

St. John's at Worship Christ the King Sunday

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

*Call to Worship

Psalm 47

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples; **(Clap twice)**
shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**People: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.**

Leader: God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

**People: Sing praises to God, sing praises;
Sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

Leader: For God is king of all the earth.

**People: God is king over the nations;
God is highly exalted!**

Leader: Let us worship God!

*Hymn 158

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

*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

**Almighty God, our tongues might confess that you are Lord,
but our knees do not always bend.**

**We bow down to many *other* kings;
those rooted in the power and pleasure of this world.**

**In our pursuit of instant gratification,
we have sinned against you and against each other,
in word, thought, and deed.**

**We praise you with our lips,
but not always with our *lives*.**

**We *hope* that there is still room in your kingdom for us,
and that we might yet be able to do your will on earth,
in *our lives*, as it is in heaven.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leaders: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Alleluia! Amen!

*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 13:18–21 (pg. 76)

Ellie Fisher, Ryan Marshall

Children's Time

Rev. Joyner

Sermon

GROWING CHRIST'S KINGDOM

Rev. Marshall

*Affirmation of Faith

Philippians 2:6–11

Pastor: Who do we serve as king?

People: Jesus Christ our Lord!

Pastor: And what *kind* of king is he?

**People: Though he was in the form of God,
he did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking on the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death –
even death on a cross.
Therefore, God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

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 246

“Joy to the World”

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Lyn Strickler*

Ushers *Andy & Lee Walsh, Jim & Carol Netter*

Flowers *Given by John & Kathy Shaw in memory of their parents*

Participants *Brandon Marshall, Ryan Marshall, Emily Marshall,
Ryan Crill, Sarah Crill, Travis Marvin, Abby Marvin,
Ellie Fisher, Teagan Bullock, Sophie Coradi, Anna Tiede,
Claire Tiede*

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!

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to sign up to sponsor flowers in 2019, please contact Jeanne Lynam. Cowan's Flowers creates the bouquets and bills the sponsor directly at a cost of \$48. You may take the flowers home after worship or donate them to one of our homebound or hospitalized members. **We are still in need of flower sponsors for Dec. 9 and 30 of this year!**

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS ARE COMING!

The Deacons are accepting sponsorships for beautiful red poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary from December 16 through 24. The cost will be \$10 per plant, and the poinsettia is yours to take after the 8 PM Christmas Eve service. If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia, please see Jeanne Lynam after worship

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – THANK YOU!

We would like to thank everyone who helped make last week's Christmas Bazaar such a wonderful experience! Whether you made/donated items or bought them, you helped us raise \$2,300 for hurricane relief in Florida and North Carolina, plus \$127 to buy a she-goat for a farm in Gambia!

ANGEL TREE

Thanks to your wonderful response last week, we only have three angels left on the Angel tree! 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. On each angel you'll find the name, age, and gift suggestion for a child (we ask that you keep your gift selections in the \$25 range). Wrapped gifts are to be returned to Fellowship Hall by December 9. ***Please attach the gift name tag to your gift.*** We are in need of several more volunteers to help deliver the gifts. Please contact Kim Collett or Marianne McClennen if you are able to help.

ADVENT BOOK STUDY

Join us on **Sunday, Dec. 2 (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 discuss chapters 1 and 3.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Help us “deck the halls” **December 2 at 4 PM** (at the same time as the Advent Craft Night). All are welcome to come and help prepare the church for the Advent season.

ADVENT CRAFT NIGHT – DECEMBER 2 (4–6 PM)

Join us for our annual Advent Craft Night for ages 4th grade and under. We will have a story time, dinner, and crafts! The kids will also receive their family devotional for the advent season. The MS and HS Youth are invited to help the kids, and even do some crafts! Dinner will be served at no cost, but donations are accepted.

ST. JOHN’S CONCERT SERIES

Our next monthly concert, *Sounds of the Christmas Season*, will be on **Sunday, December 9 from 5–6 PM!** These concerts are free of charge and open to the community. Please bring a friend and join us for an evening of amazing music!

CARRIAGE CLUB

On **Monday, December 10, at Noon**, Carriage Club will meet in Fellowship Hall. Following a light lunch of salads and sandwiches, we will move to the sanctuary where our Director of Music, Iris Blanco-Urgelles, along with Cassia and Myanna Harvey, will treat us to a Christmas Concert. Reservations may be made by contacting Virginia Holt. If you are able to provide a desert or a salad, please note that in your response.

COLLEGE CHRISTMAS PARTY – DECEMBER 23 (6 PM)

All college-aged young adults are invited to join Ridgley and Patrick at the Manse on Sunday, December 23 at 6 PM for pizza and fellowship!



November 25 – Family Worship, NO YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

December 2 – Advent Craft Night 4–6 PM (12th grade and under)

December 9 – All-Youth Christmas Party (4–6 PM)

Join us at the Home of Betsy and Howard Friend. MS Youth bring a snack to share and HS Youth bring a dessert to share!

December 17 – Movie Night! Stay tuned for details!

High School Sabbath Retreat – Lake Naomi, Pocono Mountains

Join us for a weekend of relaxation, faith formation, and fellowship Friday, January 25 through Sunday, January 27. Sign-ups start Jan 1!

Mission Trip Informational Meeting

There will be an informational meeting on Sunday December 9 in the Carriage House for parents and youth to learn more about the mission trip to Puerto Rico June 22–29, 2019. This trip is for rising 9th graders through graduated seniors.

Have you submitted your t-shirt size to Ridgley yet? Shirts get ordered next week! Email her TODAY.

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

Sun, Nov 25	9:30 am	Family Worship
	11:00 am	Nominating Committee (Kean)
Mon, Nov 26	12:30 pm	Ryan’s Case for Smiles
Wed, Nov 28	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
Sun, Dec 2	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School Communion (Traditional)
	11:00 am	Advent Book Study
	4:00 pm	Hanging of the Greens
	4-6 pm	Family Craft Night

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

Almighty God,
we pray that you would reign in our hearts and minds;
that you would be the Lord of our lives –
of our words and thoughts,
our time and abilities,
our resources and relationships.
Help us to know what you are calling us to do,
and to live each moment of each day
with an awareness of your presence.
May we live in your kingdom, according to your will,
doing *all* that we do in a way
that reflects your lordship in our lives.
We give ourselves to you in the name of Jesus,
the king of kings, who reigns forever. Amen.

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