

<b>St. John’s at Worship</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> <i>Youth Sunday</i>		
Prelude	“The Lord’s My Shepherd”	arr. <i>Kinyon</i>
Welcome and Announcements ( <i>please pass the fellowship roll</i> )		
Minute for Mission	Claire Zuhosky, PC(USA) Mission Co-Worker in Niger	
Introit	“God of Grace and God of Glory”	arr. <i>McChesney</i>
*Call to Worship	Christin Ealer	from Psalm 118
Leader:	This is the day that the Lord has made!	
<b>People:</b>	<b>Let us rejoice and be glad in it!</b>	
Leader:	Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,	
<b>People:</b>	<b>God’s steadfast love endures forever!</b>	
Leader:	Let us stand and sing our praises to God!	
*Hymn 158	“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”	
*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer	Christin Ealer	
	<b>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.</b>	
Call to Confession	Connor Loftus	
Silent Prayer		
Prayer of Confession		
	<b>We are not the people we like others to think we are.</b> <b>We are afraid to admit, even to ourselves,</b> <b>what lies in the depths of our souls.</b> <b>But we do not want to hide our true selves from you.</b> <b>We believe that you know us as we are, and yet you still love us.</b> <b>Help us not to shrink from self-knowledge.</b> <b>Teach us to respect others and ourselves for your sake.</b> <b>Give us the courage to put our trust in your guiding power.</b> <b>And where we find forgiveness hard to imagine or accept,</b> <b>raise us up, out of the paralysis of guilt and fear,</b> <b>into the freedom of forgiven people,</b> <b>through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</b>	
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	Judges 2:6 – 23 (p. 218)	Andrew Ward
Children’s Time		
	<i>Children in grades Pre-K – 2nd may go to Sunday School after the children’s time.</i>	

Anthem	“As the Deer”	Cat Duncan
Scripture Reading 116)	John 21:15 – 19 (p.	
Sermon	Adam Thomson	
*Affirmation of Faith	A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada	
<b>We are not alone, we live in God’s world.</b>		
<b>We believe in God:</b>		
<b>who has created and is creating,</b>		
<b>who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,</b>		
<b>to reconcile and make new,</b>		
<b>who works in us and others by the Spirit.</b>		
<b>We trust in God.</b>		
<b>We are called to be the church:</b>		
<b>to celebrate God’s presence,</b>		
<b>to love and serve others,</b>		
<b>to seek justice and resist evil,</b>		
<b>to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,</b>		
<b>our judge and our hope.</b>		
<b>In life, in death, in life beyond death,</b>		
<b>God is with us.</b>		
<b>We are not alone.</b>		
<b>Thanks be to God. Amen.</b>		
Offering		
Call to Offering	Courtney Cato	
(Ushers will collect <i>blue card</i> prayer requests at the time of the offering.)		
Offertory	“What Faith Can Do”	Christine Scolari
*Doxology and Presentation of the Offering		
<b>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;</b>		
<b>praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</b>		
*Prayer of Dedication	Nik Pearson	
*Hymn 364, vss. 1	“Because He Lives”	
*Benediction		
Postlude	Instrumental	Christine Scolari
*All who are able, please stand		
<b>ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD</b>		
<b>Director of Music</b>	<i>Iris Blanco-Urgelles</i>	
<b>Greeters</b>	<i>Lyn Strickler, The Duncan family</i>	
<b>Ushers</b>	<i>Gordon &amp; Mimi Wright, Michael Coradi, Matthew Loftus, Andrew Ward, Avery Hillier</i>	
<b>Coffee Service</b>	<i>Kathy Johnson</i>	
<b>Flowers</b>	<i>Given by Margot Moore in memory of her loving husband, Tom</i>	
<b>Rejoicing Ringers</b>	<i>Brigitte Belzer, Dylan Choi, Cat Duncan, Sarah Duncan, Connor Feldman, Oliver Feldman, Henry Geiger, Nate Geiger, Sarah Geiger, Adam Thomson, Andrew Ward</i>	
<b>Devon Chapel Bells</b>	<i>Susan Bain, Marilyn Benton, Sue Chudy, Christina Fish, Sue Hardin, Sue Johnson, Elizabeth Ung</i>	

**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, Lyn Strickler, 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!

**ST. JOHN’S WELCOMES CLAIRE ZUHOSKY!**  
We are excited to welcome Claire Zuhosky, a PC(USA) Mission Co-Worker in Maradi, Niger! Claire is originally from Mercer, PA. She attended Penn State and went on to receive a Masters in Divinity from Alliance Theological Seminary in 2009. She started her work in Niger in 2014, which is when our relationship with her began. After worship Claire will be giving a presentation in the Wilson Carriage House, with time for questions and conversation. We invite you to come get to know Claire and learn more about the work that she is doing in Niger.

**DINNER & A MOVIE – CANCELLED**  
Our “Dinner and a Movie” night, originally scheduled for tonight, has been cancelled due to lack of response. We are looking to reschedule it on a more convenient date.

**ALL CHURCH SPRING SERVICE DAY**  
Please join us **Sunday, May 1, immediately following worship** for a chance to help spruce up our beautiful church property! Lunch will be provided. Please see John Griffin or Liz Ward for a list of the work tasks. Remember to wear your work clothes to church that day!

**CELEBRATING RODY**  
Rody Gratton, our Church Administrator for the past 16 years, is retiring on April 29. She will be present with us in worship next Sunday so we can give thanks to God for her many years of faithful service. There will be a celebration brunch after worship in the Fellowship Hall. We hope that you will join us for this very special day as we say goodbye to a beloved part of the life of this church.

**WELCOME LARA KENNEDY**  
We are excited to announce the hiring of Lara Kennedy as our next Church Administrator! Lara grew up in Nairobi, Kenya before moving back to the U.S. with her parents and settling in Washington D.C. She is a 2007 graduate of West Chester University, with a degree in Music and a minor in History. Lara loves to sing, performing with and serving as the Operations Director and President of the Board for the Brandywine Singers. She will be in the office tomorrow morning to begin training with Rody. Welcome to St. John’s, Lara!

HORSE SHOW PARKING SIGNUPS

It’s time to gear up for our biggest annual youth fundraiser of the year. **May 26 through June 4**, we will be parking cars from 9 AM to 9 PM at St. John’s. Any youth who are participating in the mission trip this year are required to sign up for 3 shifts. We ask that any youth who are not attending the trip sign up for 2 shifts. We are also seeking the help of any adults and parents to help out with shifts as well. Each shift is 3 hours. This is a HUGE fundraiser and we greatly appreciate all the help we can possibly get for this week! You can sign up online at [www.stjohnsdevon.com](http://www.stjohnsdevon.com) (under “Quick Links”).



The Middle/High School Youth Group meets from **4:30 to 6:00 PM**.

Devon Horse Show Parking

Signup online today at [www.stjohnsdevon.com](http://www.stjohnsdevon.com)! **High School Mission Trip participants must sign up for three time slots.**

April: Transitions!

From changing schools to gaining or losing friends, we all go through transitions in life. Together, we will talk about transitions in the Bible and see where that leads each of us. First we will look at the book of Judges, then the book of Ruth. We will take a week off for a special guest speaker/movie night and then finish our series by looking at some of the transitions that Jesus’ disciples experienced.

**April 17 (4:30 – 6 PM):** Special guest – Claire Zuhosky, missionary in Niger. Join us as we hang out, play some games, and get to know Claire!

**April 24 (4:30 – 6 PM):** Transitions with the Disciples



Vacation Bible School 2016  
July 18 – 22, 9 AM to Noon  
Egypt: Joseph’s Journey from Prison to Palace

Children ages 4 – 10 are invited to come and discover God’s Word through drama, games, crafts, and song!

Contact Marianne McClennen for more information.

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

Sun, April 17	11:00 am	Meet Claire Zuhosky
Mon, April 18	10:00 am	Baby Bundles Sewing Group
Wed, April 20	5:15 pm	Cherub Choir
Thurs, April 21	6:30 pm	Devon Chapel Bells
	7:45 pm	Chancel Choir
	9:00 pm	Devon Brass
Sun, April 24	9:30 am	Worship & Brunch

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

Whether they are sixteen or seventy,  
there is in every being’s heart  
the love of wonder,  
the sweet amazement at the stars  
and star-like things and thoughts,  
the undaunted challenge of events,  
the unfailing childlike appetite  
for what is to come next,  
and the joy and the game of life.

So long as your heart receives messages  
of beauty, cheer, courage, grandeur,  
and power from the earth,  
from man, and from the Infinite,  
so long you are young.

– From “Youth Poem” by Samuel Ullman

April 17, 2016  
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