

St. John’s at Worship
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "I Hear a Call" Arata

*Answering God's Call to Worship

One: The good news of Easter is *still* with us...

All: **Christ is risen – then, now, and forever!**

One: Because *Christ* lives, *we* can live a new life, with God and with each other.

All: **Jesus is Lord, and he is alive!**

One: Let *us* rise up and celebrate this good news!

All: **Our redeemer lives! Let us worship God!**

*Hymn 122 (Insert) "Thine Is the Glory"
Sing refrain after verse 3 only

*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

We do not always see you, Lord.
Many times we do not even *look* for you.
Instead of seeing the beauty and goodness in each other,
and in ourselves,
we choose to see the mistakes and the faults.
Instead of focusing on the ways in which you are *present*,
we focus on the ways in which we think you are *not*.
We do not see others or ourselves as you do,
and because of that, our lives and our world are not *whole*.
You who healed the blind, heal *us*.
Open our eyes to your presence in us and around us,
that we may see and embrace *you*
as we see and embrace *each other*, 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.

Scripture Reading Luke 24:13–35 (pg. 90, N.T.) Libby Dalrymple

Confirmation of the Baptismal Covenant		
James Adams	Son of John Adams & Susan Liu Nancy Kimmons, Mentor	
Sarah Crill	Daughter of Matt & Stephanie Crill Libby Dalrymple, Mentor	
Ellie Fisher	Daughter of Troy & Christa Fisher Jen Marshall, Mentor	
Brandon Marshall	Son of Patrick & Jen Marshall John McClintick, Mentor	
Ryan Marshall	Son of Patrick & Jen Marshall Brian Bouvier, Mentor	
*Affirmation of Faith (See Insert)		
<i>As Pre-K–12th graders leave for Sunday School, we send them with this liturgy:</i>		
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	“God’s Highway”	McCraken
Sermon	WALKING TO EMMAUS	Rev. Joyner
Offering (Blue prayer request cards can be placed in the offering trays.)		
Offertory	“I’ll Fly Away”	(trad)
*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 610	“We Know That Christ Is Raised”	
*Benediction		
*Postlude	“Don’t Stop Believin”	Perry/Cain/Schon
ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD		
Organist	Nancy Kimmons	
Ushers	Libby & Dave Dalrymple	
Greeter	Barbara McConnell	
Flowers	Given lovingly by Barbara & John McClintick in honor of Pastor Emeritus Ernie McMillan and his wife June McMillan, and Pastor Emeritus Dr. Victor Wilson and his wife Jane Wilson.	
Coffee Servers	Confirmands’ Families	
Joy Messengers	John Senior, Nancy Kimmons, Lisa Howell, Lauren Feldman, Troy Fisher, Pam Schafer, Jeff Wagner	

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN’S!
We are so happy that you have joined us this morning to celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ, and we hope that you experience the new life that this season of Easter 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!

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.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING
Throughout the season of Easter, we are 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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE
Nancy Davis has been in Bryn Mawr Hospital with pneumonia and bronchitis. Cards can be sent to: 308 Valley Place, Radnor, PA 19087

WOMEN’S TEA – SUNDAY, MAY 5 (3:00 P.M.)
Women of all ages, including children and youth ages 10 and up, are invited for a time of fellowship and crafts as we enjoy tea sandwiches, fruit, scones, cookies, and of course an assortment of teas in the Carriage House. Hats and gloves are optional! Please sign up in advance during coffee fellowship following worship.

NEW DATE FOR PROGRESSIVE DINNER – SATURDAY, MAY 18
Join us for this annual tradition to gather and share a wonderful evening together! We are still looking for a host for appetizers, as well as dinner hosts for small groups. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall or contact Lauren Feldman (484-620-9911 or laurengfeldman@yahoo.com).

MEN’S GROUP
The Men’s Group will be this **Wednesday, May 1 at 7:00 a.m.** in the Carriage House to discuss chapter 5 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.

HORSE SHOW PARKING IS COMING!

It is that time of the year again! From **Wednesday, May 22** through **Saturday, June 1**, we will be parking cars on the church grounds from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. We are currently recruiting Day Leaders for each day. Day Leaders do not have to be here all day. They simply oversee the volunteers for each shift. If you are interested in volunteering as a Day Leader or learning more about it, please email Pastor Ridgley.

DEACONS FOOD DRIVE

The Deacons are holding a food drive to support the Great Valley Food Cupboard. There are 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).

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).

CONCERT AT TRINITY PRES. CHURCH

Trinity Presbyterian Church in Berwyn is hosting a free concert on Saturday, April 27, featuring critically acclaimed singer-songwriter Craig Bickhardt. All are welcome! Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the concert begins at 7 p.m. While there is no charge for admission, you are asked to RSVP online in advance, which you can do at <https://trinity-spotlight.eventbrite.com>

YOUTH MISSION NIGHT – APRIL 28 (4:30-6:00 P.M.)

Youth grades 6–12 are invited to join us at the church for a mission project for Great Valley Food Cupboard followed by a dinner prepared by Betsy Friend! Prior to youth group, the Youth Advisory Council will meet at 3:45 p.m. in the Youth Room.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Would you be interested in hosting an international exchange student next school year? Conestoga High School will be welcoming foreign exchange students this fall, and they are still in need of host families! If you have room in your home and are interested in learning more about hosting a student for the school year, please contact Sandy Forbes (54sandyjo@comcast.net).

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 21	Fourth Sunday in Easter (Confirmation Sunday)
	8:00 am Women’s Book Group (Kean Room)
	9:30 am Worship, Sunday School
Tues, Apr 23	5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Wed, Apr 24	9:00 am Companions in Prayer (Kean Room)
Thurs, Apr 25	5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sat, Apr 27	9:00 am Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sun, Apr 28	Fifth Sunday in Easter
	8:00 am Women’s Book Group (Kean Room)
	9:30 am Worship, Sunday School
	4:30 pm Youth Fellowship

This Week in the Church Office

Pastor Patrick will be away on a retreat Wednesday and Thursday, unavailable by email or phone. He will be back in the office on Monday, April 29.

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

Today we all are called to be
disciples of the Lord,
To help to set the captive free,
make plowshare out of sword,
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast,
To serve the poor and homeless first,
our ease and comfort last.

May we in service to our God
act out the living Word,
And walk the road the saints have trod
‘til all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
give thanks in one accord
To God who calls us all to be
disciples of the Lord.

From the hymn,
“Today We All Are Called to be Disciples”

April 21, 2024
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