

## St. John's at Worship Consecration Sunday

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

Introit "Ave Maris Stella" *Delibes*

\*Call to Worship *From Psalm 103*

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

**All: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits.**

One: Who forgives all our sins, and who heals all our diseases;

**All: Who redeems our life from the Pit  
and crowns us with love and mercy;**

One: Who satisfies us with good as long as we live.

**All: Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!**

\*Hymn 66 "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"

\*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

**God of grace, all that we are, all that we have, and all that we will become is a gift from You. Forgive us when we forget this and assume that time and talent are made by us. Forgive us when we pridefully count our blessings, rather than thanking you for all you have given us. Remind us of our high calling to be stewards of your abundance and caretakers of all that you have entrusted to us. Make us faithful with little, and also with much, that we may give ourselves to you, wholly and completely, today and every day, in Jesus' name.**

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 Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord**

**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.**

**He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father, Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church;**

**the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;**

**the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 8:11–20 (pg. 165) Susanne Engheta

Children's Time Rev. Joyner

*As Pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> 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 "Come unto Him" *Faure*

Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:12–22 (pg. 205)

Sermon THANKS GIVING Rev. Richard Ollinger

\*Prayers of the People

\*Dedication of Pledges

\*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.**

\*Unison Prayer of Dedication

**All that we have, Lord, all that we are is a gift from you.**

**So we give ourselves back to you now in thanksgiving,  
and ask that you would use us for your glory.**

**You are holy, Lord. Make us holy.**

**Consecrate our gifts and make them holy.**

**Guide us as we work for your will to be done  
in this world and in our lives.**

**Help us to keep and fulfill the promise we make today,  
not for our own glory, but for yours, in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

\*Benediction

\*Postlude "The Love of God" *Lehman*

### ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Director of Music** *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

**Ushers** *Jim Ryland & Susanne Engheta*

**Flowers** *Given by the Marvin and Archbold Families in praise to  
the Lord for His many blessings*

**Guest Musicians** *Heather McConnell (soprano), Paula Gonzalez (alto),  
Danielle M. Cullen (clarinet)*

### 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!

### TODAY IS CONSECRATION SUNDAY!

St. John's is once again celebrating Consecration Sunday, 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. We will also be dedicating our financial pledges for next year. If you did not receive a copy of the letter and pledge card that were mailed out, copies are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

Our guest preacher this morning is the **Rev. Richard (Dick) Ollinger**. Dick recently retired as President/CEO of Cornerstone Christian Academy in Philadelphia after 18 years of service there. Prior to that, he served churches in Richmond, VA, Orchard Park, NY, Monroeville, PA, and Venice, FL. Dick and his wife Nancy regularly worship with St. John's and are parents to three children and grandparents to three grandchildren. Please join us in welcoming Rev. Ollinger!

### 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.

### 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.

### DEACON'S THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

In this season of "giving", the deacons will continue our ministry with Great Valley Food Cupboard with mail-in contributions as well as in-person food donations from now until November 21<sup>st</sup>. See the insert in your bulletin for more information!

### ANGEL TREE COMING SOON!

The tree will be up in Fellowship Hall starting November 28th filled with angels for the Chester County Family Academy school. Each angel will represent a child from kindergarten through 2nd grade. Each color represents a different class. On the angel is the child's name, grade and Christmas toy wish. We will be in Fellowship Hall starting on Sunday November 29th to sign you up for the angel/angels you chose so we can keep track and make sure every child is taken care of. We ask that you return your gift/gifts by Sunday December 12th wrapped and with the angel attached. We recommend that you spend around \$25. In some cases that might mean buying a couple of toys. Thank you so much for supporting Angel Tree. Any question please call Lee Walsh.

## PASTORAL UPDATE

As we shared in an email and letter this past week, the Session has approved a medical leave of absence for Pastor Patrick, beginning Wednesday, November 10, and lasting up to 90 days. We know that this news has come as a surprise to most of us, and we want to provide a space for you to share your questions and concerns. Ridgley and several Elders will be hosting an in-person Q&A November 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:45 AM after worship in Fellowship Hall, and on Zoom Monday November 15<sup>th</sup> (link will be provided with weekly newsletter). We hope that you will join us as you are able, and ask that you keep Patrick, his family, our church leadership, and our whole church family in prayer during this time.

## ADVENT CRAFT NIGHT (NOV 28 2-4PM)

Join us in Fellowship Hall for a night of crafting for ALL AGES (including adults!) as we kick off the liturgical season of Advent! If you are interested in hosting a craft, please contact Christa Fisher: christafish@gmail.com

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children in Pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join in-person Sunday School during worship. Nursery care is available. Youth in grades 5–12 may stay in worship, or help with Sunday School downstairs. We ask that when you enter the sanctuary, you sign in your child for contact tracing and security purposes.



If you are not already receiving Ridgley's weekly emails for youth and families, email her at [rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com](mailto:rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com).

### Today – Youth Fellowship

4–5 PM – Middle School (grades 5–7) Bible study & games at the church  
5–6 PM – High School (grades 8–12) Bible study via Zoom

### 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 on November 21. Check Pastor Ridgley's weekly email or the @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 the weekly email for the zoom link!

### November 21 (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 bag 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

<b>Sun, Nov 14</b>	<b>Consecration Sunday</b>
	9:30 am Worship & Sunday School
	10:30 am Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 am Session Q&A (Fellowship Hall)
	4:00 pm Middle School Bible Study
	5:00 pm High School Book Club (Zoom)
<b>Mon, Nov 15</b>	7:00 pm Session Q&A (Zoom)
	7:00 pm Women's Fellowship (Kean)
<b>Tues, Nov 17</b>	7:00 pm Nominating Comm. (Zoom)
	7:00 pm Adult Christ. Ed. Comm. (Zoom)
<b>Wed, Nov 20</b>	9:00 am Prayer Group (Kean Room)
<b>Sun, Nov 21</b>	<b>Christ the King Sunday</b>
	9:30 am Worship & Sunday School
	10:30 am Coffee Fellowship
<b>Mon, Nov 22</b>	1:00 pm Pillowcase sewing day

Pastor Ridgley is available for pastoral care meetings in the community, in your home, or over zoom/telephone. She is also available at the church for more private pastoral care appointments.

Lara is in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and is available every day via email or phone by calling the regular office line. **If you have a pastoral care emergency and are unable to reach Lara, 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.*

**November 14, 2021**  
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