

St. John’s at Worship
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Announcements (please pass the fellowship roll)

Special Presentation by Women’s Fellowship

Introit “Come Enjoy God’s Festive Springtime” arr: Conlon

*Call to Worship
Leader: The good news of Easter is still with us.
Women: Christ is risen – then, now, and forever!
Leader: Because he lives, we can live a new life, with God and with each other.
Men: Jesus is Lord, and he is alive!
Leader: Let us rise up and celebrate this good news!
All: Our redeemer lives! Let us worship God!

*Hymn 430 (INSERT) “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

*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

Prayer of Confession
Leader: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers:
People: For the ways we do not have it all together, and for the ways we act like we do. (Silent Prayer)
Leader: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers:
People: For the ways we fail to see your presence in others. (Silent Prayer)
Leader: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers:
People: For the ways we fail to care for your creation. (Silent Prayer)
Leader: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers:
People: For the ways we hurt others, and the ways we have been hurt. (Silent Prayer)
Leader: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers:
People: For the forgiveness we fail to extend or to seek. (Silent Prayer)
Leader: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers:
People: For the ways we ignore pain and suffering in the world to make our lives easier. (Silent Prayer)
Leader: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers:
People: For all that we are, all that we have failed to be, and all that you can make us still.
All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

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 Luke 23:44 – 56 (p. 89)

Cherub Choir “I Am a C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N”

Giving Thanks to God for the Ministry of Rody Gratton
Grades Pre-K through 12 may go to Sunday School.

Anthem “God Who Watches Over Me” arr. Shepperd

Scripture Reading Luke 24:1 – 12 (p. 90)

Sermon THE WOMEN WHO FOLLOWED HIM Rev. Marshall

*Affirmation of Faith A Brief Statement of Faith
In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.
We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
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!”

Offering
Call to Offering
(Ushers will collect blue card prayer requests at the time of the offering.)
Offertory “Stars” arr. Blanco

*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

*Hymn 277 (GREEN) “The Servant Song”

*Benediction

Postlude “Holy, Holy, Holy” Evanovich

*All who are able, please stand

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD
Director of Music Iris Blanco-Urgelles
Greeter Jennifer Roberts
Ushers Gordon Wright & Mimi Wright, John Griffin & Sharon Griffin
Coffee Service Sharon Griffin
Flowers With love and appreciation, the flowers are given by the Deacons in honor of Rody Gratton's 16 years of service to St John's.
Cherub Choir Dir. Debbie Ealer
Cherub Choir James Adams, Sophie Coradi, Luke Ealer, Brandon Marshall, Ryan Marshall, and Tori Oliver
Musicians Andrew W. Payne (Baritone) Myanna Harvey (Violin)

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, Jennifer Roberts, 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!

CELEBRATING RODY
Rody Gratton, our Church Administrator for the past 16 years, is retiring on Friday. She is present with us today in worship so that 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 as we say goodbye to a beloved part of the life of this church.

WELCOME LARA KENNEDY
Our new Church Administrator Lara Kennedy started training with Rody this past week! 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. Please feel free to stop by the office and welcome Lara to St. John’s!

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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CURRICULUM MEETING
On Tuesday April 26, at 7pm, all Sunday School teachers and interested parents are invited to meet with Jill Reichert of the Parish Resource Center, a Christian Education consultant group. Jill will present a variety of options for Sunday School curriculum and share how churches are dealing creatively with educating our children, youth, and families. The meeting will be held in the Carriage House. See Betsy Friend for more information.

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 (under “Quick Links”).



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

Devon Horse Show Parking

Signup online today at 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 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

Wed, April 27	5:00 pm	Cherub Choir Pizza Bingo Party
Thurs, April 28	6:30 pm	Devon Chapel Bells
	7:45 pm	Chancel Choir
	9:00 pm	Devon Brass
Sun, May 1	8:00 am	Deacons Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship & Communion (Intinction)
		Service Day after worship

A Reminder about Staff Days Off

Patrick is out of the office on Fridays and Saturdays.
Eric is out on Saturdays and Tuesdays.
Lara 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!

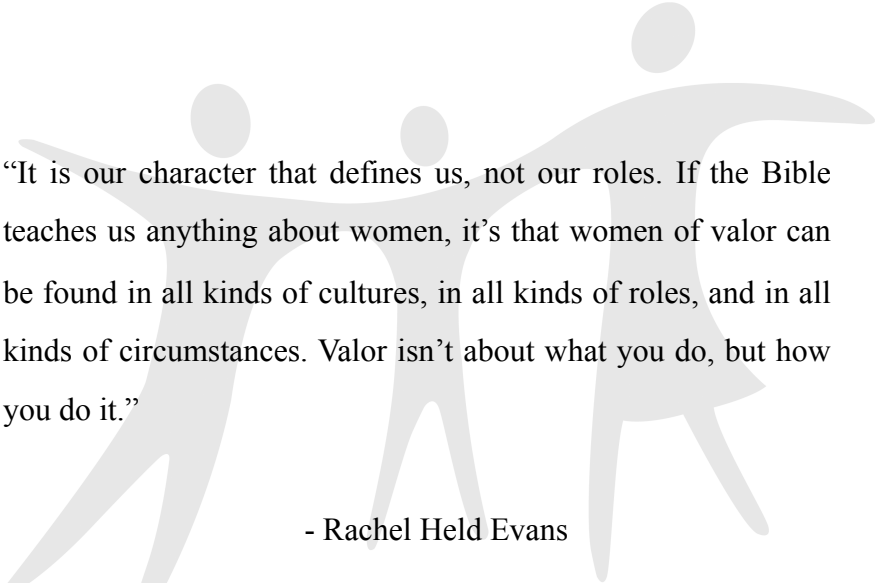


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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



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