

St. John's at Worship Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome and Announcements (*Please fill out the fellowship roll*)

Introit "Be Thou My Vision" *arr. Harvey*

*Call to Worship From 1 Chronicles 16

One: Give thanks to the Lord and call on God's name!

All: Sing praises to the Lord and tell of God's wonderful works!

One: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

**All: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!
God's steadfast love endures forever!**

One: Gather us, O God of our salvation,
that we may give thanks to your holy name
and glory in your praise.

All: Blessed be the Lord, from everlasting to everlasting!

One: Let us worship God!

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

*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

**Forgive us, Lord,
for we are more invested in the treasures of this world
than in the riches of your kingdom.**

**We have trusted more in the promises of man
than in your eternal Word.**

**We have relied more on our own strength and ability
than on your incomparable power.**

**We have turned our faces from you
and set our hope on that which does not last.**

**In doing so, we isolate ourselves from you,
and we hurt our neighbors,
allowing them to suffer while we satisfy ourselves.**

**May your grace draw our eyes back to you,
draw our feet back to your right path,
and draw our hearts back to our neighbor.**

**In our weakness and fear, we have wandered,
but we long to return to you.**

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.**

*Affirmation of Faith A Modern Affirmation

**We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all His works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.**

Amen.

Scripture Reading Ruth 1:1–10 (pg. 241) Nancy Davis

As Pre-K through 4th 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 "My Lord, What a Mornin'"

Scripture Reading Ruth 1:11–18 (pg. 241)

Sermon A COMMITMENT TO HOPE Rev. Joyner

*Hymn **640** "Take Our Bread"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

*Presentation of Offering & 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 **554 (INSERT)** "Let All Things Now Living"

*Benediction

*Postlude "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" *arr. Kaiser*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Ushers *John McClintick, Jim Ryland*

Flowers *Given by John & Barbara Alexander in honor of Veterans
Day this Thursday and all the veterans who have served
our country. We are grateful for your service!*

Guest Musicians *Miyuki Hashimoto (soprano), Cassia Harvey (cello)*

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

We are so happy that you have joined us for worship this morning! We hope that you experience the presence and love of Jesus Christ here with us today. 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 the sanctuary doors. We are glad that you are here and hope you will worship with us again soon!

COMMUNION SUNDAY

On the first Sunday of every month, St. John's shares the Lord's Supper. This meal reminds us of Christ's sacrifice for us – his body broken and his blood shed – so that we might be nourished in our faith to live for him. This is not just for Presbyterians or members of St. John's. Everyone who seeks to know and love Jesus Christ is welcome to share in this meal! **Please be sure to pick up a bag with a piece of bread (gluten/nut-free bread is available) and a pre-sealed cup of juice.**

COVID PRECAUTIONS

Masks are required for all, regardless of vaccination status. Initially, we will be using every other pew for seating (although there are no restrictions on capacity). If the number of worshippers exceeds our ability to do that, we will begin filling in the open pews as necessary. We will not be passing offering plates. Instead, offering baskets are located at each of the entrances to the sanctuary, and you can place your offering there on your way in.

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES – TONIGHT!

St. John's concert series finally returns **tonight at 5 PM** with "Music from the Movies IV!" Come experience the magical sounds of the music behind the movies you love! From Disney to John Williams, the Musicalia Ensemble – joined by a soprano, a tenor, and a percussionist – presents an exciting program of epic movie scores that will keep you entertained. These concerts are free and open to the whole community, so let Hollywood come to you as you sit back and enjoy the soundtracks to your favorite films! (Masks are required for all, and the same protocol will be followed as on Sunday mornings.)

MANSE SALE UPDATE

We have reached an agreement in principle on the sale of the church's manse! More information will be coming as this process is finalized, so we hope to have more news to share with you soon.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We are receiving nominations for next year's class of Elders, Deacons, and Trustees. If you know of anyone who may be called to fill one of these important leadership roles for St. John's, or if you yourself are feeling called, please email Judy Mileto.

DEVON STATE ROAD WORK

Please be aware that beginning on Tuesday, November 16, the section of Devon State Road between Gwen Lane and Forest Hills Circle (where the manse is) will be closed every weekday from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM for water main work. This is expected to last until December 31 and might affect the route that you take to the church during the week.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 14

St. John's will once again be celebrating Consecration Sunday during morning worship next Sunday, November 14. This is a time when we are all invited to prayerfully consider the question, "What is God calling me to do," as it relates to how we will contribute our gifts to the life and ministry of the church in 2022. The Rev. Dick Ollinger will be our guest preacher, and we will dedicate our pledges together in worship. If you did not receive a copy of the letter and pledge card that were mailed out this past week, copies are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary (they will also be in this week's email update). We hope that you will join us for this meaningful day in the life of our church!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children in Pre-K through 4th grade are invited to join us for in-person Sunday School during worship. Nursery care is available for younger children. Youth in grades 5–12 have the option to stay in worship or help with Sunday School downstairs. Regardless of vaccination status, masks are required in order to ensure the safety of our unvaccinated children. Check-in for families has also resumed as well. We ask that when you enter the sanctuary, you sign in your child for contact tracing and security purposes.



The Fall calendar for children and youth is available for pickup outside of Ridgley's office. If you are not already receiving Ridgley's weekly emails for youth and families, email her at rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com.

Today – Fall Family Fun Day (5–7 PM)

All God's children (that means adults too!) are invited to join us at Linvilla Orchards (137 W. Knowlton Road, Media) for an evening of fall fun, complete with a sunset hayride, bonfire, and s'mores! Meet Pastor Ridgley outside of the "Farm Market" – look for a purple umbrella! Don't forget to bring money for a la carte activities at the farm before we go on our hayride!

Youth Group Sweatpants:

The Youth Advisory Council has been hard at work to create 2022's "Youth Group Swag"! Place your order for sweatpants today and drop off cash or a check made out to St. John's for \$25. The order form will be closed November 21st – don't miss out to have the coziest pants ever this winter! Check Pastor Ridgley's weekly email or the [@stjohnsdevonyouth](https://www.instagram.com/stjohnsdevonyouth) on Instagram for the link to order!

November 14: 4-6 PM Youth Fellowship Bible Study Night

Grades 5-7 are invited to join Pastor Ridgley at the church for Bible Study and games with Trinity Presbyterian's youth group from 4-5 PM. Then, grades 8-12 are invited to join Pastor Ridgley on zoom from 5-6 PM as we discuss chapter 1 of "A Prayer in the Night" for book club! If you don't have your book yet, contact Pastor Ridgley. Check out Pastor Ridgley's weekly email for the zoom link.

November 21st: 4-6 PM Youth Fellowship Mission Night

Youth of all ages are invited to join Pastor Ridgley at Covenant Presbyterian (400 Lancaster Ave) for a mission project. We will be making bagged lunches for Safe Harbor in West Chester. Please bring one of the following items for the Trinity Berwyn Caring Cupboard: Maple syrup, flour or sugar

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

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| Sun, Nov 7 | 8:15 am | Deacons Meeting (Ridgley's office) |
| | 8:30 am | Trustees Meeting (Kean Room) |
| | 9:30 am | Worship & Communion Sunday School |
| | 9:45 am | Confirmation class (Kean room) |
| | 10:30 am | Coffee Fellowship |
| | 5:00 pm | Concert in Sanctuary |
| | 5:00 pm | Fall Family Fun Day @ Linvilla |
| Mon, Nov 8 | 7:00 pm | Session Meeting (Zoom) |
| Tues, Nov 9 | 7:00 pm | Nominating Comm. (Zoom) |
| Wed, Nov 10 | 9:00 am | Prayer Group (Kean Room) |
| Sun, Nov 14 | Consecration Sunday | |
| | 9:30 am | Worship & Sunday School |
| | 10:30 am | Coffee Fellowship (Outdoors) |
| | 4:00 pm | Middle School Bible Study |
| | 5:00 pm | High School Book Club on zoom |

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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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

St. John's Mission Statement:

We experience God's unconditional love in Jesus Christ, and together, we strive to love God, our neighbors, and ourselves in return.

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