

St. John's at Worship Baptism of the Lord Sunday

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

Introit "They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love" *Geschke*

*Call to Worship

Pastor: We have been claimed by God who calls us children.

People: We, the redeemed, have been called by name.

Pastor: As with the Israelites, God promises to pass with us through the water.

People: We will not fear, for God is with us!

Pastor: The rivers shall not overwhelm us for God is our guide and our protector

People: Through God's saving grace, the waters that tested us are now the waters that wash us and nourish us.

Pastor: Great is the Fount of Every Blessing.

People: Ever flowing, ever redeeming, ever claiming us as God's children.

Pastor: Come, let us worship the God who washes us in grace.

*Hymn **400** "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*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

In baptism you joined us to Christ in his death that we might be raised with Christ in new life; but we cherish old ways and fail to embrace the risen life of righteousness, justice, and love.

In baptism you united us with all the baptized who confess your name. But we foster division in the church. We refuse to live as one people, and so fail to witness to your reconciling love before the world.

In baptism you call us to ministry in all parts of our life, but we struggle to know your will. We do not nurture the ways of peace. We allow enmity to grow among us, setting neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse the earth you entrust to our care and live in discord with all you have made.

Lord, have mercy on us. Help us remember the promises of baptism. Forgive our sinful ways and heal our brokenness. Amen.

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 42:1-9, pg. 670) Wanda Odom

Children's Time Rev. Joyner

As Pre-K to 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 "Baptized and Set Free" *Helgen*

Scripture Reading Matthew 3:13-17 (pg. 3)

Sermon SILENT NIGHT, HOLY LIGHT Rev. Joyner

Affirmation of God's Claim on our Lives

Pastor: Do you renounce the ways of sin that separate you from the love of God?

People: Accepting the Father's love, I renounce all that makes me less than a child of God.

Pastor: Do you renounce all powers in the world that defy God's Way of Life for all?

People: In the name of Christ Jesus, I renounce them.

Pastor: Will you resist the forces of sin that hold the world in captivity?

People: With the power of the Holy Spirit, I will resist them.

Pastor: Trusting the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from evil to seek good?

People: By the grace of God, I do.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the world?

People: I believe Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior.

Pastor: Will you follow the Spirit of the living Lord and live in accord with God's Way?

People: By God's grace, I will walk in the Spirit Way.

At this time, we invite you to come forward to receive a reminder of your baptism. If you have not been baptized or would wish to not participate, please let the pastors know, and they will provide a blessing affirming God's claim on your life.

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

Offertory "Jesus Loves Me/We Are Baptized" *Hobby*

*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.)

*Hymn (INSERT) "Come Live in the Light"

*Benediction & Choral Response

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeters *Jennifer Roberts*

Ushers *Chuck & Jeanne Lynam, Kate Johnson*

Flowers *Given by Chuck & Jeanne Lynam in celebration of her parents, Mike & Pat Free, who will be 97 and 93 this month.*

Rejoicing Ringers *Garrick Bellew, Rowan Bellew, Courtney Cato, Ryan Crill, Cat Duncan, Sarah Duncan, Sarah Geiger, Avery Hillier, 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, 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!

ANNUAL MEETING – SAVE THE DATE

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of St. John's is called for **Sunday, January 26 at 10:30 AM** (immediately following worship), for the purpose of:

Distribution of the Annual Report
Presentation of the Approved 2020 Budget
Approval of Pastors' Terms of Call for 2020
Election of Elders, Deacons, and Trustees

All members of St. John's are encouraged to attend.

ANNUAL BLANKET DRIVE

Please consider a contribution to the annual Women's Fellowship Blankets+drive for Church World Service. Donations will be taken using the envelope included in your bulletin during the offering in worship, or at coffee hour. All around the world, Church World Services helps impoverished communities with the basic tools they need to sustain their families. Your gifts provide warm blankets, hygiene kits, clean-up buckets, seeds and tools for farming, and food for those in need. Checks may be made payable to St. John's, with "Women's Fellowship" in the memo.

MLK DAY OF SERVICE

On January 20, from 9 AM to 4 PM, the congregation is invited to be a part of our MLK Day of Service in Fellowship Hall. We will be making pillowcases with Ryan's Case for Smiles for children who are hospitalized with chronic illness. We are in need of volunteers for pillowcase making (no experience needed), ironing, running the food/card making areas, set up, and clean up. There is also a second day to iron and pack the cases once they are cleaned. If you can be a part of this event in any way, please sign up with Lauren Feldman, who will direct you to a sign-up genius that includes everything you'll need to know! Last year we made over 300 pillowcases for Oliver Feldman's Eagle Scout project, and this year we would love to surpass that goal!

PASTORAL UPDATE

Patrick has been in Pittsburgh for doctoral studies this past week and leaves again today after worship for a few more days of class. He will be back in the office full time on Monday, January 20. If you have a pastoral care need, please contact the church office, and Ridgley will be available. **If you have a pastoral emergency after hours or on a Saturday, you can call 484-604-0499.**

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING – TUESDAY NIGHTS (7 PM)

St. John's hosts an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting in our Fellowship Hall every Tuesday night at 7:00 PM. This is an open meeting, so anyone who feels that they have a problem with alcohol is welcome.



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.

NEW YEAR UPDATES

Starting in January, Senior High Sunday School (grades 8-12) will gather for Sunday School the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month during worship (10–10:45 AM), upstairs in the Carriage House. We will gather to discuss the previous week's sermon and scripture. Youth Fellowship (grades 5–12) will now gather from 4–5:30 PM, unless otherwise specified.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Today: Youth Advisory Council (YAC) meets in Ridgley's office at 3 PM before youth fellowship. Then, all youth will gather from 4–5:30 PM at the home of Amy Lord to make french toast for a homeless ministry in the Kensington neighborhood of Philadelphia. Bring a loaf of bread and a friend!

January 19: Youth will not meet due to MLK Day of Service

CONFIRMATION

On January 14 and 21, the Confirmation Class will gather at the home of Nancy Higgins from 6:30–7:30 PM. Don't forget that our confirmation retreat is February 7–9! Details to come.

YOUTH AT SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S

Starting Wednesday, January 22, youth are invited to join Ridgley in her office from 6–7 PM for a meal and Bible study during Supper at St. John's.

SUMMER SHARING BRUNCH – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

The congregation is invited to join the youth after worship for a pancake breakfast and update on this past summer's events! This will be a chance to learn more about the work that the youth did on their recent mission trip to Puerto Rico and to see pictures from VBS. Summer events for 2020 will be announced at this event. The meal is free, but donations are welcome.

OFFICE WEATHER CLOSURES

As we head into the season of snow, just a reminder that inclement weather closures for the office will mirror T/E School District's closing schedule.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Jan 12	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	11:00 am	Music Planning Meeting (Kean)
Mon, Jan 13	7:00 pm	Session Meeting (Kean Room)
Tues, Jan 14	7:00 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Wed, Jan 15	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
Thurs, Jan 16	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Adult Handbell Rehearsal
	7:45 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sun, Jan 19	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
Mon, Jan 20		Office closed for MLK Day
	9 AM- 4 PM	MLK Day of Service (Fell. Hall)

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.**



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