

**St. John’s at Worship  
Third Sunday of Easter**

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

Introit “Sheep May Safely Graze” *Bach*

\*Call to Worship

Leader: We are witnesses to the love God has poured into us.

**People: We are witnesses of God’s love, sharing it with each person we meet.**

Leader: We are witnesses to everyone we encounter,

**People: Little children like us, sisters and brothers in God’s family.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

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

\*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

**Living God, loving Father, Son, and Spirit,  
we come to you in praise and thanksgiving.  
Yet we know that we also come with doubts and fears.  
We know that we come in ignorance.  
We know that we have failed you,  
your creation,  
and your people,  
in so many ways.  
Trusting in your love, we turn again to you.  
As we open our hearts to your mercy and forgiveness,  
grant us your peace.  
Accept these prayers, accept our worship, accept us,  
through your love in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon 1 John 3:1 – 3

Leader: See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven!**

\*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 Psalm 4 (pg. 490, OT) Matthew Loftus

**Confirmation of the Baptismal Covenant**

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| Michael Coradi   | Son of Ken & Nancy Coradi<br>Dave Dalrymple, Mentor              |
| Abayomi Irizarry | Son of Mildred del Valle & Jose Irizarry<br>Ken Dilloway, Mentor |
| Darien Irizarry  | Son of Mildred del Valle & Jose Irizarry<br>Jim Tiede, Mentor    |
| Matthew Loftus   | Son of Kevin & Kristen Loftus<br>Jeff Estabrook, Mentor          |
| Sophie Slater    | Daughter of John & Paige Slater<br>Elizabeth Ator, Mentor        |

\*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.**

*Children Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade may go to Sunday School after Confirmation.*

\*Hymn **605** “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

Scripture Reading 1 John 3:1 – 7 (pg. 240, NT) Abayomi Irizarry

Sermon AND THAT IS WHAT WE ARE Rev. Joyner

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

Offertory “Ave Maria” *Gounod*

\*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 **267 (GREEN), vss. 1, 2, 4, 5**  
“The Summons”

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response “Rejoice in the Lord” *Hopson*

Postlude “Little Prelude in C Minor” *Bach*

*The rose on the communion table is in celebration of the birth of Madelyn Elizabeth Blake, great-granddaughter of Gordon & Mimi Wright, born on April 6.*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Director of Music** *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*  
**Greeters** *Virginia Holt*  
**Ushers** *Mimi & Gordon Wright, John & Sharon Griffin*  
**Flowers** *Given by Skip & Marianne McCledden,  
in remembrance of our loved ones*  
**Coffee Service** *Mildred del Valle & Jose Irizarry*  
**Guest Musicians** *Eve Edwards (soprano), Vincent Gao (piano)*

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 – THIS WEEK!

We will be taking pictures for a new pictorial directory on 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 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.

#### NEW MEMBERS CLASS – SUNDAY, APRIL 29

Are you interested in becoming a member of St. John's or just learning more about who we are and what we do? We will be hosting a New Members Class on Sunday, April 29 at 11:00 AM in the Carriage House. Anyone who wants to learn more about what it means to be a member is welcome to attend! Please talk to Patrick if you have any questions.

#### 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.

#### 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.



Follow us on Instagram! @StJohnsDevonYouth  
Join our group text! Text "@Sjpcyouth" to 81010  
Join our Parents Facebook Group: "St. John's Devon Youth"

#### **April 15 – ALL-YOUTH GROG!**

Middle and High School students are invited to join us in the Carriage House from 4–6 PM!

#### **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 2:45–6:00 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, contact Christine Markle or Nancy Higgins.

#### ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

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| <b>Sun, Apr 15</b>  | 9:30 am  | Worship & Sunday School<br>Confirmation Sunday                |
|                     | 11:00 am | Safety & Security Committee Meeting                           |
|                     | 4:00 pm  | Youth Group (Carriage House)                                  |
| <b>Tues, Apr 17</b> |          | Directory Photos (Carriage House)                             |
| <b>Wed, Apr 18</b>  | 9:00 am  | Prayer Group (Kean Room)<br>Directory Photos (Carriage House) |
|                     | 6:00 pm  | Fellowship Dinner (Fell. Hall)                                |
| <b>Thur, Apr 19</b> |          | Directory Photos (Carriage House)                             |

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



*The image of the shell has been associated with baptism since the first century. Paintings on the walls of the catacombs where early Christians worshipped depict people being baptized with water poured from a shell. The shell is often shown with three drops of water, an allusion to the Triune God in whose name we are baptized.*

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