

St. John's at Worship Easter Sunday

Introit "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" *Blevins*

Scripture Reading John 20:1-18 Mildred del Valle Morales

*Call to Worship

One: You have come here looking for Jesus who was crucified...

All: He is not here! He has been raised!

One: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

One: Let us worship our risen Lord!

*Hymn 302, vss. 1, 3, 5 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

*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.

*Confession of Faith *From the Book of Common Worship*

One: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

All: Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, he was buried, he was raised on the third day, and he appeared, first to the women, then to Peter and the disciples, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;

He is our Lord and our God.

One: Great is the mystery of faith!

All: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

*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.

Children's Time Rev. Joyner

Please fill out the black fellowship pad in your pew at this time.

Children return to their families after the children's time.

Scripture Reading Romans 6:3-11 (pg. 156) Jeff Estabrook

Anthem "Jesus Is the Living Stone" *McDonald*

Sermon LETTING GO TO HOLD ON Rev. Marshall

*Presentation of Offering & 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 and Prayers of the People

*Hymn 318, vss. 1, 3, 5 "Christ Is Alive"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Christ Is Risen" *Ericson*

Postlude "Thine Be the Glory" *McMichael*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Music Director *Iris Blanco Urgelles*

Ushers *Lynne Hay, Tom Higgins, Jim Ryland*

Guest Musicians *Cassia Harvey (cello), Myanna Harvey (violin),*

Patty Turse (harp)

Coffee Servers *Bob & Betsy Miller*

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

We are so happy that you have joined us to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ this morning, and we hope that you experience the new life that this day brings! 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 downstairs for refreshments and fellowship immediately following worship. We are glad that you are here and hope you will worship with us again soon. Happy Easter!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

Today we will begin receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. This offering goes to provide water, food, and disaster relief for those in need around the world. Please use the envelopes in your pew racks or visit <http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/oghs> to learn more and give online.

WITH THANKS FOR OUR BEAUTIFUL EASTER LILIES:

John & Barbara Alexander

Gwendolyn & Donald Brown

Laurie Cato

Jean Converse

Ken & Nancy Coradi

Jeff & Lisa Estabrook

Lauren & Jason Feldman

Lee & Virginia Holt

John & Julie Lieberman

Dan & Jen Lortz

Chuck & Jeanne Lynam

Don & Sarah Marvin

Skip & Marianne McClellan

Frank Mercurio

Vernon & Wanda Odom

Ann Roberts

Pam Schafer

John Senior & Nancy Kimmons

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Starting tomorrow, Nancy Wolfe will begin serving as our interim Church Administrator until a permanent Admin is hired. Her email address is Admin@stjohnsdevon.com (the permanent Admin will also be using this address). Nancy will be in the office Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Please feel free to stop by the office this week to welcome her! As a reminder, any announcements to be included in the bulletin or weekly email need to be submitted to Nancy by Noon on Wednesdays.

LOVING SOMEONE WITH DEMENTIA

Last week we started a 3-part educational series on Dementia and Alzheimer's, led by Lauren Tiede. Join us in the Carriage House at 10:45 AM after worship to learn more about caring for our loved ones who have these hard diagnoses.

April 24: Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's & Dementia

May 22: Effective Communication Strategies

UKRAINE RELIEF

As the number of Ukrainian refugees continues to increase by the day, food and other supplies inside Ukraine are becoming increasingly scarce. Churches and ecumenical partners who are already there are helping to provide basic items for survival for the millions who have been displaced. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing direct funding for these partners who are on the ground. **St. John's Outreach Committee is donating \$10,000 towards this effort, and they would like to challenge the congregation to match this amount!** (We have already received \$4,800...almost halfway to the goal!) The Synod of the Trinity will also be matching all funds through the presbytery. All funds given through PDA will assist with international refugee resettlement. If you would like to contribute, please write a check to St. John's with "Ukraine" in the memo line. You can place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. We will send all checks to the Presbytery. More information can be found in our weekly email.

TEAM OLIVER PILLOWCASE SEWING DAY

Join us for our 3rd Team Oliver Pillowcase Sewing Day, **Saturday, April 23**, from **10:00 AM to 3:30 PM**, to support Ryan's Case for Smiles! No experience is needed. There will be food and fun music, and we will have volunteers to help guide you. Donations are gladly accepted to help cover the cost of fabric. If you have a Team Oliver shirt, please wear it! Please RSVP to Lauren Feldman (laurengfeldman@yahoo.com).

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES

The St. John's Concert Series returns on **Sunday, April 24 at 5:00 PM** for an exciting concert of all American music! The Musicalia Ensemble will be joined by singers Eugenia Forteza, Benjamin Greenfield, Bethann Dilione, and John Owens, and percussionist Owen Osborne. Come join us for an exciting evening of James Taylor, Leonard Bernstein, jazz, and more!

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S TEA

On **Sunday, May 1 at 3:00 PM**, women of all ages, including children and youth ages 10 and up, are invited for a time of fellowship and reflection as we enjoy tea sandwiches, scones, cookies, and of course an assortment of teas in Fellowship Hall. Hat and gloves optional! Please RSVP with a Women's Fellowship representative during coffee fellowship following worship today or email Nancy Arico at nancy.arico@verizon.net (please include "Women's Tea" in the subject line).

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Our women's book group has started a new book, *Making Sense of the Bible* by Adam Hamilton. We are meeting in person and by Zoom, and anyone is welcome to "drop in" for one or all sessions. We invite and encourage all women to be part of the group. It is casual and wonderful conversation, and the reading each week is short. If you have questions, and to get the Zoom link, please email Carolyn Repke. The book club will not meet on Easter.

SPRING FESTIVAL – SUNDAY, MAY 22 (4:30–6 PM)

It has been a long two years of Covid, and we want to have some fun! The Christian Fellowship Committee is organizing a Spring Festival on Sunday, May 22, rain or shine. This will be a great opportunity to enjoy food and fellowship, catch up with old friends, and meet new ones! Look for more information in the coming weeks. Contact Susanne Engheta (tartapplesus@gmail.com) if you would like to help.

INTERGENERATIONAL MOVIE NIGHT

Next **Sunday, April 24 at 7:00 PM** all youth and children are invited to join us at Covenant Presbyterian Church Frazer, PA for an outdoor movie – *Zootopia*. Be sure to bring a tailgating chair and money for snacks!

DEVON HORSE SHOW PARKING FUNDRAISER

Horseshow Parking is back, **Thursday, May 26** through **Saturday, June 5!** While the proceeds go to a fund that helps us host youth group retreats and trips, this is an all-church event, and we need *everyone's* help! If you are interested in being a Day Leader for a day of parking, contact Ridgley to learn more.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Youth in grades 5–12 are invited to join us on Sunday nights for Youth Group as we learn, serve, and share in fellowship! Some upcoming events:

April 17: No Youth Fellowship. Happy Easter!

April 24: Movie Night at Covenant Presbyterian, 7 PM

May 1: 4–6 PM All youth are invited for our end of the year cookout!

May 8: No Youth Fellowship. Happy Mother's Day!

May 15: All-Church Mission Event: Rise Against Hunger

May 22: Spring Festival (4:30–6 PM)

SUMMER TRIPS

Registration has opened for our Summer Youth Trips. Our Middle School Conference at Massanetta Springs will be June 16–19, and our High School Mission and Youth Conference at Montreat Conference Center will be July 30–August 6. There is more information in Ridgley's weekly email for Youth, Children, and Families, as well as in our Weekly eNewsletter.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: AUGUST 15–19 (9 AM–1 PM)

This year's VBS will be a Compassion Camp, where kids will explore what it means to have compassion for others, themselves, and the world. More details and signups are coming soon!

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

	Sun, April 17	Easter Sunday
	9:30 am	Worship
Wed, April 13	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer (Kean)
Sat, April 23	10:00 am	Pillowcase Sewing Event (FH)
	12:00 pm	Bobbi Fiske Memorial Service (Private family service in Memorial Garden)
Sun, April 24	8:00 am	Women's Book Club (Kean)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	10:45 am	Loving Someone with Dementia
	11:00 am	Special Session Meeting
	5:00 pm	Concert Series (Sanctuary)

Reminder: Friday is Patrick and Ridgley's sabbath day, and the church office is closed on Saturday. If you email or call on those days, you will not get a response until they are back in the office. Our Church Administrator, Nancy Wolfe, is in the office Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. **If you have a pastoral emergency when the office is closed or on a Saturday, you can call 484-604-0499.**

ST. JOHN'S LEADERSHIP

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Jesus Christ

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Nancy Arico, Carla Chieffo, Judy Mileto

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Lynne Haye, Jim Little, Jim Tiede*

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Iris Blanco-Urgelles, Director of Music (iris.blanco@stjohnsdevon.com)

Nancy Wolfe, Interim Church Administrator (admin @stjohnsdevon.com)



A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

“Mary Magdala’s Easter Prayer”
by Ron Rolheiser

I never suspected resurrection

to be so painful

to leave me weeping

With Joy

to have met you, alive and smiling,
outside an empty tomb

With Regret

not because I’ve lost you
but because I’ve lost you in how I *had* you—
in understandable, touchable, kissable, clingable flesh
not as fully Lord, but as graspably human.

I want to cling, despite your protest

cling to your body

cling to your (and my) clingable humanity

cling to what we had, our past.

But I know that...if I cling

you cannot ascend and

I will be left clinging to your former self

...unable to receive your present spirit.

April 17, 2022

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