

St. John’s at Worship All Saints’ Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Introit “The Gift of Love” *Traditional*

*Answering God’s Call to Worship

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**All: Before the mountains were brought forth,
or you had ever formed the earth,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

One: Satisfy us with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**All: Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.**

One: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands.

All: Let us worship God!

*Hymn 545 (vss. 1, 2, 4, 5)

“The Church’s One Foundation”

*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

**Eternal God, before whom generations rise and pass away,
in every age you have raised up men and women to live in faith.
But we confess that we often prioritize our own will above yours.
You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent.
You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle.
You call us to live in ways that trust you, but we are afraid.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Strengthen our faith to follow your way,
that joined with those from ages past
who have served you with faith, hope, and love,
we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus 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 from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1983)

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 34:1–12 (Pg. 191, O.T.) Nancy Davis

Children’s Time & Naming of the Saints Rev. Joyner

As Pre-K–12th 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!**

*Hymn 275 (Insert) “God of Our Life”

Sermon PLANTING TREES Rev. Marshall

Offering (Ushers will also collect blue prayer request cards at the time of the offering.)
Offertory “There is a Redeemer” *M. Green*

*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 711 (vss. 1, 2, 4, 6) “For All the Saints”

*Benediction

*Postlude “Rejoice, the Lord is King” *C. Wesley*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Ushers Jim and Kate Little
Flowers Given by Barb Beucler in honor of her precious grandchildren, Catherine, Jenna, Colin, and Sarah.
Musicians Nancy Kimmons (piano/organ), Cassia Harvey (cello), Myanna Harvey (violin)

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, grades K–12th will leave with their teachers. 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 children in 4th grade and under in the back of the sanctuary before worship begins.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

We are happy to welcome Mike Kingsley, director of the Coalition to Save Lives, to share a minute for mission with us today. The Coalition to Save Lives is a local, interdenominational outreach ministry founded in 2014 to help lead people to Jesus Christ, connect them with congregations and recovery groups, and provide food, clothing, worship, and prayer for those in need. You can learn more about them at www.coalitiontosavelives.org

PICK-UP CHOIR REHEARSAL

We would love to have more singers in the loft helping lead the congregation in hymns on Sunday mornings! Anyone who is interested in practicing the hymns for next week is invited to 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.

STRATEGIC PLANNING TRANSFORMATION TEAM

Our Transformation Team has begun their work of discerning what God is calling St. John’s to be and do now. 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** are also working with them. We will be commissioning them in worship on November 12, 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!

MEN’S GROUP

The next meeting of our Men’s Group will be on **Wednesday, November 8 at 7:00 a.m.** in the Carriage House to finish their study of Paul’s letter to the Philippians (chapter 4). All men are welcome!

WOMEN’S BOOK STUDY – 2 OPPORTUNITIES!

This fall, the Sunday Women’s Book Group are continuing their study of the book of Isaiah. The group meets at 8:00 a.m. in the Carriage House. If you have questions, or are interested in attending, please contact Nancy Wolfe. The Monday group 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.

TRUNK OR TREAT – TONIGHT! (5:00–6:30 P.M.)

Wear your costume and join us at 5:00 p.m. in the parking lot for our annual Trunk or Treat! Church members will have decorated cars/trunks with candy to hand out, and there will be games for all ages. It's not too late to come and decorate your trunk. Bring your friends and family...all are welcome! Youth in grades 5–12 will gather for Grog in the Carriage House from 6:15–7:00 p.m.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 12

Consecration Sunday is in two weeks, on November 12! We will dedicate our pledges for the coming year during worship. Our guest preacher for the morning will be the Rev. Dr. Graham Standish. 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 last week describing Consecration Sunday, there are copies available on the usher's table in the back of the sanctuary. We hope that you will join us for this wonderful day in the life of our church family!

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. We are currently studying *Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph* by Adam Hamilton. In this study, we are learning how Joseph's place in the nativity story is much like our own. In life, we encounter circumstances that we would have never chosen for ourselves. Joseph provides us a great example of humbly obeying God, even when we don't understand, and faithfully moving forward in the strength that God provides.

We will end our time together with a special church-wide Advent Wreath Workshop where members can pick up their Advent devotional and make their family's Advent Wreath! Mark your calendar today for: **Sunday, November 26, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** We hope that you will join us!

DEACONS CLOTHING DRIVE

This year we are collecting new and gently-used clothing for The Coalition to Save Lives in Norristown. They are in need of both adult and children's coats, jackets, sweaters, boots, shoes, hats, and mittens. All donations are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off in the front closet of the Carriage House through November 8. Please contact Ann Roberts (610-952-1128 or annroberts204@gmail.com) with any questions.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee has begun its work of identifying 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 contact Kate Johnson (kate.johnson02@gmail.com).

RYAN'S CASE FOR SMILES

St. John's is an active partner with Ryan's Case for Smiles, whose mission is to enable children with cancer and other life-changing illnesses, as well as their families, to feel and heal better. Today marks the final week for making donations. Please use the envelope provided in the bulletin to help support the purchase of fabric required to continue this mission. Checks can be made out to St. John's with RCFS in the memo line. Thank you!

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.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, October 29

All Saints' Sunday

- 9:30 am Worship, Sunday School
- 9:45 am Confirmation Class (Kean Room)
- 11:00 am Nominating Committee (Kean Room)
- 5:00 pm Trunk or Treat (Parking Lot)
- 6:15 pm Youth Group Grog (Carriage House)
- 11:00 am Women's Book Study (Kean Room)
- 5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:00 am Companions in Prayer (Kean Room)
- 6:00 pm Supper at St. John's (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:00 am Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
- 8:15 am Deacons Meeting (Kean Room)
- 9:30 am Worship, Sunday School, Communion
- 10:45 am Confirmation Class (Kean Room)
- 1:45 pm Fall Family Fun Day (Linvilla Orchards)

Mon, October 30

Tues, October 31

Wed, November 1

Sat, November 4

Sun, November 5

This Week in the Church Office

Our Church Administrator Roseann Christian is in the office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. She is working virtually on Mondays and Wednesdays, available by phone and email. 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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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

For Those Who Walked with Us
by Jan Richardson

For those
who walked with us,
this is a prayer.

For those
who have gone ahead,
this is a blessing.

For those
who touched and tended us,
who lingered with us
while they lived,
this is a thanksgiving.

For those
who journey still with us
in the shadows of awareness,
in the crevices of memory,
in the landscape of our dreams,
this is a benediction.

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