

St. John's at Worship Consecration Sunday

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

Introit

*Call to Worship

Pastor: We are here to be rooted in Christ, so that he may come alive in us.

People: So let us worship in ways that let Christ become a living presence.

Pastor: Let us open our hearts, so that God's grace will flow through us.

People: Allowing us to bear God's fruit to a hungry and helpless world.

Pastor: Let us worship so that Christ's joy may become complete in us.

People: And so that we can share Christ's joy with the world.

*Hymn **62, vss. 1, 5, 7** "All Creatures of Our God and King"

*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

Holy Christ, you are holy generosity.

You have called us to live with generous and giving hearts.

**For your way is the way of self-emptying –
of giving more than just material things.**

You call us to give our lives for the sake of others.

Still, you know that this is hard for us.

**We are generous at times, but we also live in a culture
that teaches us to hold on to what we have,**

lavishing it on ourselves and those close to us.

We need you to fill our hearts with a generous spirit

that guides us to live in charity and selflessness in each moment.

Hear us now as we offer you our silent confessions...

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.**

Children's Time

Rev. Dr. Standish

As Pre-K–12th grade leaves for Sunday School, we send them with this liturgy:

Pastor: Now we go our separate ways to worship and learn about God.

Cong: **May God be with you there!**

Children: **May God be with you here!**

Anthem

"Jesus! High and Holy One"

McDonald

Scripture Reading

John 15:1 – 11 (pg. 109)

Sermon

ARE WE GRAFTED OR PRUNED?

Rev. Dr. Graham Standish

*Hymn (**INSERT**)

"If You Are the Vine"

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.**

*Consecration of Pledges

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

All that we have, Lord, all that we *are* is a gift from you.

So we give ourselves *back* to you now in thanksgiving,

and ask that you would use us for your glory.

You are holy, Lord. Make *us* holy.

Consecrate our gifts and make *them* holy.

Guide us as we work for your will to be done

in this world and in our lives.

Help us to keep and fulfill the promise we make today,

not for our own glory, but for *yours*, in Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Hymn **399**

"Take My Life"

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Jennifer Roberts and Virginia Holt*

Ushers *Liz, Mark, and Mary Caroline Ward, Alice Bell*

Flowers *Given by Chuck & Jeanne Lynam in memory of Chuck's
parents, Helen & Bill Lynam.*

Refreshments *Earline Eck*

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 following worship. Our greeters, Jennifer Roberts and 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!

COMMUNION IN NOVEMBER

Please note that we are not celebrating the Lord's Supper today. Instead, we will be sharing communion on Sunday, November 18.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Deacons are once again sponsoring a Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Great Valley Food Cupboard. Signup sheets with suggested food donations are available in Fellowship Hall. **The deadline for returning your donation is November 18.** For more information, please contact Patrick Bullock.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Building on last year's success, St. John's is having another Christmas bazaar on **Sunday, November 18** in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour. All proceeds will go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help those affected by Hurricanes Florence and Michael. This is a great opportunity for you to get in some early holiday shopping. For the bazaar to be a success, we need you to share your creative talents. Please consider donating your baked goods, art, jewelry, knitted, woven, and other handmade items to the bazaar. Items can be given to Lara in the church office. Contact Christine Markle with any questions.

ST. JOHN'S DANCING WITH THE STARS, SEASON 1

St. John's will be hosting a four-week adult dance class, starting shortly after the New Year and meeting every Saturday at 11:00 AM. A professional instructor will teach at least one ballroom dance and one folk dance per class. A quick and easy lunch will be served after the class, and we will be done by 1:00 PM. Space for this class is limited, so please contact Susanne Engheta if you are interested.

COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP (FEBRUARY 16–23, 2019)

This trip is in partnership with Wayne United Methodist Church and Costa Rica Mission Projects. It is an opportunity to serve and to show God's love through building and repairing churches and community buildings in Costa Rica. The **estimated cost is \$2,100**, to which St. John's will contribute \$400. A **\$100 deposit** is requested by **October 31**. For more information, please take one of the handouts on the table below the Outreach bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or contact Christine Markle.

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

The Deacons are looking for people willing to use their gifts to care for their church family by providing rides to worship for church members who are not able to drive! If you are interested in this opportunity for service and fellowship, please contact Kristi Thomson. If you live in or close to the Royersford, West Chester, and Valley Forge area, your help is especially needed.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY

Today is Consecration Sunday! Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately after worship for a Celebration Brunch. This is our way of thanking you for all the ways that you give of your time, energy, and resources to make the life and ministry of this church possible. Thank you for being good and faithful stewards of all the gifts that God has entrusted to us!

Our guest preacher this morning is the **Rev. Dr. Graham Standish**. Graham is the Executive Director of Samaritan Counseling Center, a multi-site organization in western Pennsylvania that provides faith-based counseling, consultation, and spiritual direction. For 22 years Graham was the Senior Pastor of Calvin Presbyterian Church in Zelienople, Pennsylvania. He is the author of seven books and an adjunct professor in the Doctor of Ministry program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, teaching in the area of spiritual formation and congregational leadership. (He taught one of the classes that Patrick took this past June.) Please welcome Graham and help him feel at home!

ST. JOHN'S KICKBALL GAME

Are you ready for some kickball? On Saturday, November 25, the youth ministry will host an all-church kickball game! We will meet at Wilson Park at 10:30 AM. If you are interested, please contact Jeff Ealer, so we can know how many people are coming. Bring a friend!

2019 HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

Rising 9th graders through graduated 12th graders will be going to Puerto Rico June 22–29 for next year's mission trip! The estimated cost is \$300-\$400. More details to come, but in order to book the flights, please reserve your spot by depositing \$150 with Ridgley by December 30.



November 4 – Youth Fellowship (Combined), 4–6 PM

Youth will be gathering to watch “Inside Out” and discuss places in scripture we can turn to in times of anxiety, transition, fear, joy, and sadness.

November 11 – Youth Fellowship (MS 4–5:15) (HS 4:45–6)

Join us for our monthly Mission Night!

November 18 – Youth Fellowship (MS 4–5:15) (HS 4:45–6)

November 24 – All-Church Kickball! (Wilson Park, 10:30 AM)

November 26 – Family Worship, NO YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Nov 4	Consecration Sunday 8:00 am Deacons Meeting (Carr. House) 9:30 am Worship & Sunday School 10:30 am Celebration Brunch (Fell. Hall)
Mon, Nov 5 Tues, Nov 6	Election Day <i>The Carriage House will be serving as a polling place, so if you come to the church, there may be limited parking.</i> 7:00 pm CE Meeting (Carriage House)
Wed, Nov 7	8:00 pm Cub Scout Parent Mtng (Kean) 9:00 am Prayer Group (Kean Room) 5:30 pm Cherub Choir (classroom behind the kitchen) Story Hour (ages 3 and under) 6:00 pm Supper at St. John's
Fri, Nov 9 Sun, Nov 11	6:45 am Men's Breakfast (Fell. Hall) 8:00 am Trustees Meeting 9:30 am Worship & Sunday School
Mon, Nov 12	7:00 pm Session Meeting

Please note: Ridgley will be out of the country from Thursday, Nov. 8 until Thursday, Nov. 15. She will not be able to respond to any emails or phone calls during that time.

Patrick is out of the office on Friday and Saturday. Lara is out on Saturday and Sunday. 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 484-604-0499.**



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

Prayer for the Week

Most gracious God,
we know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
Yet you choose to achieve that purpose
with us and through us.
Guide us in the way that you would have us go.
Help us to discern, with prayerful patience,
what you are calling us to do.
Lead us to *know* and *do* your will,
as individuals and as your church,
in the living, life-giving name of Jesus. Amen.

November 4, 2018
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