

## St. John's at Worship World Communion Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Arioso" *Bach*

\*Answering God's Call to Worship From Psalm 24

One: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it!

**All: Lift up your heads, O gates,  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in!**

One: Who is the King of glory?

**All: The Lord, strong and mighty,  
The Lord of hosts is the King of glory!**

One: Let us worship God!

\*Hymn **Insert** "In Christ There Is No East or West"

\*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

**Lord of all creation, in you there is no east or west.**

**There are no divisions or distinctions, no boundaries or borders.**

**But we don't live that way.**

**We are too good at drawing lines and separating –  
us from *them* and *myself* from *others*.**

**In you three live as one.**

**But we are a divided people, with divided hearts and minds.**

**And we can't live in harmony with *you*,  
if we can't live in harmony with *each other*.**

**Overcome the divisions that we have created and tolerated,  
both within us and around us.**

**Heal our brokenness, and the brokenness of this world,  
and help us to be *one*, the way *you* are one, in Christ.**

Confessing Silently

**Lord, thank you for your mercy!  
Christ, thank you for your mercy!  
Spirit, thank you for your mercy!**

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.**

\*Affirming Our Faith (**See Insert**)

Scripture Reading Philippians 2:1–13 (pg. 197, N.T.) Nancy Davis

*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!**

Sermon A WORD TO A DYING CHURCH Rev. Marshall

\*Hymn **620** (vss. **1, 2**) "One Bread, One Body"

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

Offering (Ushers will also collect blue prayer request cards at the time of the offering.)

Offertory "The Lord's My Shepherd" *arr. A. Beck*

\*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 **437** "This Is My Song"

\*Benediction

\*Postlude "Triumphal March" *Handel*

### ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Ushers** Jen & Dan Lortz

**Greeter** Alice Bell

**Flowers** Given by Steve & Lisa Archbold in thankfulness to  
God's grace and blessing of family.

**Coffee Server** Pat Marshall

**Guest Organist** Janet Wooden

### 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 scripture reading, children and youth K–4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> grade and under in the back of the sanctuary before worship begins.

### COMMUNION SUNDAY

Today is World Communion Sunday, and we will be sharing the Lord's Supper with our brothers and sisters in Christ all around the world! Today especially, we are reminded that communion 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. **You will be invited to come forward up the center aisle, take a piece of bread, and dip it in the cup (all of the bread is gluten-free). There is also a basket of pre-sealed juice cups, if you would prefer not to do intinction.**

### PICK-UP CHOIR REHEARSAL

We have begun the process of searching for a new Director of Music, but that doesn't mean we can't still have a choir! We would love to have singers in the loft helping lead the congregation in hymns on Sunday mornings. Anyone who is interested in practicing the hymns for next Sunday is invited to stay after worship today for a brief rehearsal, or come at 9:10 a.m. next Sunday. Even if you don't think of yourself as a "choir singer," you sing the hymns anyway, so we hope you will give this a shot! Feel free to contact Nancy Kimmons with any questions.

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE

We give thanks to God for the life of **John McClintick's mother, Alma**, who died this past Tuesday. Condolences can be sent to:

*John & Barbara McClintick, 72 Waterloo Ave, Berwyn, PA 19312*

We celebrate with **Steve & Kristi (Thomson) Alexander** the birth of their first child, **Sofia Anne Alexander** on Monday, September 18! Grandparents are **Hunter & Debi Thomson**. Last week's bulletin listed an old address for the Alexanders. Please use the address below:

*Steve & Kristi Alexander, 304 Finery Forge Way, Phoenixville, PA 19560*

**Mark Ator** is thankful for the visits, cards, and calls following his bicycling accident. He is recovering well from surgery to repair three broken ribs and is looking forward to resuming full activities in a few weeks (including playing with the Devon Brass).

### STRATEGIC PLANNING TRANSFORMATION TEAM

Our Transformation Team will have its first meeting this week. Team members are **Nancy Arico, Lauren Feldman, Christa Fisher, Nancy Higgins, Lisa Howell, Jim Little, Rich Loomis, Jim Ryland**, and **Steve Scolari**. **Pastor Patrick** and **Pastor Ridgley** will also be working with them. We will be commissioning them in worship soon, and we ask you to pray for them as they work to discern the church that God is calling us to be! Our "Book Nook" for the fall will feature the books that the team is reading with our consultant, Graham Standish, if you would like to read along with them!

### WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY – 2 OPPORTUNITIES!

This fall, the Sunday Women's Book Group will be continuing our study of the book of Isaiah. If you have any questions, or are interested in attending, please contact Nancy Wolfe. The group meets at 8:00 a.m. in the Carriage House. The Monday is reading *Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus* by Ann Spangler and Lois Tverberg (available on Amazon). The group meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Kean Room. If you have any questions or are interested in attending, please contact Nancy Arico.

### ONLINE GIVING TRAINING SESSION – TODAY!

Training sessions for the new Online Giving tool will be held today in the Carriage House beginning at 11:00 a.m. and tomorrow, October 2 via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. The link for the Zoom session will be sent in the weekly email. These sessions are expected to last approximately 30 minutes.

### YOUTH FELLOWSHIP KICK OFF! TODAY 4:30–6:00 PM

All youth in grades 5–12 are invited to join us at THRILLZ KOP (555 S. Henderson Road) for obstacle courses, giant slides, and trampolines! The church will cover your general admission, but you will need to bring \$10 if you want to participate in the virtual reality roller coaster! Bring grippy socks if you have them!

### MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of our Men's Group will be **Wednesday, October 4 at 7:00 a.m.** in the Carriage House to continue their study of Paul's letter to the Philippians (chapter 2). All men are welcome!

### SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S – WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:00 P.M.

Join us for dinner every Wednesday night through November 15. We begin at 6:00 p.m. with a meal, followed by a class starting at 7:00 p.m. and conclude promptly at 8:00 p.m. Childcare is available with one week's advance notice. We are also looking for a dedicated clean-up crew. You do not have to participate in the class, and dinner is on us! If you would like to help, email Roseann (admin@stjohnsdevon.com). For the next two weeks, we are studying *The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem* by Adam Hamilton. This is a discussion and video-based course in which we will travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem in a fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ.

### NURSERY HELP NEEDED

We are still looking for a volunteer to serve in the nursery on the first and third Sundays of the month. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Ridgley.

### COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Parents of college students, email Sam Hillier (hilliersh@hotmail.com) your child's school address by October 10, so that the Deacons are able to send college care packages to them.

### DIVORCE RECOVERY SEMINAR

This January, the Deacons are hosting our first ever Divorce Recovery Seminar in our community. The seminar will be led by two licensed therapists and will be based on the book, "Rebuilding: When Your Relationship Ends" by Dr. Bruce Fisher. Because this is unlike anything that has been offered in this area, we need your help to get the word out! If you have a friend, divorce attorney, therapist, or community board that you would like to share this information with, please take a flyer and some brochures home with you today. They are located next to the entrance of the sanctuary closest to Pastor Ridgley's office. We will be having an informational meeting on Zoom on **Monday, October 2 at 7:00 p.m.** for those interested in participating in the class.

### TRUNK OR TREAT

**Sunday, October 29, 5:00 – 7:00 pm**

Stay Tuned for more details!

### ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

<b>Sun, October 1</b>	<b>World Communion Sunday</b>
	8:15 am Deacons Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am Worship, Communion, Sunday School
	11:00 am Online Giving Training (Carriage House)
	4:30 pm Youth Fellowship Kick Off (Offsite)
<b>Mon, October 2</b>	11:00 am Women's Book Study
<b>Tues. October 3</b>	5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Wed, October 4</b>	7:00 am Men's Group (Carriage House)
	9:00 am Companions in Prayer (Kean Room)
	6:00 pm Supper at St. John's (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Sat, October 7</b>	9:00 am Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Sun, October 8</b>	8:15 am Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)

### This Week in the Church Office

Starting this week, our Church Administrator Roseann Christian will be working virtually on Mondays and Wednesdays, so that she can help care for her new grandson. She will be in the office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. She will still be available by email and phone on Mondays and Wednesdays, and if you call the church office, she will still answer. Any announcements for next week's bulletin or email must be sent to her by Noon on Wednesday.

Friday is Pastor Patrick and Pastor 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. **If you have a pastoral emergency pertaining to a death, hospitalization, or crisis situation when the office is closed or on a Saturday, you can call 484-604-0499.**



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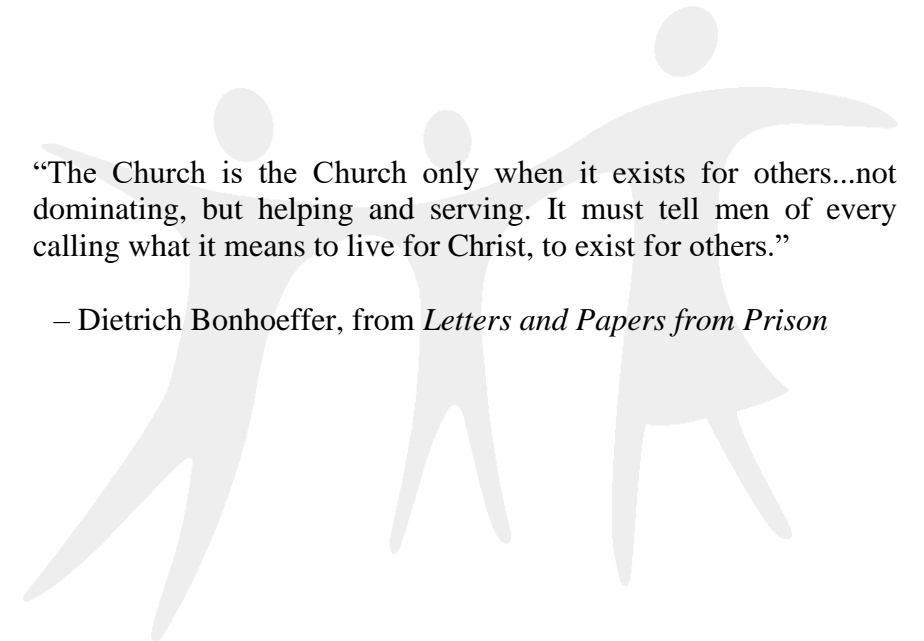
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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



“The Church is the Church only when it exists for others...not dominating, but helping and serving. It must tell men of every calling what it means to live for Christ, to exist for others.”

– Dietrich Bonhoeffer, from *Letters and Papers from Prison*

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