

St. John’s at Worship
First Sunday after Christmas Day

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

Introit “Sing We Now of Christmas”

*Call to Worship
Pastor: The candles have been lit and the gifts have been given, and *still* we continue to celebrate!
People: Emmanuel – God is with us!
Pastor: One day is not enough to contain the good news of Christ’s birth!
People: Joy to the world! The Lord has come!
Pastor: Let us sing praises to God for the coming of our Savior!

*Hymn 234, vv. 1, 3 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*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.

The Promise of a Messiah

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:2, 6 – 7 (pg. 638)
Isaiah 11:1 – 9 (pg. 640)

Hymn 219, vv. 1, 3 “What Child Is This”

The Annunciation

Scripture Reading Luke 1:26 – 38 (pg. 56)

Hymn 240 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

The Birth of Jesus

Scripture Reading Matthew 1:18 – 25 (pg. 1)

Hymn 230, vv. 1, 2 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1 – 7 (pg. 58)

Hymn 217, vv. 1, 2 “Away in a Manger”

The Proclamation to Shepherds

Scripture Reading Luke 2:8 – 20 (pg. 58)

Hymn 238, vv. 1, 3 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

The Word Made Flesh

Scripture Reading John 1:1 – 18 (pg. 91)

Hymn 246 “Joy to the World”

Offering (Ushers will also collect blue prayer request cards at the time of the offering.)
Offertory
*Doxology
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 (If you need to sit for the prayer, please feel free.)

Our Response to Christ’s Birth

Scripture Reading Titus 2:11 – 14 (pg. 215)

*Hymn 28 (INSERT) “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

*Benediction

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music Iris Blanco-Urgelles
Greeters Lee & Virginia Holt
Ushers Carla Chieffo, Carolyn Repke, Darien Irizarry, Yuyza Irizarry
Flowers Given by Steve & Kelly Barnes in celebration of their forty years of fun, wonderful, sometimes challenging, but always blessed years of marriage.
Coffee Service Pat Marshall

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, Lee 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!

THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Over the next few weeks, we are receiving the Christmas Joy Offering. For more than 70 years, the Presbyterian Church has collected the Christmas Joy Offering to support the unmet needs of families who have devoted their lives to the mission of the PC(USA). This offering is shared equally by the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions (which provides critical assistance to Presbyterian Church workers and their families) and Presbyterian-affiliated racial ethnic schools and colleges (which enable students to develop their gifts and find their calling). There are envelopes are in the pew racks if you would like to give, and the offering will be dedicated in January.

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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES AND YEAR-END GIFTS

Offering envelopes for 2020 are now available in Fellowship Hall. If there is not a set with your name on it, and you would like one, please contact Ken Dilloway (Dilloway1@aol.com). 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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to sign up to sponsor flowers in 2020, please contact Jeanne Lynam. Cowan’s Flowers creates the bouquets and bills the sponsor directly at a cost of \$48. You may take the flowers home or donate them to one of our homebound or hospitalized members.

WOMEN’S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Women’s Bible study will resume meeting on Thursday, January 2. Women of all ages are welcome!

FAMILY WORSHIP TODAY

There will be no Sunday School today. Instead, we will all stay in worship together to sing Christmas carols as one big church family!



If you are not already receiving Ridgley’s weekly emails for youth and families, email her at rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com.

RIDGLEY’S OFFICE HOURS

Ridgley is still holding 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.

Upcoming Youth Events:

Sunday, January 5 – Youth Group Winter Kick-Off (4–5:30 PM)

Friday, January 10 – PJ & Movie Night (5:30–7:30 PM, 4th grade and under)

Sunday, January 12 – Youth Group (4–5:30 PM)

Sunday, January 19 – No Youth Group

Monday, January 20 – MLK Day of Service (5th–12th grade)

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

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| Sun, Dec 29 | 9:30 am | Family Worship – Service of Lessons and Carols No Sunday School |
| Wed, Jan 1 | | Church Office Closed for New Year’s Day |
| Thurs, Jan 2 | 6:30 pm 7:45 pm | Adult Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal |
| Sun, Jan 5 | 9:30 am | Worship & Sunday School Communion (Traditional) |
| Tues, Jan 7 | 7:00 pm | AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall) |
| Wed, Jan 8 | 9:00 am | Prayer Group (Kean Room) |

Please note that the church office will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 31 and Wednesday, Jan. 1.

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 when the office is closed or on a Saturday, you can call 484-604-0499.**

ST. JOHN’S LEADERSHIP

The Session

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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

“Now the Work of Christmas Begins”

By Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

December 29, 2019

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