

Join us next Sunday from 11–12:30 for the first of three conversations guided by Betsy and Howard Friend (the next two dates to be chosen by those gathered). This will be a time of biblical reflection, exploring together the personal and collective implications of our faith, and celebrating the guidance, support, and encouragement of Christian community. We will be asking tough questions and accepting differing answers. This will be more exploration than teaching, more vigorous exchange than presentation, as we discern together pathways of both faithfulness and action. Coffee, tea, muffins, and fruit will be provided.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RETREATS

On Saturday, May 6, we will be holding two separate retreats for men and women. The men's retreat is titled, "Building Your Legacy in God's Grace," and will be led by Gavin Kerr here at St. John's. Contact Jim Little to sign up. The women's retreat is titled, "Bread for the Journey," and will be led by Nicole Duran at Daylesford Abbey. Contact Carla Chieffo to sign up. Both Jim and Carla will be available to answer questions or sign you up at coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall following worship. This will be a great opportunity to deepen your faith, as well as your relationships with others in the church!

PASTORAL VACATION AND COVERAGE

Patrick will be on vacation from Monday, April 24 through Sunday, April 30 (back in the office on Monday, May 1), during which time he will be unavailable by phone or email. There will be pastors and deacons available in the event of an emergency, so please contact Lara in the church office with any pastoral care needs. If you are in need of a pastor on Saturday, April 29 or Sunday, April 30, please contact Steve Barnes.

WELCOMING OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR CANDIDATE

St. John's is excited to welcome the Rev. Ridgley Beckett Joyner, our candidate for Associate Pastor for Youth and Family Ministries, and her husband Will as they come to visit on May 6 and 7! We will be hosting a dinner for children, youth, and their parents on Saturday, May 6 at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a chance for you to get to know Ridgley and Will before she preaches on Sunday. If you have received an invitation, please RSVP with Lara Kennedy (610-688-5222 or Lara.kennedy@stjohnsdevon.com) by Wednesday, May 3. On Sunday, May 7, Ridgley will be preaching, and there will be a congregational meeting to vote on her candidacy immediately following worship. This is an important and exciting time in the life of our church, so please come and help us welcome Ridgley and Will to the St. John's family!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – FIRST NOTICE

A special congregational meeting has been called for **Sunday, May 7**, immediately following morning worship, for the purpose of voting on the nomination of the Rev. Ridgley Beckett Joyner as the called Associate Pastor of Youth and Family Ministries.

HORSE SHOW PARKING SIGNUPS

It's time to gear up for our biggest annual youth fundraiser of the year. **May 25 through June 3**, we will be parking cars from 9 AM to 9 PM at St. John's. Like last year, we will have individual day leaders responsible for each day of parking. Please contact Lara in the church office if you are interested in serving as a day leader. You do not have to *be here* all day, simply oversee the volunteers for each shift. Any youth who are participating in the mission trip this year are required to sign up for 3 shifts. We ask that any youth who are not attending the trip sign up for 2 shifts. We are also seeking the help of any adults and parents to help out with shifts as well. Each shift is 3 hours. You can sign up for shifts online at www.stjohnsdevon.com (under "Quick Links").

ST. JOHN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

The Memorial Garden Committee (Charlie Scott, Chrissy Bouvier, Christine Markle, Earline Eck, and Judy Mileto) will be setting up an information table during coffee hour, so please stop by! St. John's memorial garden is a special place for our church family to inter loved ones, or to purchase a plaque in loving memory. For those who would like more information, there are information pamphlets on the table in the back of the sanctuary. We also welcome anyone who would enjoy helping with weeding this spring and summer. You can weed as your time permits and it is greatly appreciated! Please feel free to contact any committee member if you have questions.



Save the date for Vacation Bible School 2017!

July 24 – 28, 9 AM to Noon

Children ages 4 – 10 are invited to come and discover God's Word through drama, games, crafts, and songs!

More details will be coming soon!

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, April 23	9:30 am	Worship, Sunday School, and the Sacrament of Baptism
	10:30 am	Church Clean Up
Sat, April 29	6:00 pm	Progressive Dinner
Sun, April 30	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School Rev. Howard Friend preaching
Sat, May 6	8:00 am	Women's Retreat at Daylesford Abbey
	8:30 am	Men's Retreat in Carriage House
	5:00 pm	Associate Pastor Dinner for children, youth, and parents
Sun, May 7	9:30 am	Worship, Sunday School, and Communion (Intinction) Rev. Ridgley Beckett Joyner preaching
	10:30 am	Congregational Meeting



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

If I do my thing and you do your thing,
And if we don't live up to each other's expectations,
We might live but the world will not survive.
You are you, and I am I,
and together, joining hands, not by chance,
We will find each other beautiful.
If not, we can't be helped.

– Claude Steiner

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