St. John's at Worship
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

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

Introit "Jubilee!" *Arnold B. Sherman*

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness.
Come into God's presence with singing!

People: For the Lord is a gracious God,
whose mercy is everlasting;
and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

All: 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 to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, but always to your glory and the welfare of your people, through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Hymn **102** "Now Thank We All Our God"

*Prayer of Invocation & 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 *Prayer of St. Arsenios (5th century)*

My God, do not abandon me,
though I have done nothing good in your sight.
But because you are compassionate,
grant me the power to make a start.

Lord Jesus Christ, son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

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 Isaiah 65:17 – 25 (pg. 696) Sue Chudy

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

As Pre-K through 12th graders leave for Sunday School,
we send them with this liturgy:

Pastor: Now we go our separate ways to worship and learn about God.
Cong: **May God be with you there!**
Children: **May God be with you here!**

Anthem "Trust and Obey" *Raney*

Scripture Reading Luke 21:5 – 19 (pg. 85)

Sermon FACING THE END Rev. Marshall

*Affirmation of Faith from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1983)

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
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!"
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Offering (Ushers will also collect blue prayer request cards 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

*Hymn **577, vss. 1, 2, 4** "God of Grace and God of Glory"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Come, Light of God"

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*
Greeter *Mary K. DaRin*
Ushers *Steve & Lisa Archbold, Carol & Jim Netter*
Flowers *Given by the Chudy family in loving memory of mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, Lorraine Kaechele, who will be present in our hearts forever.*
Guest Musicians *Alec Kislitzyn (violin)*
Joy Messengers *Linda Duncan, Troy Fisher, Lisa Howell, Nancy Kimmons, Evelyn Marvin, Pam Schafer, John Senior*
Rejoicing Ringers *Garrick Bellew, Rowan Bellew, Courtney Cato, Ryan Crill, Sarah Duncan, Christina Fish, Sarah Geiger, Avery Hillier, Susan Starke, Andrew Ward*

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 in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Our greeter, Mary K. DaRin, 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!

ANGEL TREE STARTS TODAY!

The Angel tree is set up in Fellowship Hall, decorated with over 100 Angels! On each Angel you'll find the name, age, and gift suggestion for a child who either attends Sherwood Christian Outreach Center in Philadelphia, Chester County Family Academy in West Chester, or has an incarcerated parent who is a part of prison ministries. Please consider sponsoring an Angel (or two). Gifts suggestions are on the tags, and we ask that you keep your gift selections in the $25 range. Wrapped gifts are to be returned to Fellowship Hall no later than December 8. ***Please attach the gift name tag to your gift so that we know who it goes to.*** We are still in need of several more volunteers to help deliver the gifts. Please contact Marianne McClennen or Kate Johnson if you are able to help.

DEACONS COAT DRIVE

We are collecting new or gently-used winter coats for adults (all sizes) and children (12m through size 14) connected to Sherwood Christian Outreach Center in Philadelphia. New and used mittens, gloves, and scarves are also accepted. All donations can be dropped off in the front closet of the Carriage House. Monetary donations are also appreciated and will help purchase new coats. Please contact Amy Lord if you have any questions or would like to help.

MID-WEEK EVENSONG SERVICE – WEDNESDAYS, 5:30 PM

Join Ridgley in the Memorial Garden at 5:30 PM for the final Evensong worship service of the year. We are exploring a series called "Unraveled: Seeking God When Our Plans Fall Apart." Services will be held rain or shine under a tent!

NEED A PLACE TO GO ON THANKSGIVING?

Mike and Judy Simmons are opening up their home to anyone who needs a family to be with on Thanksgiving! As Judy says, "We are so grateful to our St. John's family and would love to fill our house with our new friends!" There will be football on TV and plenty of delicious food. If you would like to be a part of this family gathering (or know someone else who needs a family to be with), just contact Judy.

CARRIAGE CLUB

On **Monday, December 9, at Noon**, Carriage Club will meet in Fellowship Hall. Following a light lunch of salads and sandwiches, we will move to the sanctuary where our Director of Music, Iris Blanco-Urgelles, along with Cassia and Myanna Harvey, will treat us to a Christmas Concert. Please RSVP by contacting Virginia Holt.

UPDATE ON RIDGLEY
The Session met on Monday night and received the good news that Ridgley has been cleared by her doctor to come back to work in the building for one hour a day, effective December 1! This will allow her to once again be present in worship. If you did not receive the email on Wednesday that further explains the situation, copies are available on the ushers' table in the back of the sanctuary. Ridgley will be in worship on Sunday, December 1 (the first Sunday of Advent), preaching and sharing communion with us, so please join us that day to surround her with love and support.

If you are not already receiving Ridgley's weekly emails for youth and families, email her at **rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com**. Fall children and youth calendars are available at the back of the sanctuary!

RIDGLEY'S OFFICE HOURS
Ridgley is working remotely and holds office hours **Tuesdays from 10:30–1:30 at Terrain** (138 Lancaster Ave, in Devon Yard). Everyone is welcome to drop in! If you would like to set up a specific time to meet with her, or if you'd just like to get in touch, please call (864-417-8566) or email.

TODAY – YOUTH GROUP
Middle and High School students are invited to join us at the Irizarry. Middle School meets from 4–5:15 PM, and High School meets from 4:45–6 PM.

CONFIRMATION CLASS – SESSION 5
The Confirmation Class will meet on **Tuesday, Nov. 19 from 6:30–7:30 PM** at the home of Kermit & Earline Eck. This will be our final session of 2019.

SAVE THE DATE: STAR WARS (FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20)
We will be joining other youth groups from around the area at the Regal Cinemas in Oaks to watch the new Star Wars movie! More info coming soon.

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL KICKBALL GAME
Are you ready for some kickball? On **Saturday, November 30**, the youth ministry will host an all-church kickball game! We will meet at Wilson Park at 10:00 AM. If you are interested, please contact Ridgley, so we can know how many people are coming. Bring a friend!

ADVENT CRAFT NIGHT
Would you like to help with Advent Craft Night? On **Sunday December 1 from 4–6 PM** our church will once again welcome the Advent season with a craft night for children. We are looking for some volunteers to lead craft activities with small groups of children. If you can help, contact Sue Tiede.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Nov 17	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	11:00 am	Nominating Committee (Kean)
Wed, Nov 20	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
	5:30 pm	Evensong Prayer Service (Memorial Garden)
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's
Thurs, Nov 21	6:30 pm	Adult Handbell Rehearsal
	7:45 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sun, Nov 24	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School

Patrick and Ridgley are off on Friday and Saturday. Lara is off 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. **If you have a pastoral emergency after hours or on a Saturday, you can call 484-604-0499.**

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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

From "Hymn of Promise"
by Natalie Sleeth

There's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity,
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

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