

St. John’s at Worship Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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

*Call to Worship Psalm 100
 Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God’s presence with singing.
 Pastor: Know that the Lord is God.
People: It is the Lord that made us; we are God’s people, the sheep of God’s pasture.
 Pastor: Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving, and God’s courts with praise.
People: Give thanks to the Lord and bless God’s name.
 Pastor: For the Lord is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever, and God’s faithfulness to all generations.
People: Let us worship God!

*Hymn **694, vv. 1, 2, 4** “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

*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
Gracious God, we are so quick to say, “Please,” asking you for what we need (or *think* we need). Yet we often forget to say, “Thank you,” when you actually provide. You give because you love us, but we take because we *expect* it. Our sin is that we take for granted – you, this world, each other, and even our own lives. Have mercy upon us and transform our entitlement into gratitude. Remind us that each *day*, each *breath*, each *relationship* is a gift from you. Help us to give thanks, not just with our *lips*, but with 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 Luke 17:11 – 19 (pg. 80) Jeff Starke

Children’s Time Rev. Marshall
As Pre-K–4th 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 “Thanks Be to God” *Pote*

Sermon THANK YOU NOTES Rev. Marshall

*Hymn **102** “Now Thank We All Our God”

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper (Intinction)

Invitation to the Table
 Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
 Communion of the People
 Prayer after Communion

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 **554 (INSERT)** “Let All Things Now Living”

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*
Greeter *Mary K. DaRin*
Ushers *Andy & Lee Walsh, Jim & Carol Netter*
Flowers *Given by Kathy and John Shaw in memory of our parents*

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 greeter, Mary K. DaRin, 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!

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 today.** 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) to contribute. Please contact Andrea Zomber if you have any questions.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR RELIEF BENEFIT – TODAY!

St. John’s is having a Christmas bazaar **after worship in Fellowship Hall** to raise money for victims of recent hurricanes in North Carolina and Florida. Church members have donated baskets for raffle, as well as handmade crafts, artwork, baked goods, and other items. Please stop by the Fellowship Hall after worship to do some Christmas shopping in support of a great cause (cash or check only, please).

ANGEL TREE STARTS TODAY!

The Angel tree is set up in Fellowship Hall, decorated with over 100 Angels! On each Angel you’ll find the name, age and gift suggestion for a child. These children either attend Sherwood Christian Outreach Center in Philadelphia, Chester County Family Academy, or has an incarcerated parent who is a part of prison ministries. Please consider sponsoring an Angel (or two). Gifts suggestions are on the tags, and we ask that you keep your gift selections in the \$25 range. Wrapped gifts are to be returned to Fellowship Hall no later than December 9. ***Please attach the gift name tag to your gift.*** We are in need of several more volunteers to make this a success. Please contact either Kim Collett or Marianne McClennen if you are able to help.

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 AT ST. JOHN'S

Today we are celebrating the Lord's Supper together. In the bread as Jesus' body and the cup as his blood, Christ is spiritually present with us and nourishes us, body and spirit, to live lives of faith. At St. John's, communion is never just for Presbyterians or members of the church. Everyone who seeks the goodness of God is welcome to share this meal! You will be invited to come forward by the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, eat, and return to your seat by the outside aisles. Gluten free bread is available on the small table by the pulpit.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY – THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who attended worship and the brunch on Consecration Sunday last week...it was a wonderful day! We would also like to extend a very special thank you to everyone who served on the Stewardship Committee and helped make Sunday such a special day: Bob Miller, Brian Bouvier, Libby Dalrymple, Ken Dilloway, Tom Higgins, Patrick Marshall, Skip McClennen, and Ellen Moeller. Thank you all! *Contribution envelopes are now available for you to pick up in Fellowship Hall.*

ST. JOHN'S KICKBALL GAME

Are you ready for some kickball? On **Saturday, November 24**, 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 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 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 18	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School Communion (Intinction)
	11:00 am	Christmas Bazaar (Fell. Hall)
	4:00 pm	Youth Fellowship
Wed, Nov 21	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
Thurs, Nov 22		Office closed for Thanksgiving
Fri, Nov 23		Office closed for Thanksgiving
Sat, Nov 24	10:30 am	Kickball at Wilson Park
Sun, Nov 25	9:30 am	Family Worship
Mon, Nov 26	12:30 pm	Ryan's Case for Smiles

***Please note: Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, any items you would like to have included in next Sunday's bulletin must be submitted to Lara in the church office by 10:00 am on Wednesday.**

Patrick and Ridgley are 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
(Written by Sarah Buteux)

Most gracious God,
as we prepare to celebrate and give thanks,
may we find it in our hearts to be grateful, no matter what.
May we praise you for what we can *do*
and praise you in spite of what we *cannot*.
May we thank you for what *is* and what is *not*;
for what is going *well* and for what is *not*.
May we thank you for what brings us joy
and even for that which brings us grief,
for if our grief testifies to anything,
it testifies to the depths of our love.
Bless us and keep us, merciful savior,
and turn our hearts ever and always
toward your all-encompassing light,
you who are our creator and savior,
our redeemer and friend. Amen.

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