

St. John's at Worship Christ the King Sunday

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

Introit "God's Grace and Glory" Lacanski

*Call to Worship From Psalms 92, 93, and 95

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

Leader: **The Lord is king! God is robed in majesty!**
God has established the world; it shall never be moved.

Leader: Come, let us sing to the Lord!
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: **Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving
and make a joyful noise with songs of praise!**

Leader: For the Lord is a great God,
and a great king above all gods!

People: **Come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
For he is our God, and we are his people.**

*Hymn 327 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

*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

**We pray, "Your kingdom come,"
until it disrupts our kingdoms.**

**We pray, "Your will be done,"
until it interferes with our will.**

**We want to live in your kingdom, Lord,
and we confess that it is very hard to do.**

It is hard for us to let go of control.

It is hard for us to trust.

It is hard for us to love as unconditionally as you do.

**We confess that we do not always allow
the kingdom and the power and the glory to be yours,
because we try to keep it for ourselves.**

**Remind us that we do not need to;
that you will love us even if we are not powerful or perfect.**

That is our hope as we give you our sin.

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 23:33 – 43 (p. 89)

Nancy Wolfe

Cherub Choir

"Give Thanks"
Cat Duncan, soloist
Debbie Ealer, Director
*Pre-K through 12th grade may go to Sunday School after the cherub choir.
Sunday School ends at 10:45.*

Henry Smith

Anthem

"Only God" McDonald

Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:11 – 20 (p. 200)

Sermon

SERVING THE KING Rev. Marshall

*Affirmation of Faith

Philippians 2:5 – 11

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself out,
taking on the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.**

**And being found in human form,
he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death –
even death on a cross.**

Therefore God also highly exalted him

**and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the Glory of God the Father.**

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

Offertory "My Jesus I Love Thee" Soma

*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 102 "Now Thank We All Our God"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "For Yours is the Kingdom" Bell

*Postlude "Faith of Our Fathers" Lacanski
"Come Thou Almighty King"

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music

Iris Blanco-Urgelles

Greeter

Jennifer Roberts

Ushers

Nancy Davis, Monica Henkel,

Coffee Service

Pat Marshall, Barbara McConnell

Flowers

Terry and Ardath Belzer

Guest Musician

The flowers are given by Libby & Dave Dalrymple in

Thanksgiving for our many blessings

Myanna Harvey (violin), Mirna Monclova (violin),

Cassia Harvey (cello), Tom McCauley (viola),

Frank Mercurio (trumpet),

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!

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S

We will not meet for Supper at St. John's this week, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. We will gather for the final time this year at 6 PM on Wednesday, November 30. Please join us for one more delicious dinner and our final session of Alpha, "How Can I Resist Evil?"

REQUEST FROM THE DEACONS

There have been a lot of hospitalizations and pastoral care concerns in our church lately, and our Deacons are stretched a little thin. If you would like to help by preparing a meal for someone in need or visiting a church member in the hospital or at home, please contact Ann Roberts.

ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree is set up in Fellowship Hall, decorated with over 100 angels! On each angel you will find the name, age, and gift suggestions for a child. These children either attend Sherwood Christian Outreach Center, Chester County Family Academy, or has an incarcerated parent who is part of Prison Ministries. The Deacons ask you to select one or two angels and buy a gift for each child in the \$15–\$25 range, following the gift suggestions on the tag. *Wrapped gifts are to be returned to Fellowship Hall no later than Sunday, December 4. Please attach the gift nametag to your gift.* If you have any questions, please contact Mimi Wright or Kim Collett.

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES

We had another phenomenal evening of music last Sunday night. Our next concert will be on **Sunday, December 18 from 5–6 PM**, featuring joyful songs of the Christmas season! These concerts are free and open to the whole community, so please bring a friend and join us for an evening of amazing music!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – ELDERS, DEACONS, AND TRUSTEES

If you feel called to serve as an Elder, Deacon, or Trustee, or if you know of someone else who would be a good fit, please fill out the form inserted in your bulletin. There are boxes in the back of the sanctuary or downstairs in Fellowship Hall where you may submit your forms. You can also fill out and submit a form on our website. If you have questions, please speak to Patrick or a member of the Nominating Committee: John Adams (Chair), Sue Chudy (Deacons), Gordon Wright (Trustees), Cammy Wagner, Steve Barnes, or Judy Miletto.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Hanging of the greens will take place on **Saturday, December 3rd at 4 PM**. All are welcome to come and help prepare the church for Advent!

STOP HUNGER NOW – TODAY AT 2 PM

Join us from 2–4 PM as we work with the international hunger relief organization *Stop Hunger Now* to pack 10,000 meals. 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. If you have some free time this afternoon, stop in and cheer us on!

ST. JOHN'S FLAG FOOTBALL GAME

On **Saturday, November 26** we will have a flag football game for anyone (male or female) who is in 5th grade or above. This includes college students and anyone coming home for the holiday. We will meet on the main football field at Wilson Park from 9:30 AM to Noon, and there will be food! If you are interested, please contact Jeff Ealer so we can know how many people are coming. Bring a friend!

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.

YEAR END GIVING ENVELOPES

Giving Envelopes for 2017 are located downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Please pick them up at your convenience. If there is not one there with your name on it, and you would like one, please call Ken Dillaway.



Sunday, November 20 – Stop Hunger Now (2–4 PM)

The Youth Group will meet at 2 PM to help package meals for Stop Hunger Now! This is a great way to help people who are in need, and it's a lot of fun!

Sunday, November 27 – No Youth Group (Thanksgiving Weekend)

Sunday, December 4 – Advent Craft Festival (4 – 6 PM)

Sunday, December 11 – Christmas Caroling! (Details to be announced)

Friday, December 16 – STAR WARS!

We will be joining some other youth groups who have rented out a theater at UA King of Prussia for the premiere of the new Star Wars movie, *Rogue One!* We will meet at the theater at 6:30 PM, with the movie starting at 7 (ending around 9:30). Tickets are \$15. You can absolutely bring a friend, but please let Patrick know as soon as possible if you want to go, because we need to reserve enough tickets.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Nov 20	9:30 am	Worship and Sunday School
	11:00 am	Nominating Committee meeting in the Kean Room
	11:00 am	Rejoicing Ringers rehearsal
	2:00 pm	Stop Hunger Now
Mon, Nov 21	10:00 am	Sewing Group
Wed, Nov 23		NO Supper at St. John's or Cherub Choir
Nov 24 & 25		Thanksgiving – Office Closed
Sun, Nov 27	9:30 am	Worship and Sunday School
Thurs, Dec 1	6:30 pm	Devon Chapel Bells rehearsal



A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

A Reminder about Staff Days Off

Please Note: The office will be closed this week on Thursday (Nov. 24) and Friday (Nov. 25) in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. If you have bulletin items for next Sunday, please submit them to Lara by Tuesday evening. Thank you!

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!

The King and I (A Poem/Prayer for Christ the King)
by Tom Blair

In a world of rough and tumble living,
claims of power attract.
Your message, King Jesus, is clothed in humility;
you claim nothing
but a desire for my soul to be given over
to the point of deepest need.
You are a mirror to the unknown territory of my heart.
No muscle here, no force,
only the magnetism of your holiness in flesh and blood,
drawing me toward your way.

