

St. John’s at Worship

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

“Introit”

Woode

*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!

*Hymn 158

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

*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

We strive to be good stewards, Lord;

to faithfully use the gifts that you give us in ways that glorify you.

We want to live in ways that show gratitude.

But we don’t always get it right.

We fall short of your glory in our words and thoughts,

in how we treat others,

in how we use our time,

our money,

our abilities,

our forgiveness,

and our love.

We want to be the people you created us to be.

So remind us what it means to live with you,

and set our feet firmly on your righteous path,

that we might not stray from it

as we have done so many times in the past.

Silent Confession

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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	The 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	Haggai 1:15b–2:9 (pg. 878, O.T.)	Nancy Davis
<i>As Pre-K–4th graders leave for Sunday School, we send them with this liturgy:</i>		
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!	
Sermon	REBUILDING	Rev. Marshall
Anthem	“We Are Called”	<i>Hass</i>
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 and Prayers of the People		
*Hymn 140, vss. 1, 3	“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”	
*Benediction		
*Choral Response	“Come Light of God”	
*Postlude	“Pastoral in G”	<i>Stickles</i>
ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD		
Music Director	Iris Blanco-Urgelles	
Ushers	Jen Lortz, Dan Lortz	
Greeters	Libby & Dave Dalrymple	
Flowers	Given by Lee & Andrew Walsh in loving memory of their parents.	
Coffee Servers	Marianne & Skip McClennen	

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 would love for you to join us for refreshments downstairs in the Fellowship Hall following worship. We are glad that you are here and hope you will worship with us again soon!
LITURGICAL BANNERS
The banners hanging in the sanctuary were designed and made by Pam Schafer, Nancy Arico, Betsy Friend, and Nancy Higgins. During their study of the Haggai scripture reading, they were struck by God’s prophecy: that the remnant of the people needed to take courage because God was doing a new thing. God says, “Take courage, and work, for I am with you, my spirit abides among you.” We may sometimes feel like a “remnant” of the people who have returned after the pandemic, remembering the church in its former glory. Yet, God calls us to take courage, to remember God’s promise to us in baptism: that God will be with us. God shows us that even as a remnant people, we shall see that the splendor of what is to come for the church is “greater than the former.” As we prepare to consecrate our gifts and ourselves to God, let us remember that we are the Lord’s, that we are to take courage, and we are to get to work, for God is creating a new thing in our midst, and we get to be a part of it!
CONSECRATION SUNDAY – NEXT SUNDAY!
Consecration Sunday is next Sunday, November 13! We will dedicate our pledges for the coming year in worship. Our guest preacher for the morning will be the Rev. Rebekah Maul. Immediately following worship, we will celebrate with a catered brunch in Fellowship Hall. You may turn in brunch RSVP cards in the envelope on the church office door, or on our website by clicking the “Consecration Sunday Celebration Brunch Reservations” link. If you did not receive the letter that went out describing Consecration Sunday, there are copies available on the usher’s table in the back of the sanctuary.
CONGREGATIONAL CARE
Barbara Alexander would like to extend a special thank you to her St. John’s family for all your prayers for her daughter Kelly during her kidney transplant. Kelly is now at home healing. We give thanks to God for our church family and a successful transplant!
BOOK NOOK
Stop by the Fellowship Hall to see our new Book Nook, featuring books for all ages selected by our pastors! If you would like to buy any of the books, simply take home the resource card so that you can purchase them at your preferred retailer.
CHURCH TREASURER
Brian Bouvier will be ending his time as Church Treasurer at the end of this term, March 31, 2023. If you (or someone you know) has gifts that you think might fit the needs of this position, we encourage you to talk to Jeff Wagner (President of the Trustees) or to Pastor Patrick.

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN’S

Join us for Supper at St. John’s, every Wednesday night through November 16. This is a wonderful time of food, fellowship, and education. It is a great chance to slow down in the middle of the week, enjoy a delicious meal that you do not have to cook, and catch up with your church family!

We begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner, followed by a class starting at 7:00 p.m., concluding promptly at 8:00 p.m. You can still come to eat, even if you do not stay for the class. We are also looking for volunteers to help with set up and clean up each week. Childcare is available with one week’s notice.

This term we are studying the Apostles’ Creed using a video-based course by pastor and author Tim Keller. Even if you missed previous classes, it’s not too late to join us! You can participate in person or by Zoom, although we encourage you to join us in person!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

After the children’s time, children in K–4th grade will leave with their teachers. Grades 5–12 will remain in worship for communion. If this is your child’s first time in Sunday School, the ushers have pamphlets that tell you everything you need to know. As always, nursery care is provided for children ages 5 and under. Please be sure to check in children in 4th grade and under in the back of the sanctuary before worship begins.

FALL FAMILY FUN DAY – TODAY!

Join us today at Linvilla Orchards from 1:30–3:30 PM! Meet Pastor Ridgley under her purple umbrella outside the farm market. We will catapult apples and go on a hayride. Children of God of all ages are invited!

UPCOMING YOUTH FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Youth All-Nighter – Friday, November 18 (6:00–10:00 PM)

Youth Grades 5–12 are invited to join us in Oaks for an evening of Laser Tag, arcade games, go karts, trampolines, pizza, and more! The cost is \$40 per person, \$100 Family Max. Please RSVP by Monday, Nov. 14.

LADIES NIGHT FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG-AT-HEART!

Join us on Saturday, November 12 (6:30–10 PM) for a casual evening of good company, snacks, dessert, and wine at the home of Lauren Feldman. You can contact Lauren with any questions or to RSVP (laurengfeldman@yahoo.com).

DEACON COAT DRIVE

We are collecting gently used adult and children’s coats for Chester County Family Academy. Hats and mittens would also be most welcomed by the students and their families! Items can be dropped off in the front closet of the Carriage House **through November 18**. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Roberts at (610-952-1128 or annroberts204@gmail.com).

WOMEN’S BOOK STUDY

The Women’s Book Study meets on Sunday mornings at 8:00 AM and on Mondays at 11:30 AM (you are welcome to bring lunch). These groups are open to all women, and both are reading the same book, *In Defense of Kindness: Why It Matters, How It Changes Our Lives, and How it Can Save the World* by Bruce Reyes-Chow.

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

Sun, Nov 6	8:00 am	Women’s Book Study
	8:30 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Communion
	10:45 am	Nominating Committee (Kean Room)
	1:30 pm	Family Fun Day (Linvilla Orchards)
Mon, Nov 7	11:30 am	Women’s Book Study (Kean Room)
Tues, Nov 8	7:00 pm	Christian Ed Steering Committee (Kean)
Wed, Nov 9	7:00 am	Election Day (Carriage House)
	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Thurs, Nov 10	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer (Kean Room)
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John’s (Fellowship Hall)
Fri, Nov 11	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sun, Nov 13	6:00 pm	Leadership Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
Consecration Sunday		
	8:00 am	Women’s Book Study (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Celebration Brunch (Fellowship Hall)
	5:00 pm	Monthly Concert (Sanctuary)

Reminder

Friday is both Patrick and Ridgley’s sabbath day, and the church office is closed on Saturday. If you email or call on those days, you will not get a response until they are back in the office.

Our Church Administrator Roseann Christian is in the office Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. **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

“When God First Brought Us Back from Exile”
Based on Psalm 126
by Carl P. Daw, Jr.

When God first brought us back from exile,
we were as dazed as those who dream.
Then were our mouths brimming with laughter;
joy from our lips gushed like a stream.
The godless cried in envious wonder,
“Look what the LORD has done for them!”
Indeed our God has greatly blessed us;
rejoice and sing, Jerusalem!

Once more, O Lord, restore your people;
come with your saving help again,
as to the brook-beds in the desert
you bring the sweet, reviving rain.
Let those who sow with tears and sighing
sing as they reap and joy proclaim;
may those who weep when seed is scattered
gather their sheaves and praise your name.

November 6, 2022
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