

St. John's at Worship Consecration Sunday

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

*Call to Worship from Psalm 107

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever!

**People: God satisfies the thirsty,
and fills the hungry with good things.**

Leader: Let us thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for God's wonderful works to humankind.

**People: Let us offer thanksgiving sacrifices,
and tell of God's deeds with songs of joy.**

Leaders: Let us worship God!

*Hymn **554 (INSERT)** "Let All Things Now Living"

*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

Life is a gift from you, O Lord.

**But we confess that we do not always live in ways
that show gratitude for the gifts you give.**

You give us time, and we waste it.

You give us abilities, and we let them go unused.

You give us resources, and we squander them.

You give us love, and we place conditions on it.

You give us forgiveness, and we do not extend it to others.

**We fall short of your glory in our words and our thoughts,
in how we treat creation,
and how we treat each other.**

**Remind us that each day, each breath, each relationship
is a gift from you,**

and help us to live in ways that say, "Thank you."

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 Luke 19:1 – 10 (p. 82) Linda Groves

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

*Pre-K through 12th grade may go to Sunday School after the children's time.
Sunday School ends at 10:45.*

Anthem "The Greater Glory of God" *Silva (arr. Alonso)*

Sermon A GREATFULL HEART Dr. Robert Duffett

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

Offertory "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*Consecration of Pledges

*Prayer of Dedication

All that we have, Lord, all that we are is a gift from you.

**So we give ourselves back to you now in thanksgiving,
and ask that you would use us for your glory.**

You are holy, Lord. Make us holy.

Consecrate our gifts and make them holy.

Guide us as we work for your will to be done

in this world and in our lives.

**Help us to keep and fulfill the promise we make today,
not for our own glory, but for yours, in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Hymn **230 (GREEN)** "We Are an Offering"

We lift our voices, We lift our hands,

We lift our lives up to you, We are an offering

Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,

Lord, use our lives, they are yours, We are an offering

All that we have, All that we are,

All that we hope to be we give to you, We give to you

We lift our voices, We lift our hands,

We lift our lives up to you, We are an offering, We are an offering

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude "How Firm a Foundation" *arr. Joyce*

*All who are able, please stand

*Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately after worship for a
Celebration Brunch! This is our way of thanking you for all the ways that you
give of your time, energy, and resources to make the life and ministry of this
church possible. Thank you for being good and faithful stewards of all the gifts
that God has entrusted to us!*

*Our guest preacher this morning is Dr. Robert Duffett, President of Eastern
University. Dr. Duffett has been at Eastern since July of 2013, having served in
a variety of leadership roles in Christian higher education for the past 27
years. He and his wife Connie have two grown children and live in Paoli.*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Jim Netter*

Ushers *Mimi & Gordon Wright, Skip & Marianne McClennen*

Coffee Service *Kermit and Earline Eck*

Flowers *In memory of John and Martha Bell Schoeninger from
their family*

Guest Musician *Christina Fish (oboe) Frank Mercurio (flugelhorn)
Cassia Harvey (cello) Myanna Harvey (violin) Miyuki
Hashimoto (soprano) Jeff Estabrook (tenor)*

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, Jim Netter, 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!

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S

Join us Wednesday at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall as we share a delicious dinner and explore session 8 of Alpha. Even if you haven't come to the previous sessions, you can still join in the conversation without missing a beat! There are activities for youth and child care for younger children. We are always looking for volunteers to set tables, help prepare meals, and bring desserts. Contact Carla Chieffo to help with set-up or dessert, or Betsy Miller to help with preparing the meals.

SANDY RELIEF MISSION TEAM

The Sandy Relief Mission Team works to help those still struggling to rebuild homes in the wake of 2012's Superstorm Sandy. If you would like to join them for one or all three days of the next planned trips (**Nov 1–3, and Nov 29–Dec 1**), please contact Howard Friend or Joe Birmingham for more information.

DEACON'S COAT DRIVE

The Deacons are collecting new or gently used winter coats and jackets for those in need. Please leave your donated items in the coatroom of the carriage house by Sunday November 13. All items will be cleaned before distribution.



Trunk Or Treat is **TONIGHT** from **6–7:30 PM** in the parking lot. If you have never been, the idea behind Trunk or Treat is simple:

1. Park your car/truck/van/SUV in the church parking lot.
2. Decorate your trunk in a spooky or silly way.
3. Hand out candy to kids as they go from car to car

Bring your kids, grandkids, neighbors...everyone is invited! Even if you don't have kids involved, just come and decorate your trunk. It's not too late to sign up in the Fellowship Hall during brunch!

Youth Group – Our annual game of Zombie Grog will start at 7 PM in the Carriage House!

ELECTION EVE PRAYER GATHERING

The Upper Mainline Ministerium will be holding a prayer service on Monday, November 7 from 7:30–8 PM at St. Luke Lutheran Church (203 N. Valley Forge Rd) in Devon. This is a chance for people of all faiths and political affiliations to come together and pray for wisdom, guidance, healing, and peace.

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES

Last Sunday was the first performance in our new monthly concert series, and it was an incredible evening of music! The next concert will be on **Sunday, November 13 from 5–6 PM**, and we will be focusing on "Musical Forms: Suites, Variations, and a Song Cycle." These concerts are free and open to the whole community, so please bring a friend and join us for an evening of amazing music!

STOP HUNGER NOW RETURNS!

On **Sunday, November 20**, we will be working with the international hunger relief organization *Stop Hunger Now* to pack 10,000 meals. To accomplish this task, we need 50 volunteers ready to go at 2 PM. The project will be completed in less than two hours, and we guarantee you'll have a great time! Anyone age 5 and older is welcome to participate. We also need a few volunteers at 1 PM to help with setup. To sign up, contact Nancy Higgins. Visit www.stophungernow.org to learn more.

ADVENT CRAFT NIGHT

Join us for our annual Advent Craft Night on **December 4 from 4–6 PM** in Fellowship Hall. It will be a fun evening of food, crafts, and fellowship to celebrate the Advent season. This event is open to everyone – kids and adults – and you are welcome to bring a friend! If you have questions or would like to help plan the evening, please contact Jeff Ealer.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Oct 30	8:00 am	Consecration Sunday
	9:30 am	Women's Biblical Reflections
	10:30 am	Worship and Sunday School
	6:00 pm	Celebration Brunch, Fellowship Hall
		Trunk or Treat
Mon, Oct 31	10:00 am	Baby Bundles Sewing Group
Wed, Nov 2	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's
Sun, Nov 6	8:00 am	Deacons Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship and Sunday School
		Communion by Intinction
Mon, Nov 7	7:30 pm	Election Eve Prayer Service at St. Luke's Lutheran Church

A Reminder about Staff Days Off

Patrick is 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. Thank you for understanding!



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

A Prayer of Dedication

Almighty and eternal God,
 so draw our hearts to you,
 so guide our minds,
 so fill our imaginations,
 so control our wills,
 that we may be wholly yours,
 utterly dedicated unto you;
 and then use us, we pray you, as you will,
 and always to your glory
 and the welfare of your people;
 through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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