

St. John's at Worship

The Second Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Announcements

*Congregational Introit

Hymn 177 "He Is Lord"

*Answering God's Call to Worship

One: The tomb is *still* empty!

All: Christ is *still* risen!

One: Let our voices and spirits rise up to celebrate this good news!

All: Jesus is Lord! Our redeemer lives!

One: Let us worship our risen Lord!

*Hymn 303 "The Day of Resurrection"

*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 Faith From *The Book of Common Worship*

One: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

All: Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, he was buried, he was raised on the third day, and he appeared, first to the women, then to Peter and the disciples, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;

He is our Lord and our God.

One: Great is the mystery of faith!

All: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

*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.

Scripture Reading John 20:1–10 (pg. 114, N.T.) Lynne Hay

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!**

Scripture Reading John 21:1–8, 20–24 (pg. 115, N.T.)

Sermon "THE EASTER LAUGH" Rev. Dr. Marshall

Sermon Series – Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Faith with Peter

*Hymn 617 (vss. 1–4) "I Come with Joy"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

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

*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

*Hymn 318 (vss. 1, 3, 5) "Christ Is Alive"

*Benediction

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Guest Organist Jonathan Kreamer

Ushers Jim Little, Alberto Urbina

Greeter Virginia Holt

Flowers Given by Barbara Beucler for the glory of God in honor of my godmother, Suzanne Hamilton Little.

Coffee Servers Jeanne Thompson

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

After the scripture reading, grades K–4th will leave with their teachers. Grades 5–12 will remain 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.

COMMUNION SUNDAY

We will be sharing the Lord's Supper today. This 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.**

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 – TODAY

The Session has called a congregational meeting 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!

GINNY KRICUN FUNERAL SERVICE TOMORROW

A funeral service for Ginny Kricun will be held here tomorrow. Ginny's family will begin receiving guests in the Carriage House at 9:00 a.m., and the service will start at 10:00 a.m. Following the service there will be a graveside service at Har Jehuda Cemetery (8400 Lansdowne Ave, Upper Darby, PA 19082). There will be a reception in the Bradford Clubhouse at Shannondell at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

St. John's Annual Progressive Dinner will be held on Saturday, May 11, and we are looking for hosts! The evening begins at one home where we will all gather together for appetizers and drinks. Then we will move to different homes for dinner and dessert in small groups. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or send an email to laurengfeldman@yahoo.com.

DEACONS FOOD DRIVE

The Deacons will be holding a food drive to support the Great Valley Food Cupboard, starting on April 14. 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).

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will be this **Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00 a.m.** in the Carriage House to discuss chapter 4 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).

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 Jeanne Lynam (cwlynam@msn.com) or text 610-724-2704 with any questions.

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. Throughout this season, we will wander alongside Peter, open to what we might learn about Jesus (and ourselves) by stepping in his shoes.

ALLELUIA!

There are Easter 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!

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!

BOOK NOOK – WE WANT YOUR HELP!

As we prepare for our Summer Book Nook in Fellowship Hall, we are asking for your help. Send us the titles of your favorite books, and we will include them throughout the summer. It doesn’t just have to be “church books.” It can be novels, history, poetry, science, even cookbooks...all genres are welcome! Just email your submissions to Pastor Patrick (Patrick.marshall@stjohnsdevon.com).

ELDER ROLES

The new term for Elders, Deacons, and Trustees began 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

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, 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
- Mon, Apr 8**
- 9:00 am Kricun Family Visitation (Carr. House)
 - 10:00 am Ginny Kricun Funeral Service
- Tues, Apr 9**
- 5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
- Wed, Apr 10**
- 9:00 am Companions in Prayer (Kean Room)
- Thurs, Apr 11**
- 5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
- Sat, Apr 13**
- 9:00 am Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Mon, Apr 8

Tues, Apr 9

Wed, Apr 10

Thurs, Apr 11

Sat, Apr 13

Sun, Apr 14

Third Sunday in Easter

- 8:00 am Women’s Book Group (Kean Room)
- 9:30 am Worship, Sunday School
- 10:45 am Session Meeting with Confirmation Students and Parents (Kean Room)

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.

Pastor Ridgley is on vacation this Sunday and will be taking a continuing education course April 8-11 in the mornings. She will be available via email and phone after 1:00 p.m. this week.

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

“Christ Came Juggling”
by Eugene Warren

Christ came juggling from the tomb,
flipping and bouncing death’s stone pages,
tossing those narrow letters high
against the roots of dawn spread in cloud.
This Jesus, clown, came dancing
in the dust of Judea, each slapping step
a new blossom spiked with joy.

Hey! Listen – that chuckle in the dark,
that clean blast of laughter behind –
Christ comes juggling our tombs,
tossing them high and higher yet,
until they hit the sun and break open
and we fall out, dancing and juggling
our griefs like sizzling balls of light.

April 7, 2024
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