

St. John’s at Worship

Resurrection of the Lord

Introit “Sing, O Heavens” *Joseph M. Martin*

*Answering God’s Call to Worship

One: Yesterday we thought death had won.
Yesterday we thought all was lost.
Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.

**All: But not today.
Today we know that love has won.
Today we know that hope is real.
Today we know that Christ is here.**

One: Today we have a reason to hope!

All: Today we have a reason to sing!

One: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen, indeed!

One: Let us worship our risen Lord!

*Hymn **302 (Insert)** “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

*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.

Scripture Reading Luke 24:1–12 (pg. 90, N.T.) Brian Bouvier

Children’s Time Rev. Joyner
Please fill out the black fellowship pad in your pew at this time.

Anthem “I Will Sing of My Redeemer” *Bliss/Koerts*

Sermon AND I HOPE... Rev. Dr. Marshall
Sermon Series – Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Faith with Peter

*Affirming Our Faith

**We may weep through the longest nights.
We may stare at the empty tomb with more questions than answers.
We may run our fingers over the burial cloths and still long for more.
But today, we are a people of hope.
We believe in new beginnings.
We believe that the God who created the world is stronger than death.
We believe that Jesus abides among us,
healing, teaching, and leaving fingerprints throughout this world.
We believe that a tomb could not hold him.
We believe that the sun does rise.
We believe that Peter was there
with questions, awe, and faith the size of a mustard seed.
We believe that the story is not over yet,
for Christ still lives among us.
Today we are a people of hope!**

Offering (Blue prayer request cards can be placed in the offering trays.)

Offertory “In the Garden” *C. Austin Miles*

*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 & Prayers of the People

*Hymn **(Insert)** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*Benediction

*Postlude “Thine Be the Glory” *arr. McMichael*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Organist Nancy Kimmons
Ushers Libby & Dave Dalrymple
Greeter Wanda Odom
Coffee Servers Linda Duncan, Cat Duncan
Guest Musicians Cassia Harvey (cello), Myanna Harvey (violin),
Miyuki Hashimoto (vocals)

WITH THANKS FOR OUR BEAUTIFUL EASTER LILIES:

<i>Chris Beck</i>	<i>Lynne Brown</i>	<i>The Chudy Family</i>
<i>Jean Converse</i>	<i>Nancy Davis</i>	<i>Ken Dilloway</i>
<i>Lynne Hay</i>	<i>The Higgins Family</i>	<i>Virginia & Lee Holt</i>
<i>Doris Humphrey</i>	<i>Kathy Johnson</i>	<i>Cindy & Gavin Kerr</i>
<i>John Lieberman</i>	<i>Kate & Jim Little</i>	<i>Kristin Loftus</i>
<i>Jeanne Lynam</i>	<i>The McClennan Family</i>	<i>The McClinticks</i>
<i>The Odom Family</i>	<i>Nancy Phillips</i>	<i>The Yocum Family</i>

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN’S!

We are so happy that you have joined us to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ this morning, and we hope that you experience the new life that this day brings! 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 each of the sanctuary doors. We would love for you to join us downstairs for refreshments and fellowship immediately following worship. We are glad that you are here and hope you will worship with us again soon. Happy Easter!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will not be Sunday School today, so that we can all celebrate the resurrection of Christ together as a church family! Children ages 5 and under are welcome to join us for nursery care downstairs under the sanctuary. **Pastor Ridgley will have Easter bags for our kids that will be handed out during the Children’s Time.**

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

Today we begin receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, which goes to provide water, food, and disaster relief for those in need around the world. Please use the envelopes located in the pew rack, or visit <http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/oghs> to learn more and give online.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a congregational meeting for **next Sunday, April 7**, immediately following worship, for the purpose of electing the congregational representatives to the 2024 Nominating Committee: **Bob Miller, Stella Urbina, and Liza Ward**. The Session will also be providing an update on Pastor Patrick’s sabbatical proposal, and we will hear an update from the Transformation Team. We hope that you can join us!

ELDER ROLES

The new term for Elders, Deacons, and Trustees begins on April 1, with this year’s Elders serving in the following roles:

Sue Chudy (Class of 2025)	Clerk of Session
Ginger Black (Class of 2025)	Faith Formation (Adult)
Lynne Hay (Class of 2025)	Faith Formation (Youth)
Jim Tiede (Class of 2025)	Administration, Trustees Liaison
Jim Little (Class of 2025)	Worship & Music
Alberto Urbina (Class of 2026)	Worship & Music
Lauren Feldman (Class of 2026)	Christian Fellowship
Kate Johnson (Class of 2026)	Outreach, Nominating
Doris Humphrey (Class of 2027)	Personnel
Dave Dalrymple (Class of 2027)	Deacons Liaison
Barbara McConnell (Class of 2027)	Membership Enrichment

DEACONS FOOD DRIVE

The Deacons will be holding a food drive to support the Great Valley Food Cupboard, starting on April 17. There will be large plastic bins in Fellowship Hall to collect 1-pound cans of coffee, Keurig cups, boxes of hot chocolate packets, and boxes of iced tea or lemonade packets. Please contact Betsy Friend with any questions (610-647-4142).

LENTEN/EASTER SERMON SERIES

We are in the midst of a sermon series called, “Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Faith with Peter.” Like many of us, Peter has a wandering heart. His journey is not polished, linear, or perfect, but he is always tethered to the love of God. When you look closely at Peter’s story, you find Jesus at each step along the way – offering him abundance, catching him when he begins to sink, challenging him when he stands in the way, washing his feet, predicting his betrayal, and offering him love. This Lent, we will wander alongside Peter, open to what we might learn about Jesus (and ourselves) by stepping in his shoes.

ALLELUIA!

Beginning this Sunday, we will have banners downstairs on the tables at Coffee Time that we are asking you to help color. This is for children of all ages, including adults! Come down, have some refreshments, and do some coloring while you talk. Our goal is to hang the banners in worship by the end of the Easter season. Christ is Risen! Let’s get to shouting Alleluia!

MEN’S GROUP

The Men’s Group will be this **Wednesday, April 3 at 7:00 a.m.** in the Carriage House to discuss chapter 3 of Romans. All men are welcome!

WOMEN’S BOOK STUDY – 2 OPPORTUNITIES!

The Sunday Women’s Book Group meets at 8:00 a.m. in the Carriage House to study *A is for Alabaster: 52 Reflections on the Stories of Scripture* by Anna Carter Florence. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Wolfe (nj.wolfe@verizon.net). The Monday group meets at meets at 11:30 a.m. in the Kean Room to read *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Arico (nancy.arico@verizon.net). **Please note: The Monday group will not be meeting tomorrow.**

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP – APRIL 14 (4:30–6 P.M.)

Youth in grades 5–12 are invited to join us in the Carriage House for a Spring Cleaning workday. We’ll be sprucing up our community spaces and enjoying dinner together!

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The 2024 Flower Sponsorship Chart is posted in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to sponsor the flowers in the sanctuary on a Sunday, just write your name by the date. You can contact Jenne Lynam (cwlynam@msn.com) or text 610-724-2704 with any questions.

SAVE THE DATES – CHANGEMAKERS KIDS CLUB

June 25, July 23, August 20 from 5:30–8:00 p.m. (with dinner)

This summer we will be partnering with St. Luke Lutheran Church in Devon to provide a once-a-month bible camp for busy families. We will explore, experiment, and observe all the ways God loves us and how we can change the world for better. This event is for children 2 years old to rising 5th graders. Youth in grades 6 to 12 are invited to come and help as counselors! Registration begins on May 1.

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

Sun, Mar 31

Easter Sunday

9:30 am Worship
5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 am Men’s Group (Carriage House)
9:00 am Companions in Prayer (Kean Room)
5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 pm Transformation Team (Kean Room)
9:00 am Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Tues, Apr 2

Wed, Apr 3

Thurs, Apr 4

Sat, Apr 6

Sun, Apr 7

Second Sunday in Easter

8:00 am Women’s Book Group (Kean Room)
9:30 am Worship, Communion, Sunday School
10:30 am Congregational Meeting

This Week in the Church Office

Our Church Administrator Roseann Christian is in the office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. She works 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

“Easter Morning”
by Rev. Sarah Speed

I cannot stay away on Easter Morning.
Like Peter, I would run if I could.
Stop the car, pump my arms,
take the church steps two at a time,
all to know—

Did it happen?
Did it *really* happen?
Is evil no match for love?
I’d slide down the center aisle.
I’d grab the mic to ask
the angels,
the heavens,
the children,
Were the stories true?

And in response, the choir would sing, “*Alleluia.*”
The children would flower the cross.
The preacher would tell me the stone was rolled away.
The people would pass the peace,
and welcome strangers,
and make room in the pews.
And with faith over doubt,
I would hope.

For I imagine that all of that ordinary holiness
would be enough for Peter,
and it would be enough for me.

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