

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

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

Introit "Pie Jesu" *Webber*

*Call to Worship *From 1 Chronicles 16*

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord and call on God's name!

People: Sing praises to the Lord, and tell of God's wonderful works!

Leader: Glory in God's holy name!

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

People: Seek the Lord and his strength.

Seek God's presence continually.

Leader: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

People: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Gather us, O God of our salvation,
that we may give thanks to your holy name
and glory in your praise.

People: Blessed be the Lord, from everlasting to everlasting!

*Hymn 140 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*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, in these cold, gray days,
we struggle to hear the joyful Easter alleluia of seven months ago.**

**It is drowned out by the blaring refrains of fear and anxiety,
telling us there is not enough –
we are not enough.**

We cannot help but hear them and believe.

**That fear and worry drives our actions,
and we fail to treat each other with love and kindness.**

**Speak your claim over us
louder than all the competing voices within us and around us.**

**Remind us that we are forgiven and loved,
that we might love and forgive each other, in Jesus' name.**

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 Psalm 13 (pg. 494) Tom Higgins

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

Anthem "In Our Day of Thanksgiving" *Thomas*

Scripture Reading Philippians 1:1 – 11 (Pg. 196)

Sermon IT'S CHAOS...BE KIND Rev. Marshall
At the end of the sermon, we will have a moment of silent reflection and prayer.

*Affirmation of Faith Declaration of Faith

God keeps his promises and gives us hope.

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God kept his promises.

All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ.

But the work of God in Christ is not over.

God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.

The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence

that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.

In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth,

certainty of victory over death,

assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.

This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.

We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom.

But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil

that are possible now in the world, the church,

and our individual lives.

Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition,

however invincible it may seem,

for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming.

Jesus is Lord!

He has been Lord from the beginning.

He will be Lord at the end.

Even now, he is Lord.

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

Offertory "Lord, We Give Thanks" *Patterson*

*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.**

*Hymn 434 (INSERT), vss. 1, 3, 4

"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "O Worship the Lord"

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Ushers *Lee & Virginia Holt, Steve & Kelly Barnes*

Greeter *Lyn Strickler*

Flowers *Given by the Chudy family in loving memory of their*

mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother Lorraine

Jean Kaechele, on the week of her birthday.

Guest Musicians *Heather McConnell and Crystal Charles*

The rose on the communion table is given by Pat Churchill in celebration of her seventh grandchild, Hutton Mead Churchill, born on November 2.

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, Lyn Strickler, 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!

CONSECRATION SUNDAY – THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who attended worship and the brunch on Consecration Sunday last week...it was a wonderful day! We would also like to extend a very special thank you to everyone who served on the Stewardship Committee and helped make Sunday such a special day: Bob Miller, Brian Bouvier, Ken Dilloway, Tom Higgins, Sam Hillier, Ellen Moeller, and Rich Scott. Thank you all! *Contribution envelopes are now available for you to pick up in Fellowship Hall.*

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR RELIEF BENEFIT – TODAY!

St. John's is having a Christmas bazaar **after worship in Fellowship Hall** to raise money for victims of recent natural disasters in Puerto Rico and Mexico. Church members have donated baskets for raffle, as well as handmade crafts, artwork, baked goods, and other items for sale/silent auction. Please stop by the Fellowship Hall after worship to do some Christmas shopping in support of a great cause!

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.

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, there are boxes in the back of the sanctuary or downstairs in Fellowship Hall where you may submit a form. You can also submit a form on our website. If you have questions, please speak to Patrick or a member of the Nominating Committee: John Adams (Chair), Sue Chudy (Deacons), Liz Ward (Trustees), Don Black, Libby Dalrymple, or Janette Scott.

ANGEL TREE STARTS TODAY!

The Angel tree is set up in Fellowship Hall, decorated with over 100 Angels! On each Angel you'll find the name, age and gift suggestion for a child. These children either attend Sherwood Christian Outreach Center in Philadelphia, Chester County Family Academy, or has an incarcerated parent who is a part of prison ministries. Please consider sponsoring an Angel (or two). Gifts suggestions are on the tags, and we ask that you keep your gift selections in the \$25 range. Wrapped gifts are to be returned to Fellowship Hall no later than December 10. **Please attach the gift name tag to your gift.** We are in need of several more volunteers to make this a success. Please contact either Mimi Wright or Kim Collett if you are able to help. Important dates:

Dec. 10: All gifts must be returned to Fellowship Hall

Dec. 15: Gifts delivered to Chester County Family Academy

Dec. 17: Gifts delivered to Prison Ministry Families in Chester (Still need volunteers.) Lunch will be provided after worship for those who are able to help make deliveries.

Dec. 20: Gift delivery and party at Sherwood. (Still need Volunteers.) We will leave from St. John's between 12:30-1:00.



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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!

Saturday, November 25 – Youth vs. Parents Flag Football Game

Join us from 10 AM – 1 PM at Wilson Park for our 2nd annual Youth vs. Parents Flag Football Game! This is open to anyone (male and female) in 5th grade and above, including college students home for the holiday. We will meet on the main football field, and there will be food. If you are interested, please contact Jeff Ealer so we can know how many people are coming. Bring a friend!

Sunday, November 26 – NO YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, December 3 – Advent Craft Night (4 – 6 PM)

Come celebrate the beginning of the Advent season with our annual Advent Craft Night on December 3 from 4-6 PM in Fellowship Hall. It will be a fun evening of food, crafts, and fellowship, open to everyone (kids and adults), and you are encouraged to bring a friend! We will also be decorating the sanctuary at the same time, so adults can help with that!

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.

BIBLICAL REFLECTIONS

Our 8 AM gathering on Sundays is sharing a new book, *Daring Hope* by Katie Davis Majors. Katie moved to Uganda 11 years ago, founded a booming organization, and later adopted 13 of the girls from the community she was serving. *Daring to Hope* is an invitation to hope in the God of the impossible—the God who whispers His love to us in the quiet, in the mundane, when our prayers are not answered the way we want, or the miracle doesn't come. If you have questions please speak with Ellen Moeller, Nancy Davis, or Earline Eck.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Nov 19	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	11:00 am	Celebration Brunch (Fellowship Hall)
	4:00 pm	Youth Fellowship
Mon, Nov 20	7:00 pm	Adult Christ Ed Meeting (Kean Room)
	7:00 pm	Personnel Meeting (Carriage House)
Thurs, Nov 23		Office Closed for Thanksgiving
Fri, Nov 24		Office Closed for Thanksgiving
Sat, Nov 25th	10-11:30 AM	Youth vs Parents Flag Football

***Please note: Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, any items you would like to have included in next Sunday's bulletin must be submitted to Lara in the church office by Noon on Wednesday.**

The office will be closed on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of this week. If you email or call on those days, you may not get a response until Sunday. **If you have a pastoral emergency when the office is closed, you can call 610-764-6436.**



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

Blessed be your name, when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be your name.
Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be your name.

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise
And when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your glorious name

You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be your name

– From the song “Blessed Be Your Name”
by Matt Redman

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