

## St. John's at Worship Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude "God's Grace" *Stephenson*

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

Introit "Meditation on Beautiful Savior" *arr. Moglebust*

\*Call to Worship

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made!

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Pastor: May the peace of Christ be with you all!

**People: And also with you!**

\*Hymn 11 (GREEN) "Be Still, for the Presence"

\*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 *From the Book of Common Worship*

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence,  
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.**

**Although Christ is among us as our peace,  
we are a people divided against ourselves  
as we cling to the values of a broken world.**

**The profit and pleasure we pursue  
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.**

**The fears and jealousies we harbor  
set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.**

**We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,  
intellect and reason,**

**and turn them into self-serving bonds of oppression.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us;**

**heal us and forgive us.**

**Set us free to serve you in the world**

**as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.**

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 Joshua 5:13 – 15 (pg. 197) Brian Bouvier

Cherub Choir "Give Thanks" Debbie Ealer, Director

*As Pre-K–12<sup>th</sup> 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 "Just as I Am" *McDonald*

Scripture Reading Ephesians 2:11 – 22 (pg. 192)

Sermon MAKING PEACE Rev. Marshall

\*Affirmation of Faith From the Belhar Confession

**We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects, and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.**

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another.**

**We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.**

**We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things, even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment and suffering be the consequence.**

**Jesus is Lord.**

**To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.**

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 431 "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction

\*Postlude

### ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Director of Music** *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

**Greeter** *Lee Holt and John Alexander*

**Ushers** *Christine Markle, Bob Miller, Bruce Phillips,  
Gordon Wright*

**Refreshments** *Earline & Kermit Eck*

**Cherub Choir** *James Adams, Luke Ealer, Ellie Fisher,  
Brandon Marshall, Emily Marshall, Ryan Marshall,  
Abigail Marvin, Travis Marvin*

**Rejoicing Ringers** *Rowan Bellew, Brigitte Belzer, Courtney Cato, Ryan Crill,  
Cat Duncan, Sarah Duncan, Nathan Geiger, Sarah Geiger,  
Avery Hillier, Andrew Ward*

**Devon Chapel Bells** *Susan Bain, Sue Chudy, Christina Fish, Sue Hardin,  
Sue Johnson, Susan Starke, Jim Tiede, Elizabeth Unger*

### 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, John Alexander and Lee 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!

### CHANCEL FLOWERS

One arrangement of flowers today is given by Barbara Alexander for the blessing from the Lord and the care of her doctor following her kidney transplant 30 years ago. It is also given to honor the parents of the young man who donated his organs. The other arrangement is given by the Alexanders in honor of all veterans for their service to our country.

### 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.

### DEACON COAT DRIVE

We are collecting gently-used adult and children's coats for Chester County Family Academy and Wise Choice Ministries. Coats can be dropped off in the front closet of the Carriage House **through November 24.** Also, donations of \$20.00 provide brand new coats through More Than Auto Dealers' annual "Driving Away the Cold" campaign. You can visit their website ([www.morethanautodealers.com](http://www.morethanautodealers.com)) to contribute. Please contact Andrea Zomber if you have any questions.

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our annual Christmas bazaar is **next 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 to get in some early holiday shopping (cash or check only). 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. Items can be dropped off in the Kean Room throughout this week (baked goods can be brought to the Fellowship Hall before worship that day). 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.

## COMMUNION IN NOVEMBER

We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper next Sunday, November 18.

## 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.

## 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!

## ADVENT BOOK STUDY

Join us on **Sunday, December 2 at 11 AM** in the Carriage House as we begin a 4-week study of the book *Advent Conspiracy: Can Christmas Still Change the World?* by Rick McKinley, Chris Seay, and Greg Holder. This book seeks to enrich our understanding of Advent and prepare us to celebrate Christmas, not as a season of retail consumption, but as a season of compassion; not of presents, but of *presence*. The book is available on Amazon (\$9.08 for paperback, \$6.49 for Kindle), and you are asked to provide your own copy. For the first session, we will be discussing chapters 1 and 3.

## 2019 HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

Rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders through graduated 12<sup>th</sup> 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 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**

## 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.

## ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

<b>Sun, Nov 11</b>	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	11:00 am	Nominating Committee Meeting (Kean Room)
<b>Mon, Nov 12</b>	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
<b>Wed, Nov 14</b>	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
<b>Thurs, Nov 15</b>	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
<b>Fri, Nov 16</b>	6:45 am	Men's Breakfast (Fell. Hall)

**Please note: Ridgley is out of the country 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  
(Adapted from *The Prayer of St. Francis*)

Make us a channel of your peace  
Where there is hatred let us bring your love  
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you

Make us a channel of your peace  
Where there's despair in life let us bring hope  
Where there is darkness, only light  
And where there's sadness ever joy

Oh, master grant that we may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand  
To be loved as to love with all our souls

November 11, 2018  
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