

## St. John's at Worship Baptism of the Lord

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

Introit "Sing A New Song" *Andy Beck*

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.  
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit,  
and teaching them to obey everything  
that I have commanded you.  
And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

**People: In baptism God claims us and seals us  
To show the world that we belong to God.  
God reminds us that we are set free from sin and death,  
Uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection.  
By water and the Holy Spirit,  
we are made members of the Body of Christ,  
and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice.**

Leader: Let us remember with joy our own baptism  
as we celebrate Christ's.

**People: Let us worship God!**

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

### \*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.**

### Call to Confession

#### Unison Prayer of Confession

Leader: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

**People: I do...unless I can keep doing it without anyone knowing.**

Leader: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

**People: I do...unless I find another Lord to serve that is more convenient and instantly gratifying.**

Leader: Will you be Christ's faithful disciples, obeying his Word and showing his love?

**People: I will...unless it is a Word that I don't want to hear or people that I don't want to love.**

**All: It is so easy to make promises with our lips.  
Forgive us for the ways we fail to keep them 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.**

Scripture Reading Isaiah 43:1 – 7 (pg. 672) Nancy Davis

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

Blessing of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee  
(Children and youth may go to Sunday School after the Children's Time.  
**Sunday School ends at 10:45.)**

\*Hymn 393 "Spirit of the Living God"

Scripture Reading Luke 3:2b – 17, 21 – 22 (pg. 60)

Sermon THROUGH THE WATERS Rev. Marshall

Anthem "The Lord Came Down to the River" *P. Choplin*

Call to Offering (Ushers will collect *blue card* prayer requests at the time of the offering.)  
Offertory

\*Doxology and Presentation of the Offering

**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 Rev. Dr. Howard Friend

\*Hymn (INSERT) vss. 1, 5, 6 "Take My Life"

\*Benediction

Choral Response "May the Peace of God" *Larson L.*

Postlude

\*All who are able, please stand

### ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Director of Music** *Iris Blanco*  
**Greeter** *Virginia Holt*  
**Ushers** *John Griffin, Sharon Griffin,  
Carolyn Repke, Monica Henkel*  
**Flowers** *We wish our St. John's family a very happy  
and healthy 2016. David & Christine Markle*  
**Coffee Service** *Ken & Nancy Coradi*

### 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 immediately 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 that you will worship with us again soon!

### CARRIAGE CLUB

Tomorrow at Noon, St. John's Carriage Club will hold its monthly luncheon. Following a light lunch of soup and sandwiches, St. Johns' members Cindy and Gavin Kerr will share their family's journey following the loss of their son Ryan which resulted in Cindy founding RYAN'S CASE FOR SMILES. This national volunteer organization currently has more than 120 chapters worldwide serving nearly 50,000 children and families annually. If your schedule does not allow you to be present for the entire program, please feel free to come and go as you must. Reservations are greatly appreciated and may be made by responding to the forthcoming e-mail or by calling Virginia Holt.

### SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S JANUARY 13 – MARCH 16

Please see the insert in today's bulletin for details on our winter course selections, and look for Carla Chieffo at coffee fellowship to sign up or contact Carla.

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Day of Service at Cornerstone Christian Academy and The Common Place in southwest Philadelphia in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. will take place on **Saturday January 16 from 10 AM – 2 PM.** Cornerstone and The Common Place share a campus at 1939 S. 58th St. in Philadelphia. Please contact Chris Petersen at Cornerstone for more details or to confirm your participation: cpetersen@cornerstonephiladelphia.com or 215-724-6858 ext. 234. St. John's members and youth are encouraged to be part of this service day. Please contact Jim & Sylvia Louise Ryland if you would like to carpool from church..

### SANDY RELIEF TEAM

Our partner at the Jersey shore, *A Future with Hope*, tells us that they appreciate the unusual skillfulness of our crew and that they give us the most challenging jobs. They also appreciate our pastoral sensitivity, our compassion, and our attentiveness to the personal struggles of the homeowners. *Join us:* January 12-14, March 8-10 or March 29-31. We have a solid five- to six-person three-day team and often welcome one-or two-day participants. Contact Howard Friend, Joe Birmingham or Dan Sutton.

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Our beautiful sanctuary flowers are provided by the generosity of congregation sponsors. Cowen's Flowers in Wayne creates the bouquets and bills the sponsor directly at a cost of \$48. Sponsors may take the flowers home after worship on Sunday or donate them to one of our homebound or hospitalized members. Please see **the new 2016 Flower Calendar** on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. **Kindly sign the chart, complete an order form, and return the form to the pocket folder on the bulletin board.** Please contact Lisa Estabrook or more information.

### MEN'S CLOTHING DRIVE FOR BROAD STREET MINISTRY

During the month of January, the Deacons will be collecting clean, durable **men's** clothing for Broad Street Ministry in Philadelphia. Highest priority

items are men's jeans and pants, jackets, gloves, sneakers, and comfortable walking shoes. *We cannot accept shorts, swimwear, robes, pajamas, or formal wear.* Please place donations in the cloakroom of the Carriage House.

**A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

As you may have heard, our beloved Office Manager Rody Gratton will be retiring this year, with her last day being Friday, April 29. Rody has shared in ministry with us for the past 16 years, and has become an integral part of the life of this church. Throughout that time she has been so much more than “just” an Office Manager. She has been a pastor, a friend, and a part of our family. While we are all incredibly sad to see her go, we also honor God’s call in her life and want to send her with our blessing. More details will be coming as to exactly how we will do that, but for now, please join us in expressing your love and appreciation for who Rody is and all that she has done with and for St. John’s.



**YOUTH GROUP**

**Month of January: Retreats and Personal Faith Stories**

**January 10 – No Youth Group (Confirmation Retreat)**

**January 17 – 4 PM – 6 PM**

Sharing our faith stories.

**January 24 – 4 PM – 6 PM**

Sharing our faith stories.

**January 29-January 31 Mid-Winter Advance – All Youth Retreat**

We will meet at St. John’s at 5pm, Friday, January 29 and travel to Keswick, New Jersey. We return to the church at 1:30 pm Sunday, January 31.

**Drivers Needed for the Youth Retreat**

We are looking for a few extra drivers to help take our youth to their MidWinter Retreat on Friday, January 29, and then bring them back home on Sunday, January 31. The retreat is in Keswick, NJ (about an hour and a half away). If you can’t do both days, can you do one? Talk to Patrick or contact Eric (eric.walker@stjohnsdevon.com) if you are interested in helping.

**MILITARY CARE PACKAGES**

January 25 through February 7 our Deacons will collect goods for the Military Care Packages. Valentine hearts with decorating materials will also be on the stage in Fellowship Hall for you to add a person touch during coffee hour. A list of suggested items will be on a box on the stage, or you can visit [www.thesoldiersfamily.com](http://www.thesoldiersfamily.com). Deadline for contributions is Sunday, February 7. For more information, please contact Shirley Hughes.

**ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR**

<b>Sun, Jan 10</b>	8:00 am	Trustees’ Meeting
	10:30 am	APNC Training
<b>Mon, Jan 11</b>	12:00 pm	Carriage Club
	7:00 pm	Session Stated Meeting
<b>Tues, Jan 12</b>		Sandy Relief Mission Trip
<b>Wed, Jan 13</b>	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John’s
<b>Sat, Jan 16</b>	10:00 am	Day of Service at Cornerstone
<b>Fri, Jan 29</b>		MidWinter Advance Youth Retreat
<b>Sun, Jan 31</b>	10:30 am	Annual Congregational Meeting

**A Reminder about Staff Days Off**

Patrick is out of the office on Fridays and Saturdays.  
Eric is out on Saturdays and Tuesdays.  
Rody is out on Saturdays and Sundays.  
If you email or call on those days, you may not get a response until they are back in the office. Thank you for understanding!

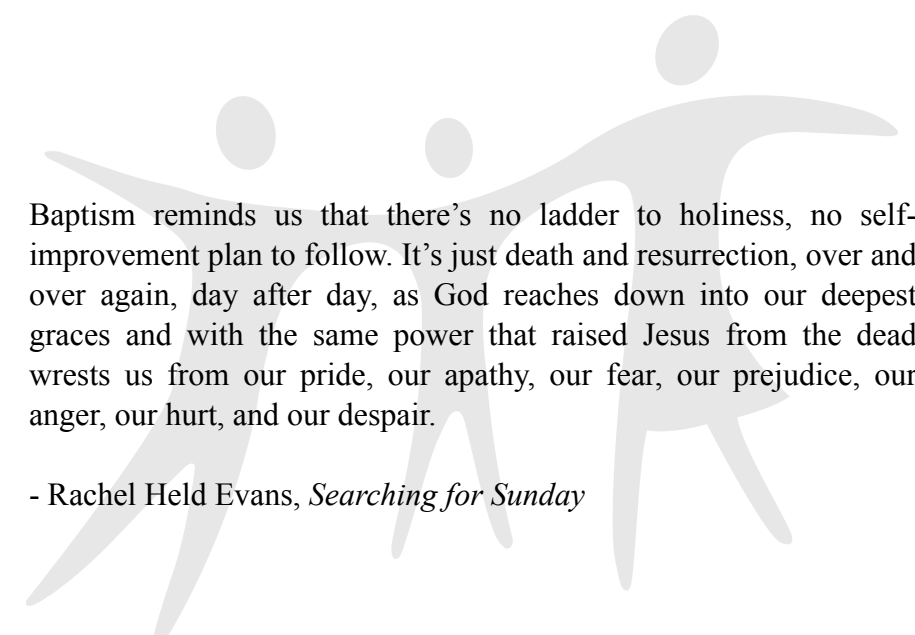


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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



Baptism reminds us that there’s no ladder to holiness, no self-improvement plan to follow. It’s just death and resurrection, over and over again, day after day, as God reaches down into our deepest graces and with the same power that raised Jesus from the dead wrests us from our pride, our apathy, our fear, our prejudice, our anger, our hurt, and our despair.

- Rachel Held Evans, *Searching for Sunday*

**January 10, 2016**  
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