

St. John's at Worship Baptism of the Lord

Prelude "Glory to the Newborn King" *Edwards*

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

Introit "O Come Let Us Adore Him" *Sherman*

Scripture Reading Luke 3:21–22 (pg. 60)

*Call to Worship

Pastor: May your Spirit descend upon *us* now, Lord...

People: That we might remember whose children we are!

Pastor: Baptize us with your presence...

People: That we might live in your love!

Pastor: Let us worship God!

*Hymn **492 (INSERT)** "Baptized in Water"

*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, you promise that you are always with us.

But sometimes it is so hard to trust in that promise.

**We look around us and see pain and suffering,
sickness and sadness –**

some of it a result of our actions,

some of it impossibly beyond our control –

and we doubt the possibility of your presence.

Reassure us that you are with us. Remind us of your love.

Wash us and cleanse us of all our sin,

that we might hold on to you, and to each other,

as you hold on to us, in Christ. Amen.

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 Isaiah 43:1–7 (pg. 672) Jeff Wagner

Children's Time Rev. Joyner

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 "God Watches Over Me" *Robyn*

Scripture Reading Romans 8:18–27 (pg. 158)

Sermon THROUGH THE WATERS Rev. Marshall

*Affirmation of Faith from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1983)

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,

whom alone we worship and serve.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,

praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Offering (Ushers will also collect blue prayer request cards at the time of the offering.)

Offertory "Meditation" *Massanet*

*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 **610** "We Know That Christ Is Raised"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "The Lord Bless You" *Hopson*

*Postlude "I Will Come to You"

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Amy Lord*

Ushers *Jeanne & Chuck Lynam, Kathy Johnson, Kate Johnson*

Flowers *Proverbs 17:6 – "Children's children are a crown to*

the aged and parents are the pride of their children."

The flowers on January 6 were given by Mimi &

Gordon Wright, in honor of their parents, T. Borden

& Marie Van Stone, and C. Elmer & Ruth Wright.

Today's flowers are given by the Zomber Family, in

loving memory of Ed Fry II.

Refreshments *Nancy & Dick Ollinger*

Devon Chapel Bells *Susan Bain, Sue Chudy, Christina Fish, Sue Hardin, Sue*

Johnson, Susan Starke, Jim Tiede, Elizabeth Unger

Rejoicing Ringers *Brigitte Belzer, Rowan Bellew, Courtney Cato, Ryan*

Crill, Cat Duncan, Sarah Duncan, Nate Geiger, Sarah

Geiger, Avery Hillier, Andrew Ward, Oliver Feldman

Guest Musician *Jess Schury (flute)*

The Rejoicing Ringers are dedicating their pieces this morning to Oliver Feldman, who is ringing now in the heavenly choir. We love you and miss you, Oliver!

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, Amy Lord, 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!

BLANKET DRIVE

Please consider a contribution to the annual Women's Fellowship Blankets+drive for Church World Service. Donations will be taken using the envelope included in your bulletin during the offering in worship, or at coffee hour. All around the world, Church World Services helps impoverished communities with the basic tools they need to sustain their families. Your gifts provide warm blankets, hygiene kits, clean-up buckets, seeds and tools for farming, and food for those in need. Checks may be made payable to St. John's, with "Women's Fellowship" in the memo.

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!

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. 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. **Nancy Davis will be downstairs during coffee fellowship taking signups.**

WOMEN'S BIBLICAL REFLECTIONS

This group meets every Sunday morning at 8 AM in the carriage house. They are a dedicated group of women who meet to reflect on their faith. Currently the group is studying C.S. Lewis' book *Miracles*. Join them next Sunday!

UPCOMING CONCERTS

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

Today, 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.



Today, January 13 – Youth Fellowship

All youth are invited to meet in the Carriage House from 4–6 PM. We will have the Eagles game on for anyone who wants to watch, and space for us to just be together.

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-up by Jan. 15!**

Monday, January 21 – MLK Day of Service (10 AM to 4 PM)

We will be making pillowcases for Ryan's Case for Smiles as a part of Oliver Feldman's Eagle Scout project. **There will be two shifts:**

10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Ridgley must know by 4 PM today which shift you will be attending.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Jan 13	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	5:00 pm	Concert – <i>Our Favorite Things</i>
Mon, Jan 14	7:00 pm	Session Meeting (Kean Room)
Thur, Jan 17	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Sat, Jan 19	8:30 am	Interfaith Group
Sun, Jan 20	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
Mon, Jan 21		MLK Day of Service (office closed)

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

“Kneeling in the Darkness”
by Christine Sine

Let us kneel in the darkness,
until we see God's light emerge.
Let us wait with hope-filled hearts,
as Christ's image grows within us and shows us life.
Let him speak to us and teach us love,
until we open our hearts to be his home.

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