

St. John's at Worship Christ the King Sunday

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

Introit

- *Call to Worship From Revelation 11, 12, and 15
Leader: The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah! And he will reign forever and ever!
People: We give you thanks, Lord God Almighty, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign!
Leader: Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah!
People: Great and amazing are your deeds, Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, King of the nations!
Leader: Lord, who will not fear and glorify your name? for you alone are holy.
People: All nations will come and worship before you, for your judgments have been revealed.
Leader: Let us sing, "Alleluia!" to our King!

*Hymn 158 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

*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
**We pray, "Your kingdom come," until it disrupts *our* kingdoms.
We pray, "Your will be done," until it interferes with *our* will.
We *want* to live in your kingdom, Lord, and we confess that it is very hard to do.
It is hard for us to let go of control.
It is hard for us to trust.
It is hard for us to love as unconditionally as you do.
We confess that we do not always allow the kingdom and the power and the glory to be yours, because we try to keep it for ourselves.
Remind us that we do not need to; that you will love us even if we are not powerful or perfect.
That is our hope as we give you our sin.**

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 Ezekiel 34:11 – 16, 20 – 24 (pg. 803) Brian Bouvier

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

Anthem

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:31 – 46 (Pg. 29)

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

*Affirmation of Faith Philippians 2:5 – 11
Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself out, taking on the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God the Father.

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

Offertory "Give Thanks"

*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 327 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

*Benediction

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD
Guest Organist Nancy Kimmons
Ushers Lee & Virginia Holt, Pat Marshall, Alice Bell
Greeter Andrea Zomber
Flowers Given by Gloria Recchi to Hank, with memories and love.

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, 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!

DEACON'S COAT DRIVE
Our annual coat drive is under way! 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.

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.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR RELIEF BENEFIT – THANK YOU!
Our Christmas Bazaar last Sunday was a lot of fun, and we raised \$2,467.25 that will be sent to disaster relief in Puerto Rico and Mexico! Thank you to everyone who made, donated, and bought items. We are especially grateful to Darien Irizarry and Christine Markle for imagining and organizing this wonderful outreach experience!

HANGING OF THE GREENS
Help us "deck the halls" on **Sunday, December 3rd at 4 PM** (at the same time as the Advent Craft Night). All are welcome to come and help prepare the church for the Advent season. There will be food and activities for children.

ANGEL TREE

The Angel tree is set up in Fellowship Hall, and there are still some angels remaining! 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. 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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Tonight – 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.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Nov 26	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
Sun, Dec 3	8:00 am	Deacons Meeting (Carriage House)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School Communion (Traditional)
	4:00 pm	Advent Craft Night & Hanging of the Greens

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

“Oxymoron”

By Thom Shuman

King of kings! Lord of lords! Glory Hallelujah!

Really?

Are these words just a neat, peppy praise song,
fun to sing, but empty of meaning?

No lords around here except those who
think they can lord it over everyone else,
but debt and worry and fear control my life;

Glory seems to be in short supply these days,
and hallelujahs don't seem to mean much to most folks;

But you...

You are a mystery solved in the impossibilities of life;
an enigma wrapped in wonder;
a majesty born in humility;
a life blossoming out of death.

And you...

You I could follow forever.

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