

St. John's at Worship Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "In the Bleak Midwinter" *Larter*

Lighting the Advent Candles Ben, Lauren, Claire, Anna, and Cora Tiede

*Answering God's Call to Worship

One: Come and fill our hearts with your peace;
you alone, O Lord, are holy.

**All: Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
Alleluia!**

One: May it be so. Come, Lord Jesus!

*Hymn 196 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

*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.

Confessing Our Sin Together

**In this season when we wait for your peace to come,
we recognize that we do not always do our part to create peace.
We judge others, hold on to grudges, and place conditions on our love.
We open our mouths when we should keep them shut,
and we shut our mouths when we should speak up.
We cannot be at peace with our neighbors, or with you,
because we are not at peace with ourselves.
Help us to embrace your forgiveness and live in harmony
with ourselves, with each other, and with you.
May your peace come among us, so that we can let go,
and may we let go, so that your peace can come among us.**

Confessing Silently

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The Promise of Forgiveness

*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.**

*Confessing Our Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Scripture Reading Isaiah 11:1–10 (pg. 640, O.T.) Ken Coradi

As pre-K- 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 "We Wait" *Elaine*

Scripture Reading Matthew 3:1–12 (pg. 2, N.T.)

Sermon DREAMING OF PEACE Rev. Marshall

*Hymn 626, vss. 1, 2 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

*Presenting Our 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 the Prayers of the People

*Hymn 431 "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Surely the Presence of the Lord"

*Postlude "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" *arr. Wesley*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Music Director Iris Blanco-Urgelles
Ushers Susanne Engheta, John Shaw
Greeter Barb Beucler
Flowers Given by Lynne Hay in memory of her father and grandparents, and in honor of her mother, husband, and children.
Coffee Server Joe Arico
Guest Musicians Paula Gonzalez (alto), Myanna Harvey (viola/violin), Miyuki Hashimoto (soprano)

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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

After the children's time, children in K–4th grade will leave with their teachers. Grades 5–12 will remain in the sanctuary 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.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

The Deacons are accepting sponsorships beginning through December 11 for beautiful red poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas. The cost will be \$10 per plant, and the poinsettia is yours to take after the 8 PM Christmas Eve service. If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia, please see Lisa Estabrook or a Deacon with the signup sheet after worship or contact Lisa (JECardie@aol.com or 610-608-2842).

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

We are going to spread the Christmas cheer among our neighbors on Tuesday, December 13. We will gather at the church at 6:45 p.m. to pick up the song sheets and map and pour a cup of hot beverage – you may want to bring your own insulated cups. Then we will drive to nearby areas for caroling. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall so we know to expect you. You may also sign up by contacting Susanne Engheta (susanne.engheta@gmail.com or 610-203-9161).

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE SEEKING A CHURCH FAMILY?

In January, St. John's will host a series of discussions led by our pastors and Elders for those interested in learning more about our church community and becoming a member at St. John's. These classes will be held January 8, 15, and 22 at 10:45 a.m. in the Kean Room. We will be talking about what it means to be Presbyterian, what it means to be a member of a church, and telling you more about St. John's. For more information, contact Wanda Odom (wmodom@verizon.net).

ANGEL TREE

There are still a few angels left on the tree in Fellowship Hall! Each angel represents a child in K-2nd grade at Chester County Family Academy. On the angel is the child's name, grade, and Christmas gift wish. The Deacons will be in Fellowship Hall to sign you up for the angel(s) you choose, so we can keep track and make sure every child is taken care of. Please return your gifts by next Sunday, December 11, wrapped and with the angel attached. We recommend that you spend around \$30.

We also have a **virtual Angel Tree** supporting children whose parents are incarcerated. You can sponsor a child online by using the link in today's weekly email update.

Please contact Ellie Lund (610-812-6367) or Lee Walsh (484-888-6000) with any questions about either of these. Thank you so much for supporting Angel Tree!

CHRISTMAS MARKET – HANDMADE CRAFTS COLLECTION!

Women's Fellowship and the Deacons are hosting a joint fundraiser for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance! This will take place in the Fellowship Hall after worship today. We hope that you will join us!

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP TONIGHT! (4:30-6 PM)

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for fun and fellowship. Please bring a wrapped gift under \$10 value for the White Elephant gift exchange.

BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY

Sunday, December 18 will be our Annual Christmas Cantata. This is a great opportunity to bring a friend to worship! We hope you will consider inviting a friend to come discover St. John's and worship God with a morning of beautiful music.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 (3-6 PM)

St. John's Youth would like to give the parents a night off to do some last-minute holiday shopping! Drop off your kids (4th grade and younger) for a movie (*Polar Express*) and a craft! Please RSVP by December 10 using the link in this week's Weekly Roundup email, so we can make sure adequate care is available for your child's safety.

PLEDGES FOR 2023

We are so grateful to everyone who has already pledged to support the life and ministry of our church family in the coming year. It's not too late to make a pledge for 2023! You can submit a pledge on our website or by using one of the green cards on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for 2023 are available for pickup in Fellowship Hall. If you do not have a pack of envelopes but would like one, please contact Ken Dilloway (dilloway1@aol.com).

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.

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, Dec. 18 (9:30 am)

Christmas Cantata

Tuesday, Dec. 20 (7 pm)

Longest Night Service

For those who are struggling to celebrate this season.

Saturday, Dec. 24 (4 & 8 pm)

Christmas Eve Services (both candlelight)

Sunday, Dec. 25 (9:30 am)

Christmas Worship & Communion

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Dec 4

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Women's Book Study (Kean Room)
8:15 am Nominating Committee Meeting
9:30 am Worship (Communion) & Sunday School
10:30 am Christmas Market (Fellowship Hall)
4:30 pm Youth Fellowship

Mon, Dec 5

11:30 am Women's Book Study (Kean Room)
7:00 pm CE Meeting (Zoom)

Tues, Dec 6

5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Wed, Dec 7

9:00 am Companions in Prayer (Kean Room)

Thurs, Dec 8

5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Sat, Dec 10

11:30 am Bob Spahr Memorial Service (Sanctuary)

Sun, Dec 11

Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 am Worship & Sunday School
8:00 am Women's Book Study (Kean Room)
5:00 pm Session Christmas Party (Carriage House)

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

“The Strangest Dream”
by Ed McCurdy

Last night I had the strangest dream
I ever dreamed before.
I dreamed the world had all agreed
To put an end to war.

I dreamed I saw a mighty room –
The room was filled with men –
And the paper they were signing said
They'd never fight again.

And when the papers all were signed
And a million copies made,
They all joined hands and bowed their heads
And grateful prayers were prayed.

And the people in the streets below
Were dancing round and round,
And guns and swords and uniforms
Were scattered on the ground.

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December 4, 2022
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