

St. John's at Worship Consecration Sunday

Welcome and Announcements (*please pass the fellowship roll*)
Minute for Mission from the Deacons

Introit "If You Are with Me, I Go with Joy" *Bach*

*Call to Worship

Leader: To *consecrate* means to set something apart for a special purpose, to make it holy.

People: Let us consecrate this time – our songs and prayers, our words and actions – that God might use it for a special purpose and make it holy.

Leader: But God also calls us to consecrate our *lives*; that *we* might be holy as *God* is holy.

People: Let us consecrate ourselves – our hearts and minds, our bodies and spirits – that God might use *us* and make *us* holy.

Leader: Let us give ourselves to God in praise and worship.

*Hymn **555 (INSERT)** "Now Thank We All 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

Gracious God, we strive to be good stewards of all the gifts you give – to serve you in faithfulness and humility, to serve our neighbors with compassion and love.

Yet there are times when we fall short; times when we forget or focus on the wrong things.

Forgive us when we stumble over pride; when our words and actions are not guided by love.

Turn our hearts when we act in selfishness and fear.

Restore our energy and patience when it is depleted.

May we live in your forgiveness and love, giving ourselves to you and to the world, that others might be blessed through us, 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 Ephesians 1:1 – 14 (pg. 191) Judy Mileto

Cherub Choir "Give Thanks" Debbie Ealer, Director

Children's Time Rev. Joyner
At this time Pre-K – 12th grade may leave for Sunday School until 10:45.

Anthem "Jesus! High and Holy One!" *McDonald*

Sermon EXUBERANT IN EPHESUS...AND DEVON! Rev. Wilson

*Affirmation of Faith From the Heidelberg Catechism

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That we are not our own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to our faithful savior, Jesus Christ. Christ has fully paid for all our sins with his precious blood, and has set us free from all the power of the devil. Because we belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures us of eternal life and makes us wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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

Offertory

*Doxology

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.

*Dedication of Pledges

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

All that we have, Lord, all that we *are* is a gift from you.

So we give ourselves *back* to you now in thanksgiving, and ask that you would use us for your glory.

You are holy, Lord. Make *us* holy.

Consecrate our gifts and make *them* holy.

Guide us as we work for your will to be done in this world and in our lives.

Help us to keep and fulfill the promise we make today, not for our own glory, but for *yours*, in Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Hymn **399** "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "O Worship the Lord"

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Ushers *Lee and Virginia Holt, Jim and Sue Tiede*

Greeter *Mary K. DaRin*

Flowers *Given by Linda Groves to honor all who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces and by Barbara & John Alexander, honoring our veterans and celebrating the 29th year since Barbara's kidney transplant.*

Cherub Choir *Ryan Crill (solo), Sarah Crill, Luke Ealer, Ellie Fisher, Brandon Marshall, Emily Marshall, Ryan Marshall*

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 in the Carriage House immediately following worship. Our greeter, Mary K. DaRin, 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!

LOWER LEVEL RENOVATION UPDATE

The renovation is finally complete, and the lower level is open for use! The elevator is still waiting to be certified, and is not yet operational. **Nursery care will remain in the Carriage House for another week.**

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES – TODAY!

Our next monthly concert will be **today from 5–6 PM**, and will focus on Music from the Movies! These concerts are free of charge and open to the community. Each month's concert will focus on a different theme, style of music, or composer, along with different instruments and vocalists. Please bring a friend and join us for an evening of amazing music!

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY TRAINING

Last month, the Session approved the Personnel Committee's Child Protection Policy. If you are a volunteer that works with children and youth at St. John's, we invite you to join us for a training event on **Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00 PM or Wednesday, November 15 at 10:00 AM**. Every volunteer will need to complete this training by the end of the year to be compliant with our new policy. Please RSVP with Ridgley at rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR RELIEF BENEFIT

The mini Christmas Bazaar is next Sunday, November 19th in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour. If you are donating items for sale, please drop them off in the church office Monday or Tuesday. Baked goods can be dropped off in Fellowship Hall Sunday before church. Silent auction items will be available for bids at Supper at St. John's on Wednesday, 11/15. If you have questions, contact Darien Irizarry or Christine Markle.

DEACON'S COAT DRIVE

It is time for St. John's annual coat drive! We are accepting gently used adult and children's coats (all sizes) to donate to Chester County Family Academy and Wise Choice Ministries. You can drop them off in the coat closet of the Carriage House through December 3. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Andrea Zomber.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS ARE COMING!

Once again, the Deacons are accepting sponsorships for beautiful red poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary from December 17 through 24. The cost will be \$10 per plant, and the poinsettia is yours to take after the 8 PM Christmas Eve service. If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia, please see Pat Marshall after worship.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY

Today is Consecration Sunday! Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately after worship for a Celebration Brunch. This is our way of thanking you for all the ways that you give of your time, energy, and resources to make the life and ministry of this church possible. Thank you for being good and faithful stewards of all the gifts that God has entrusted to us!

Our guest preacher this morning is the **Rev. Michael Wilson**. Michael is the Stated Clerk/Facilitator for Developing Leaders for Donegal Presbytery. He also teaches at Lancaster Theological Seminary and is working on a PhD in missional ecclesiology. Michael was raised at Centre Presbyterian Church and spent much of his youth hiking and canoeing on Muddy Creek in southern York County. He and his wife, Tricia, live in Lancaster County and have three children: Julia (18), Clint (16), and Emma (12). He enjoys reading, kayaking, and really good coffee!



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Tonight (4 – 6 PM)

Join us for games, fellowship, and part two of our Bible study on covenants.

Sunday, November 19 (4 – 6 PM)

Come help us pack meals for Safe Harbor, an organization that helps homeless men and women in Chester County! Please bring a loaf of sliced bread with you to youth group!

Sunday, November 26 – NO YOUTH GROUP

Other Upcoming Events:

Star Wars: The Last Jedi – Friday, December 15 (6:30–9:30 PM)

We will be joining some other youth groups who have rented out two theaters at UA King of Prussia for the premiere of the new Star Wars movie, *The Last Jedi*! We will meet at the theater at 6:30 PM, with the movie starting at 7 (ending around 9:30). Tickets are \$17. We have a limited number tickets available, so please let Ridgley know as soon as possible if you want to go.

**Mark your calendars for our
2nd Annual Youth vs. Parents Flag Football Game!***
Saturday, November 25, Wilson Park (10:00 AM– 1:00 PM)

WELCOMING RIDGLEY AND WILL

We will be continuing to host a series of get-togethers over the next few months so that Ridgley and Will can get to know their church family a little better. We are limiting these gathering to 12-14 people so that Ridgley and Will get a chance to talk to everyone. The next available event is a brunch at Liz and Mark Ward's home on **Sunday, November 19 at 1 PM**. If you are interested in attending, please contact Barbara McConnell.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Nov 12	Consecration Sunday
8:00 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
11:00 am	Celebration Brunch (Fellowship Hall)
4:00 pm	Youth Fellowship
Mon, Nov 13	7:00 pm Session Meeting (Kean Room)
Tues, Nov 14	7:00 pm Child Protection Training, Carriage House
Wed, Nov 15	10:00 am Child Protection Training, Carriage House
	6:00 pm Supper at St. John's
	7:00 pm Confirmation Class

ANGEL TREE IS COMING! MARK THESE IMPORTANT DATES:

Nov 18th: Tree goes up

Nov 19th: Angels can be adopted

Dec 10th: All gifts must be returned

Dec 15th: Gifts will be delivered Chester County Family Academy
Prison Ministry and Sherwood School delivery TBA

Patrick and Ridgley are 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. **If you have a pastoral emergency after hours or on a Saturday, you can call 610-764-6436.**



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

“God Whose Giving Knows No Ending”
by Robert L. Edwards

God, whose giving knows no ending,
From your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
Costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by you, we turn to you,
Offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever,
Gracious donor of our days.

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