

**St. John's at Worship
First Sunday after Christmas**

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

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: Joy to the world!

People: The Lord has come!

Pastor: One day is not enough to contain the good news of God's living presence in this world, so in this season of Christmas, we *continue* to celebrate Christ's birth!

People: Emmanuel – God is with us!

Pastor: Let us worship God!

*Hymn **234, vv. 1, 3** "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

***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.

The Promise of a Messiah

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:2, 6 – 7 (pg. 638)

Hymn **110 (INSERT), vv. 1, 3** "Love Has Come"

The Annunciation

Scripture Reading Luke 1:26 – 38 (pg. 56)

Hymn **240, vv. 1, 2** "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

The Birth of Jesus

Scripture Reading Matthew 1:18 – 25 (pg. 1)

Hymn **230, vv. 1, 2** "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1 – 7 (pg. 58)

Hymn **217, vv. 1, 2** "Away in a Manger"

The Proclamation to Shepherds

Scripture Reading Luke 2:8 – 20 (pg. 58)

Hymn **238, vv. 1, 3** "Angels We Have Heard on High"

The Word Made Flesh

Scripture Reading John 1:1 – 18 (pg. 91)

Hymn **246** "Joy to the World"

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.)

Our Response to Christ's Birth

Scripture Reading Titus 2:11 – 14 (pg. 215)

*Hymn **251, vv. 1, 3** "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

*Benediction

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Guest Organist

Nancy Kimmons

Greeter

Virginia Holt

Ushers

Carla Chieffo, Rich Scott, Pat Churchill

Refreshments

Judy and Chris Mileto

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, 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!

THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Over the next few weeks, we are receiving the Christmas Joy Offering. For more than 70 years, the Presbyterian Church has collected the Christmas Joy Offering to support the unmet needs of families who have devoted their lives to the mission of the PC(USA). This offering is shared equally by the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions (which provides critical assistance to Presbyterian Church workers and their families) and Presbyterian-affiliated racial ethnic schools and colleges (which enable students to develop their gifts and find their calling). There are envelopes in the pew racks if you would like to give, and the offering will be dedicated in January.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to sponsor flowers in 2019, please contact Jeanne Lynam (cwlynam@msn.com). 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.

REGISTER FOR ST. JOHN'S DANCING WITH THE STARS

St. John's will be hosting a four-week adult dance class thought by a professional instructor. The class will meet on Saturdays, January 12 through February 2, from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Light lunch and fellowship to follow. Cost is \$60 per person for the whole course, including lunch. Register today in the Fellowship Hall or contact Susanne Engheta. Space is limited, so register today!

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for 2019 are located downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Please pick them up at your convenience. If there is not one with your name on it, and you would like one, please call Ken Dilloway.

YEAR-END GIFTS

Year-end gifts will be credited in the 2018 tax year if they are received in the church office by Friday, December 29, or postmarked by the 31st. Some members and friends of St. John's donate shares of stock or mutual funds at the end of the year. If you are interested in this option, we use Vanguard to process these transactions. Please ask your broker to use DTC number 0062; our account number is 6142 8971. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Bouvier.

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S ADULT ED. WINTER/SPRING 2019

Our Adult Education program will be held Wednesdays, January 16 through March 20, 2019. We begin at 6:00 PM with a delicious church-cooked meal, followed by a choice of study to begin at 7:00 PM, and we conclude promptly at 8:00 PM. We are offering two 5-week classes during the first half of the winter program, followed by one 5-week class for the second half. See the bulletin insert for more information and course descriptions! Childcare is available. Look for sign-ups during coffee fellowship after worship or contact Libby Dalrymple. We are also looking for a dedicated clean-up crew. You will be treated to dinner and do not need to participate in the class. This is an important part of the success of our church program. If you would like to help, please contact Libby Dalrymple.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

St. John's will be hosting *two* special concerts in January:

Sunday, January 13 at 5:00 PM, *Our Favorite Things*

This is a free recital presented by Lara Kennedy and her colleagues Lyndsay Varsaci and Jonathan Kreamer, featuring handpicked selections from a variety of genres, including blues, gospel, classical, and musical theater.

Sunday, January 27 at 5:00 PM, *Folk Music II*

This is the next in Iris's monthly concert series, revisiting last year's popular focus on folk songs from around the world.

These concerts are free and open to the whole community, so we hope that you will join us and bring a friend for two wonderful evenings of amazing music.



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!

Youth Group Winter Kickoff – Sunday, January 6 (4 PM)

We will kick off Youth Group in 2019 at Escape Room Mystery in King of Prussia. Space is limited, so sign up with Ridgley today!

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Dec 30	9:30 am	Family Christmas Worship
Tues, Jan 1	Church Office Closed for New Year's Day	
Wed, Jan 2	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
Sun, Jan 6	8:00 am	Deacons Meeting (Carr. House)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School Communion (Intinction)
	11:00 am	Nominating Committee (Kean)

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.**

ST. JOHN'S LEADERSHIP

The Session

Class of 2019

*Pat Churchill, Jeff Ealer,
Jeff Estabrook, Barbara McConnell*

Class of 2020

Laurie Cato, Christine Markle

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*Libby Dalrymple, Susanne Enghetta,
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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

A Christmas Prayer
by Robert Louis Stevenson

Loving Father,
Help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate
and open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift
and good desires with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing
which Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning
make us happy to be thy children,
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds
with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven,
for Jesus' sake. Amen.

December 30, 2018
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