

St. John's at Worship Reign of Christ Sunday

Prelude "Jesus Loves Me" *arr. Jason W. Krug*

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

Introit "Blessings all Around" arr. Linda R. Lamb

*Call to Worship

One: Come! Behold the reign of Christ,

All: Like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the dew on the grassy land.

One: Come! Behold the reign of Christ,

All: A power that shall not pass away and a love that will never be destroyed.

One: We belong to the reign of Christ

All: The Alpha and Omega, who was, and is, and is to come.

*Hymn (**insert**) "Come, Christians Join to Sing"

*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

Merciful God, in the life of Jesus Christ you showed us what it means to live by your reign: sharing food with the hungry, freedom with the imprisoned, justice with the oppressed, and joy with the sorrowful. Forgive us, O Lord, for the ways we fail to live as people who belong to your reign. Forgive us for offering allegiance and obedience to the rulers of this world. Free us from our sin and give us grace to try again.

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

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgement and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

-From the Confession of 1967

Children's Time Rev. Joyner

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 "Put on Love" *Dengler*

Scripture Reading John 18:33-38 (pg. 113) Jim Ryland

Sermon HERE COMES THE REIGN Rev. Matt Drumheller

*Prayers of the People

*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.

*Hymn (**insert**) "Come, Thou Almighty King"

*Benediction

*Postlude "Come, Thou Almighty King" *Hayes*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Ushers *Lynne Hay, Jim Ryland*

Flowers *Today's flowers are given by the Lord family, to brighten everyone's day with the beauty of God's creation.*

Rejoicing Ringers *Garrick Bellew, Rowan Bellew, Courtney Cato, Sophie Coradi, Sarah Duncan, Avery Hillier*

Devon Chapel Bells *Susan Bain, Sarah Duncan, Christina Fish, Jim Tiede*

Women's Choir *Miyuki Hashimoto, Nancy Kimmons, Pam Schaffer*

Guest Musicians *Myanna and Cassia Harvey*

Our guest preacher this morning is the **Rev. Matt Drumheller**

Rev. Drumheller is a PC(USA) pastor who has recently moved to Lancaster, PA with his spouse Claire and their two dogs, Liesl and Lupe. He grew up in southwestern Virginia, earned a BS from Virginia Tech, and an M.Div. from Union Presbyterian Seminary. He most recently served First Presbyterian Church in Albemarle, NC. He became a pastor because he loves talking about faith with people in all walks of life. While Matt loves to read and watch movies with Claire, he spends as much time as possible outdoors running, biking, kayaking, and hiking.

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!

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 (judym698@aol.com).

CONSECRATION SUNDAY

It's not too late to turn in your pledge card for 2022! Extra pledge cards are located at the rear of the sanctuary.

YEAR END GIVING ENVELOPES

Giving Envelopes for 2022 are located downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Please pick them up at your convenience. If there is not one there with your name on it, and you would like one, please call Ken Dilloway at _____ or email at _____

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 until today, November 21st. There will be a blue Tupperware bin on the Carriage House porch, if you would like to drop off your food donations of soup, crackers, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, sauce, spam, canned chicken or tuna, oil, honey, mayonnaise, cookies, juice, potato flakes, canned yams, or other snacks. Checks may be made out to St. John's, with a note that says "Deacon Food Drive"

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.

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES

Our next concert will be on **Sunday, December 12 from 5-6 PM**, featuring joyful songs of the Christmas season! These concerts are free and open to the whole community, so please bring a friend and join us for an evening of amazing music!

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 21st at 10:45 AM after worship in Fellowship Hall. 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 as we craft our way into the Advent season! This year Advent Craft Night has a TWIST- crafts for adults AND kids! We hope everyone can join us! If you are interested in hosting a craft, please contact Christa Fisher: christafish@gmail.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children in Pre-K through 4th 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.

Youth Group Sweatpants!

The Youth Advisory Council has been hard at work to create 2022's "Youth Group Swag!" Place your order for sweatpants by December 1st and drop off cash or a check made out to St. John's for \$25. Check Pastor Ridgley's weekly email or the @stjohnsdevonyouth on Instagram for the link to order.

TODAY- 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 bonfire and 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.

KEEP IN TOUCH!

Copies of the most up-to-date directory are always available at the rear of the sanctuary! Grab one on your way out!

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Nov 21

Reign of Christ Sunday

8:00 am Women's Book Club
9:30 am Worship & Sunday School
9:30 am Confirmation meeting
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship
10:45 am Session Q&A
11:00 am Confirmation Mentor Meeting
2:00 pm Youth Advisory Council (zoom)
4:00 pm Youth Mission Project

Mon, Nov 22

1:00 pm

Pillowcase sewing day

Tues, Nov 23rd

7:00 pm

Nominating Committee

Wed, Nov 24th

9:00 am

Companions in Prayer

The office will be closed for the holiday on Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th. Happy Thanksgiving!

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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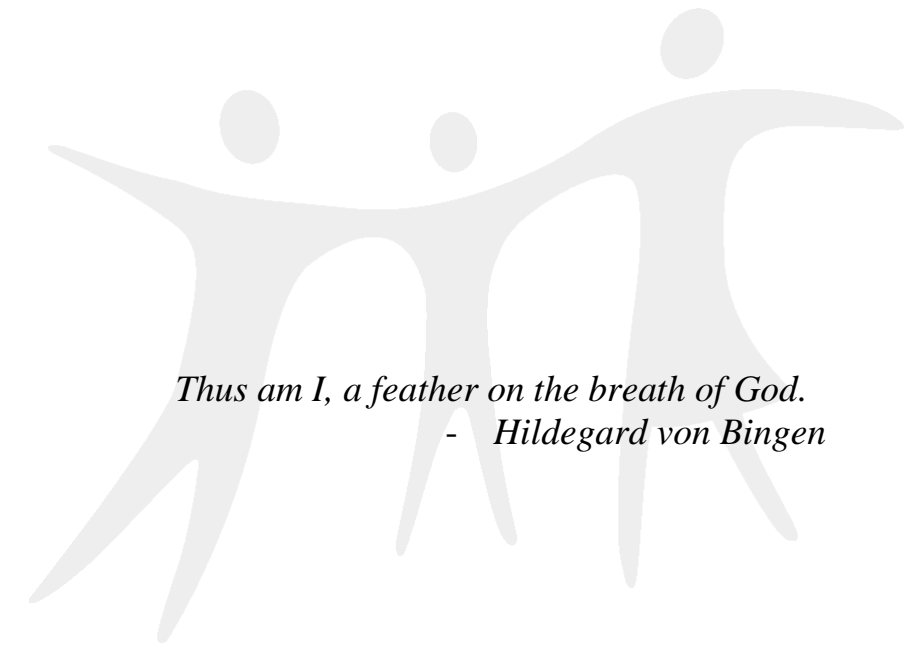
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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



*Thus am I, a feather on the breath of God.
- Hildegard von Bingen*

November 21, 2021
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