

St. John's at Worship First Sunday After Christmas

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

Introit

*Call to Worship

Leader: We have celebrated Christ's birth, the coming of God among us!
But still...we wait.

People: Come, Lord Jesus! Make all things new!

Leader: We wait with hope that Christ will come again to fully redeem creation.

People: May your Kingdom come and your will be done, in this world and in our lives!

Leader: As we wait, let us worship God.

*Hymn **246** "Joy to the World"

*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

**God of the ages, as we look back at this past year,
we are mindful of the ways in which we need to be made new.**

**We wish it were as easy as turning the page of a calendar,
but we need your help.**

**We give you the way that we *were*,
all the sin and failures and unfulfilled hope of the past year,
and we ask you to be at work in us, creating something new.**

**We give you the way the *world* was,
all the death and disease and hunger and injustice of the past year,
and we ask you to be at work redeeming your creation.**

**Forgive us, Lord, and set us free from a past
that we can no longer do anything about.**

**As we stand now at the threshold of this new year,
we pray that you would live in us and among us in new ways.**

**Bring to fulfillment the work that began in the birth of Jesus,
the work that will one day make all things – even us – new.**

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 Isaiah 65:17 – 25 (pg. 696) Howard Friend

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

Anthem "The Lord's Prayer" *Malotte*

Scripture Reading Revelation 21:1 – 5a (pg. 259)

Sermon OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW Rev. Marshall
At the end of the sermon, we will have a moment of silent reflection and prayer.

*Affirmation of Faith 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.**

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 **28 (INSERT)** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

*Benediction

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Ushers *Carla Chieffo, Rich Scott, Ann Swift, Jason Swift*

Greeter *Virginia Holt*

Flowers *In loving memory of a wonderful father, James Francis*

McConnell, Jr. by Lee & Barbara McConnell

Refreshments *Nancy & Bruce Phillips*

Guest Musicians *Luciana Piovan, Maximiliano Marques*

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, Virginia Holt, 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!

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

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

This week, some Sunday School classes will be combined for the holiday. The High School class will meet as usual. PreK-4th grade will meet together in the Fellowship Hall to learn about and celebrate Epiphany. 5th-7th grade have the choice to help with the younger class or join the High School class in the Carriage House. **Once you choose an option, you may not go back and forth between the Fellowship Hall and the Carriage House.** Regular Sunday School schedule will resume next Sunday.



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

Join us at Arnold's Family Fun Center for pizza, go karts, arcade games, and laser tag. The cost is \$15 per person. Invite your friends! Please let Ridgley know you will be coming by Friday, January 5. (includes grades 5 - 12)

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 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)

The office will be closed on Monday, in observance of New Year's Day

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.**

ST. JOHN'S LEADERSHIP

The Session

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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

"Now the Work of Christmas Begins"
By Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

December 31, 2017
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