

St. John's at Worship Second Sunday of Easter

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

Introit "Up From the Grave He Arose" *Lowry*

*Call to Worship

Leader: The tomb is *still* empty!

People: Christ is *still* risen!

Leader: Jesus is Lord! Our redeemer lives!

**People: Because *he* lives, *we* can live new lives,
with God and with each other!**

Leader: Let us worship our living God!

*Hymn 304 "Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

*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

**The good news of Easter can wear off quickly,
and even after the celebration and transformation of that day,
we soon find ourselves walking down all the old paths of life;
the paths that lead not to life, but to death;
not to forgiveness, but to sin.**

Do not let us go back to the tomb, Lord.

Do not let us look there anymore.

You are *still* risen! You are *still* alive!

May *we* be risen, too! May *we* be alive, too!

**Set us back on your path of righteousness,
and continue to overcome the power that sin and death
attempt to hold over our lives.**

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 John 20:19 – 29 (pg. 115, NT)

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

Anthem "Lift Every Voice and Sing" *Courtney*

Scripture Reading 1 John 4:7 – 21 (pg. 241, NT)

Sermon RESURRECTING LOVE Rev. Marshall

*Affirmation of Faith from 1 John 4

Love is from God.

Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

God's love was revealed among us in this way:

God sent his only son into the world so that we might live through him.

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that God loved us

and sent his son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

No one has ever *seen* God;

if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

We have seen and do testify

that the Father sent his Son as the savior of the world.

So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

**God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God,
and God abides in them.**

Ordination, Installation, and Commissioning of Officers, Class of 2021
Presentation of Elder for Ordination/Installation

Sharlene Cirillo

Presentation of Deacon for Ordination/Installation

Jim Tiede

Constitutional Questions of Ordination/Installation

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

*All those who have previously been ordained as Deacons, Ruling Elders,
or Teaching Elders are invited to come forward for the laying on of
hands.*

Declaration of Ordination/Installation and Charge

Commissioning of Trustees

Gordon Wright (1-year term)

Recognition of Outgoing Elders, Deacons, and Trustees

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

Offertory "Lamb of God" *Barrett*

*Doxology and Presentation of the Offering

**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 308 "Thine Be the Glory"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Christ is Arisen" *Erickson*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeters *Virginia Holt*

Ushers *Gordon & Mimi Wright*

Flowers *Given by Bob & Betsy Miller with gratitude to our
parents and to our St. John's family.*

Coffee Service *Sharon Griffin*

Guest Musicians *Kevin Walker (percussion), Frank Mercurio (trumpet),
Paul Steege (trombone)*

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 downstairs in the Fellowship Hall 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!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

We continue to receive the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering. This offering goes to provide water, food, and disaster relief for those in need around the world. Please use the envelopes in your pew racks or visit <http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/oghs> to learn more and give online.

CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY – SAVE THE DATE

We will be taking pictures for a new pictorial directory on Saturday, April 14, Tuesday, April 17, Wednesday, April 18, and Thursday April 19. You may sign up for a time slot by visiting <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y9ln2930/> or you can contact Lara in the office, and she will assist you in selecting a time slot.

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP DINNER – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18 (6 PM)

Supper at St. John's may be over until the fall, but we want to keep eating! Join us on Wednesday, April 18 at 6 PM for the first of our monthly fellowship dinners. We will provide the main course, and we ask that you sign up to bring sides or dessert. Signups are available after worship in Fellowship Hall.

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES

Our next monthly concert will be **Sunday, April 29 from 5–6 PM**, and will focus on Spanish Composers. These concerts are free of charge and open to the community. Each month's concert focuses on a different theme, style of music, or composer, along with different instruments and vocalists. Please bring a friend and join us for an evening of amazing music!

WOMEN'S RETREAT – APRIL 27–29

**Bringing Hope to a World in Need:
Caring for Self, for Others, and for God's Creation**

The women of Central Presbyterian Church in Downingtown invite you to join them at the St. Mary's of Providence Retreat Center in Elverson, PA, for a weekend of worship, quiet reflection, small group conversation, and walking in God's creation. Our Speaker will be Betsy Friend, who has led spiritual retreats for 30 years. For more information, including registration, please contact Ellen Moeller.

UPCOMING ADULT EDUCATION

Please join us for a two-part discussion entitled *The Holy Spirit and an Invitation to Contemplation*, led by Nancy Arico. The discussion will be held on May 6 and May 20, at 11 AM in the Carriage House. Nancy will lead a discussion on what Pentecost means to us today, including a look at what scripture and our Book of Confessions tell us about who the Holy Spirit is, what the Spirit does, and how the Spirit draws us closer to God.

CARRIAGE CLUB – MONDAY, APRIL 9 (NOON)

Join us tomorrow for lunch and a presentation by St. John's member Michael Zomber, author of the book "Jesus and the Samurai – The Shining Religion and the Samurai." An internationally known authority on Japanese arms and armor and consultant to museums and auction houses throughout America and Europe, Michael examines the history of Japanese Christianity. Reservations, which are greatly appreciated, may still be made contacting Virginia Holt.

SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE

We are collecting gently used or new clothing items for children 5-8 years old who attend Chester County Family Academy: spring jackets, sweat shirts, shoes (size 1-5), new socks (youth children 4-10, or generic white crew socks) and T-shirts yellow (no logos, size youth M, youth L, and youth XL). Please put them in Carriage house closet by April 22. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Zomber.



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Join our group text! Text "@Sjpcyouth" to 81010
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April 8 – Youth Group, Carriage House

Faith and Science: Why Do People Put Darwin Fish on Their Cars?

Middle School youth will gather from 4:00–5:15 PM.

High School youth will gather from 4:45–6 PM.

April 15 – ALL-YOUTH GROG!

Middle and High Schooler students are invited to join us in the Carriage House from 4–6 PM for food, fun, and Grog!

April 22 – Youth Group, Carriage House

Faith and Science: Does God Really Care if I Pass Chemistry?

Middle School youth will gather from 4:00–5:15 PM.

High School youth will gather from 4:45–6 PM.

April 29 – All-Youth Trip to Broad Street Ministry

Middle and High School students are going to Broad Street Ministry in Philadelphia from 2:45–5:30 PM (**PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME**). This event is mandatory for mission trip attendees.

TEXAS MISSION OPPORTUNITY

In partnership with local churches and the First Presbyterian Church of Houston, St. John's has been invited to participate in several mission trips to Houston to repair homes damaged by Hurricane Harvey. Teams will be going on: **June 23–30**, and **July 1–8**. The registration deadline for both trips is May 1. Funding has been secured that will cover most, if not *all*, of the cost for each participant! For more information, stop by the table in Fellowship Hall, or contact Christine Markle or Nancy Higgins.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Apr 8	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School Ordination/Installation of New Officers
	10:45 am	CE Meeting (Copy Room)
	11:00 am	VBS Meeting (Kean Room)
	4:00 pm	Youth Group (Carriage House)
	5:00 pm	Women's Fellowship LIFT Event (Fellowship Hall)
Mon, Apr 9	Noon	Carriage Club (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 pm	All Boards Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 pm	Session Meeting (Kean Room) Deacons Meeting (Carriage House)
Wed, Apr 11	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
Sun, Apr 15	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School Confirmation Sunday

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

"What Now" by Roger Lovette

The service yesterday was glorious.

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today!

Alleluia! Alleluia!"

And we move toward the altar
to get the lily we bought.

The flower that remembered someone
living or dead.

From all over the church people came –
picking up lily after lily –

Until the altar was sparse and bare –
With only a lone lily or two left here and there.

One by one we moved to the parking lot.

We carefully placed our lily
so it wouldn't fall over and break –

With luck I'll dig a hole today or tomorrow
and hope next Spring I will see my lily again.

So I start the car
and move toward home.

All over town others follow the same ritual.

The music has stopped.

The Alleluias are over.

I take the key out of the ignition.

I am home.

What now?

What now that the Alleluias are over?

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