

St. John's at Worship Christ the King Sunday

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

Introit "Nature's Praise of God" *Beethoven*

*Call to Worship From Psalm 97

Pastor: The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice!

People: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne.

Pastor: The heavens proclaim God's righteousness, and all the peoples behold God's glory.

People: For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name!

*Hymn 154, vss. 1, 4, 6 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

*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 *From The Book of Common Worship*

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.

We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule.

We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be your faithful servants, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 (pg. 89) Rich Scott

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 "We Will Give Thanks" *Patterson*

Scripture Reading Colossians 1:11 – 20 (pg. 200)

Sermon A DIFFERENT KIND OF KING Rev. Marshall

*Affirmation of Faith Philippians 2:6–11

Pastor: Who do we serve as king?

People: Jesus Christ our Lord!

Pastor: And what *kind* of king is he?

People: Though he was in the form of God, he did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, 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 "How Great Thou Art" *arr. Marchland*

*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 327 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Come, Light of God"

*Postlude "Alleluja" *Mozart, arr. L.B. Smith*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeters *Lyn Strickler & Virginia Holt*

Ushers *Lee & Andy Walsh, Nancy & Joe Arico*

Flowers *Given by Peter & Nancy Crawford in memory of their parents*

Devon Brass *Mark Ator, Jeff Estabrook, Joe Lorini, Frank Mercurio*

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 greeters, Lyn Strickler and Virginia Holt, 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

The Angel tree is set up in Fellowship Hall, and there are still some angels left to be sponsored! 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.

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! 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.

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES

Our next monthly concert will be on **Sunday, December 15 from 5–6 PM!** These concerts are free of charge and open to the community. Please bring a friend and join us for an evening of amazing music!

UPDATE ON RIDGLEY

Ridgley will be back in worship next Sunday, December 1, preaching and sharing communion with us! If you did not receive the most recent email update, copies are available on the ushers' table in the back of the sanctuary. We hope that you will join us next Sunday to surround Ridgley with love and support.

FAMILY WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Since next Sunday is Thanksgiving weekend *and* Ridgley will be returning, we will not have Sunday School, as all children and youth will remain in the sanctuary, and we will worship together as one big family! The kids are invited to share in communion, even if they do not fully understand what it means yet (one of the ways we learn is by doing!). There will be activity packs to help engage the kids in worship, and as always, there will be nursery care for children 4 and under.



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.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

There will be no Youth Group today. Enjoy time with your family!

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation will not meet again until 2020. Meet with your mentors and do your make up journal work in December!

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 intergenerational 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 & HANGING THE GREENS

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. There will also be a group gathering that evening to decorate the sanctuary for the Advent season. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jim Ryland

OFFERING ENVELOPES AND YEAR-END GIFTS

Offering envelopes for 2020 are now available in Fellowship Hall. Year-end gifts will be credited in the 2019 tax year if they are received in the church office (or postmarked) by Tuesday, December 31. Some members and friends of St. John's donate shares of stock or mutual funds at the end of the year. If you are interested in this option, we use Vanguard to process these transactions. Please ask your broker to use DTC number 0062; our account number is 6142 8971. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Bouvier.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Nov 24	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
Wed, Nov 27	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
Thurs, Nov 28		Thanksgiving – Office Closed
Fri, Nov 29		Church Office Closed
Sun, Dec 1		First Sunday of Advent
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School Communion (Traditional)
	11:00 am	Special Session Meeting to receive new members (C. House)
	4:00 pm	Advent Craft Night (Fell. Hall) and Hanging of the Greens

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

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.

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