

St. John's at Worship Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle The Coradi Family

*Hymn (INSERT), vss. 1 – 4 “The Candle of Hope”

*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.

Scripture Reading Luke 1:46 – 55 (pg. 57)

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

CHORAL CANTATA

“JESUS! THE ADVENT OF THE MESSIAH”
Music by Mary McDonald
Words by Rose Aspinall

Overture and Christmas Gloria!
The Gathering
God with Us to Dwell
Underscore 1: Heavenly Peace
Heavenly Peace
He Is Born
Born a Mighty King
Underscore 2: There Is Room
There Is Room
Jesus! High and Holy One

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.**

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

*Hymn **240** “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

*Benediction

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*
Ushers *Carla Chieffo, Alice Bell, Sue and Bob Chudy*
Greeter *Jim Netter*
Refreshments *Scottie and Craig Williams*

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR MUSICIANS WHO HAVE WORKED HARD TO PRESENT THE CANTATA THIS MORNING:

Sopranos: Heather McConnell, Eve Edwards, Pat Churchill, Betsy Miller, Pam Schaffer
Altos: Crystal Charles, Nancy Kimmons, Nancy Coradi, Melia Boykin
Tenors: Hayden Smith, Ian Wolfe, Jeff Estabrook, Rich Scott
Baritone: Mark Ator, John McClintick, Jim Ryland, Paul Steege

*Instrumentalists: Anna Montejo (oboe), Myanna Harvey (violin), Tom McCauley (viola),
Cassia Harvey (cello), Patricia Turse (harp), Frank Mercurio (trumpet), Kevin Walker
(percussion)*

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, Jim 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!



FOR OUR BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS – THANK YOU!

<p><i>John & Barbara Alexander</i> <i>Mark & Elizabeth Ator</i> <i>Bob & Sue Chudy</i> <i>Steve & Kim Collett</i> <i>Ken & Nancy Coradi</i> <i>Nancy Davis</i> <i>Ken & Mary Dilloway</i> <i>Kermit & Earline Eck</i> <i>The Estabrook Family</i> <i>The Feldman Family</i> <i>Nancy Fielden Family</i> <i>Tom & Nancy Higgins</i> <i>Lee & Virginia Holt</i> <i>Nancy Kimmons & John Senior</i> <i>The Loftus Family</i> <i>Linda Corish in loving memory of Bob Risk</i> <i>Sandy Foster in loving memory of David Lawton</i> <i>The Zomber Family in memory of Effie Mae Clarida</i> <i>The Zomber Family in memory of Edward Fry, II</i> <i>The Zomber Family in memory of Everette & Grace Fry</i></p>	<p><i>Chuck & Jeanne Lynam</i> <i>David & Christine Markle</i> <i>Skip & Marianne McClennen</i> <i>Lee & Barbara McConnell</i> <i>Chris & Judy Miletto</i> <i>Jim & Carol Netter</i> <i>The Oliver Family</i> <i>Harold & Annie Powell</i> <i>Scott & Carolyn Repke</i> <i>Ann Roberts & Frank Lewandowski</i> <i>Pam Schafer</i> <i>Lee & Andy Walsh</i> <i>Mark & Liz Ward</i> <i>Gordon & Mimi Wright</i></p>
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THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Today we are receiving the Christmas Joy Offering. For more than 70 years, the Presbyterian Church has collected the Christmas Joy Offering to support the unmet needs of families who have devoted their lives to the mission of the PC(USA). This offering is shared equally by the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions (which provides critical assistance to Presbyterian Church workers and their families) and Presbyterian-affiliated racial ethnic schools and colleges (which enable students to develop their gifts and find their calling). There are envelopes in the pew racks if you would like to give, and the offering will be dedicated in January.

2018 FLOWER SIGN-UPS

The 2018 Flower sign-up calendar is now on display in Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to sign up for any open date and complete one of the order forms in the folder next to the calendar. The price remains \$48, which covers two arrangements, and they are yours to keep after worship or give to someone in need of a little cheer. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Marshall.

CATCHING UP WITH SUM!

On **Sunday, January 14**, our former Director of Children and Youth Ministries, Joseph Sum, will be here to tell us about his new ministry, Good News Ministries International! He will present a Minute for Mission in worship, and you are invited to join him after worship in the Carriage House to learn more.

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES

Our next monthly concert will feature a special opportunity to meet the composer Catherine McMichael. Many of Ms. McMichael's compositions have been featured throughout our concert series. She will be playing some of her work, and speaking briefly about her compositional process. *Meet the Composer*, will be **January 21, from 5–6 PM!** These concerts are free of charge, and open to the community. Please bring a friend and join us for an evening of amazing music!

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for 2018 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.

YEAR-END GIFTS

Year-end gifts will be credited in the 2017 tax year if they are received in the church office by Friday, Dec. 29, or postmarked by Dec. 31. Some members and friends of St. John's donate shares of stock or mutual funds at the end of the year. If you are interested in this option, we use Vanguard to process these transactions. Please ask your broker to use DTC number 0062; our account number is 6142 8971. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Bouvier.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

We offer several different ways for you to celebrate the birth of Christ:

9:30 AM – Morning Worship & Christmas Cantata

Join us for a morning of music, as the choir shares an arrangement of songs, interspersed with readings, to help us prepare for the coming of Christ.

4:00 PM – Family Service

Children in Pre-K – 5th grade are invited to take part in the nativity story. No rehearsals are needed, just follow the signs to the Kean Room for a costume!

8:00 PM – Candlelight Service

Candles will light our darkened sanctuary as a reminder that the Light of the World, Jesus Christ, has come.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ON DECEMBER 24 & 31

Today and next week, Sunday School classes will be combined for the holiday. PreK–4th grade will meet together in the Fellowship Hall to have a birthday for Jesus with a Christmas story, craft, and cake! Grades 5–7 have the choice to help with the party or join the High School Sunday School Class in the Carriage House. This arrangement will be the same on Sunday, December 31 to prepare for Epiphany!



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Youth Group Winter Kick-Off: January 7, 3:30–6:00 PM

Youth in grades 5 – 12 are invited to join us at Arnold's Family Fun Center for pizza, go karts, arcade games, and laser tag. The cost is \$15 a person. Invite your friends! Please let Ridgley know you will be coming by Friday, January 5.

New Youth Group Schedule beginning January 21

4:00–4:45 PM 5th–8th Grade Middle School Youth Fellowship

4:45–5:15 PM: 5th–12th Grade Combined Games

5:15–6:00 PM: 9th–12th Grade High School Youth Fellowship

Save the Date: February 17 – All Youth Ski Trip!
Sign up by February 1

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Dec 24	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School Christmas Cantata
	4:00 pm	Family Service
	8:00 pm	Candlelight Service
Sun, Dec 31	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
Fri, Jan 5	5:00 pm	Deadline to sign up for youth kick-off
Sun, Jan 7	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School Communion (Intinction)
	11:00 am	Deacon Retreat (off-site)
Mon, Jan 8	7:00 pm	Session Meeting (Kean Room)

**Please note that the church office will be closed the week after Christmas.
We will be checking messages multiple times each day,
and Patrick will still be available by email and phone.
If you have a pastoral emergency, you can call 610-764-6436.**



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

“Adeste” by John Blase

Come all ye faithful weary and worn.
Come let us adore him like the hope mongers
We are hanging on as by a thread to the tale
Of the girl and the God, and the baby they sang
Into the whole dear world.

Come all ye citizens of this spinning thorn.
Come let us sing though our eyes are tired
Of looking for His salvation. Let us raise our
Voices of that happy morn and groan him
Into the world one more time.

December 24, 2017
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