

St. John's at Worship Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord

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

Introit

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1 – 12 (pg. 2)

*Call to Worship

Leader: With the wise men, we come, searching for the Messiah.

People: We have found him!

Jesus has been born King of kings and Lord of lords!

Leader: And yet, we are still searching for glimpses of his presence and glory in this world and in our lives.

People: We are still searching for light in the midst of darkness.

Leader: May we encounter him *here, now*,
and be illuminated by his presence as we worship God.

*Hymn **63 (INSERT)** “As with Gladness Men of Old”

*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 Mark 1:4 – 11 (pg. 1)

Unison Prayer of Confession *From a prayer by Howard Thurman*

Gracious God, there will be much to test us

and make weak our strength before the year ends.

In our confusion we shall often say the word that is not true

and do the thing of which we are ashamed.

There will be errors in the mind and great inaccuracies of judgment.

In seeking the light,

we shall again and again find ourselves walking in the darkness.

We shall mistake *our* light for *Your* light,

and we shall drink from the responsibility of the choices we make.

Though our days be marked with failures, stumblings, and fallings,

let our spirits be free,

so that You may take them and redeem our moments

in all the ways our needs reveal.

Give us the quiet assurance of Your love and presence.

Grant that we may pass through the coming year with faithful hearts.

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.**

Cherub Choir “Zacchaeus” Debbie Ealer, Director

At this time Pre-K – 4th grade leave for Sunday School until 10:45.

Grades 5 – 12 stay for communion.

Scripture Reading Ephesians 3:1 – 12 (pg. 193)

Sermon THERE IS ROOM Rev. Marshall

At the end of the sermon, we will have a moment of silent reflection and prayer.

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.**

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Intinction)

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn **610** “We Know That Christ Is Raised”

*Benediction

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Guest Organist

Nancy Kimmons

Ushers

Jeanne & Chuck Lyman, Kathy & Kate Johnson

Greeter

Carol Netter

Flowers

*Proverbs 17:6 “ Children's children are a crown to the aged and parents are the pride of their children”
- In honor of our parents, T. Borden and Marie Van Stone, C. Elmer and Ruth Wright.*

Joy Messengers

*Linda Duncan, Lisa Howell, Nancy Kimmons,
John Senior, Pam Shafer*

Cherub Choir

*Ryan Crill, 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, Carol 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!

CATCHING UP WITH SUM!

Next Sunday 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!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER RETURNS!

On **Sunday, January 28**, we will be working with the international hunger relief organization *Rise Against Hunger* to pack 10,000 meals for people around the world who are experiencing hunger. Anyone age 5 and older is welcome to participate, and we always have a great time! Be on the lookout for more information in coming weeks, and you can visit www.riseagainsthunger.org to learn more.

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.

ANNUAL MEETING – SAVE THE DATE

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of St. John’s is called for **Sunday, February 4 at 10:30 AM** (immediately following worship), for the purpose of:

- Distribution of the Annual Report
- Presentation of the Approved 2018 Budget
- Approval of Pastors’ Terms of Call for 2018
- Election of Elders, Deacons, and Trustees



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Youth Group Winter Kick-Off : TODAY 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. (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, Jan 7	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School Communion (Intinction)
	11:00 am	Deacon Retreat (Carriage House)
Mon, Jan 8	7:00 pm	Session Meeting (Kean Room)

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

Class of 2018

*John Adams, Sam Hillier (Clerk),
Jim Netter, Nancy Phillips*

Class of 2019

*Pat Churchill, Jeff Ealer,
Jeff Estabrook, Barbara McConnell*

Class of 2020

Laurie Cato, Christine Markle

Board of Deacons

Class of 2018

*Chrissy Bowvier, Sue Chudy (President),
Pat Marshall, Mimi Wright*

Class of 2019

*Kim Collett, Seth Duncan,
Kristi Thomson, Andrea Zomber*

Class of 2020

*Patrick Bullock, Mary K Darin,
Mary Dilloway, Stella Urbina*

Board of Trustees

Class of 2018

Bob Miller (President), John Lee, Liz Ward

Class of 2019

John Lieberman, Jeff Starke

Class of 2020

Skip McClennen, John McClintick, Rich Scott

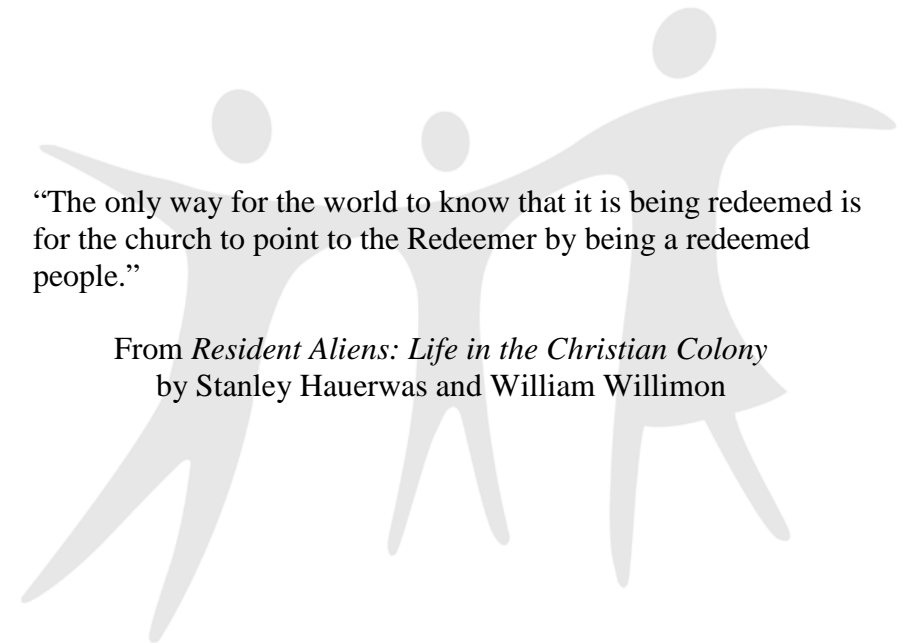


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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



“The only way for the world to know that it is being redeemed is for the church to point to the Redeemer by being a redeemed people.”

From *Resident Aliens: Life in the Christian Colony*
by Stanley Hauerwas and William Willimon

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