

St. John's at Worship All Saints' Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*Answering God's Call to Worship From Psalm 90

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 326 (Insert) "For All the Saints"

Prayer of Invocation & Confession

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.

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.) John Lieberman

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

PLANTING TREES

Rev. Dr. Marshall

*Hymn 212 (Green) "Spirit Song"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

*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 & Naming of the Saints

*Hymn 275 (Insert) "God of Our Life"

*Benediction

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Organist Nancy Kimmons

Greeter Libby Dalrymple

Ushers Cindy & Gavin Kerr

Soloist Michael Scarcelle

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!

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.**

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.

OFFERING & PRAYER CARDS

If you would like to support the life and ministry of St. John's, there are offering trays located at each door in the sanctuary. You can also give electronically through our website (click the "Donate" button at the top right), or through the Church Center app. Prayer request cards can be placed in one of the offering trays before worship or during the greeting time.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Earline & Kermit Eck are celebrating the birth of their grandson, Forrest Windle Eck, on Monday, October 28 to their son Tyler and his wife Sandy and big sister, Lily (2 years old). Thanks be to God! Cards can be sent to: **Kermit & Earline Eck, 8 Forge Drive, Malvern, PA 19355**

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE SEEKING A CHURCH FAMILY?

In November, St. John's will host classes led by our pastors for those interested in learning more about our church community and becoming a member. This two-class series will be held on Sunday, November 17 and Sunday, November 24 at 11:00 a.m. in the Kean Room. We will be talking about what it means to be Presbyterian, what it means to be a member of a church, and telling you more about St. John's. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Barbara McConnell (blbmccconnell@aol.com).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

As a church family, it would be nice to know and to recognize each other's birthdays! To that end, we will be posting a Birthday Calendar in Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in participating, please be sure to neatly print your name on the appropriate month and day of the calendar. (No years please...we don't want to give away your age!) Or you can email your birthday to Barbara McConnell (blbmccconnell@aol.com) so that she can add your birthday to the calendar. **Please sign up by November 30**, so we can start publishing each month's birthdays in our weekly email in December!

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet on **Wednesday, November 6 at 7:00 a.m.** in the Carriage House to discuss chapter 14 of Romans. All men are welcome!

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY – 2 OPPORTUNITIES!

The Sunday group meets at 8:00 a.m. to discuss *Simply Jesus: A New Vision of Who He Was, What He Did, and Why He Matters* by N. T. Wright. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Wolfe (nj.wolfe@verizon.net).

The Monday group meets at 10:00 a.m., both in person in the Kean Room and on Zoom (use the church Zoom room link on the website) to discuss *Encountering God in Tyrannical Texts: Reflections on Paul, Women, and the Authority of Scripture* by Frances Taylor Gench. If you would like to find out more contact Nancy Arico (nancy.arico@verizon.net or 610-550-9547).

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Deacons have purchased two silk flower arrangements to use on Sundays. We will still have poinsettias in December and lilies at Easter. Real flower arrangements will still be made for those those who have traditionally given on specific Sundays. Flowers can also be purchased to dedicate with a message in the bulletin. If you wish to do this, please contact Jeanne Lynam at cwlynam@msn.com or text at 610-724-2704, and a member of our Flower Guild will create an arrangement for you.

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S

Supper at St. John's meets every Wednesday night through **November 20**. 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.

Pastor Patrick is leading a class called, "Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time." We are reading through Mark's gospel, trying to shed our preconceived notions of Jesus and seeing him as he actually is. If you don't know much about Jesus, this will be a great introduction, and if you *do* know Jesus, this might help you see him in a new way. We hope that you will join us!

FALL FAMILY FUN DAY AT LINVILLA ORCHARDS – TODAY!

It is not too late to come to Linvilla Orchards today at 1:45 p.m. We will meet at the entrance to the hayrides and go on a private hayride with apple cider donuts followed by a corn maze and apple blasting! Covenant Presbyterian will be joining us as well. Children and adults of all ages are invited to join us. We hope to see you there!

ELECTION DAY PRAYER SERVICE

Tuesday, November 5 is Election Day, and St. John's Carriage House will once again serve as a polling place. But we also want to provide space for prayer for those who need it that day. Starting at 8:00 a.m., our sanctuary will be open for anyone who would like to stop in. We will provide a card with a printed prayer on it, or you can just sit in silence and pray your own prayer. At 7:00 p.m., Pastor Patrick will lead a brief prayer service. We hope that you will stop in at some point during the day!

CONSECRATION SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 10

Consecration Sunday is on November 10! We will dedicate our pledges for the coming year during worship. 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. There are copies of the letter describing Consecration Sunday on the usher's table in the back of the sanctuary, along with yellow RSVP cards. We hope that you will join us for this wonderful day in the life of our church family!

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – NOVEMBER 17

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 17, immediately following worship, for the purpose of voting on the Pastors' Terms of Call for 2025. This is normally done at the Annual Meeting in January, but due to changes in the PC(USA) Board of Pensions medical plan, the Terms of Call need to be approved before January 1, so that our pastors can enroll in these new plans. The actual Terms of Call, as well as a description of the changes to the medical plans, will be available in advance of the meeting.

FRAUD PREVENTION SEMINAR – NOVEMBER 24

Our church Financial Secretary Brian Bouvier has been hosting a series of seminars to help arm you against some of the most common forms of fraud we face daily. The next session will be next Sunday, November 24 at 11:00 a.m. in the Carriage House, and the topic will be password safety. Please contact Brian for more information (brianbouvier57@gmail.com).

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

St. John's is partnering with Lauren Tiede to host a support group through CaringKind, a nonprofit that creates, delivers, and promotes comprehensive and compassionate care and support services for individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. The group will start meeting in January, meeting weekly for 10 weeks, for those who are/have been caregivers for loved ones who have Alzheimer's and related dementias. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Lauren Tiede (ltiede@cknyc.org).

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Nov 3	8:00 am	Women's Book Group
	9:30 am	Worship & Communion
	1:45 pm	Fall Family Fun Day at Linvilla
Mon, Nov 4	10:00 am	Women's Book Group (Kean Room)
Tues, Nov 5	7:00 am	Voting in Carriage House (All day)
	8:00 am	Sanctuary open for prayer
	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 pm	Prayer Service (Sanctuary)
Wed, Nov 6	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's (Fell. Hall)
Thurs, Nov 7	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sat, Nov 9	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sun, Nov 10		Consecration Sunday
	8:00 am	Women's Book Group
	8:15 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Consecration Brunch (Fellowship Hall)

This Week in the Church Office

Our new Church Administrator Annie Carruthers starts on Monday! She will be in the office Mondays through Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Stop by to meet her and welcome her to St. John's over the next few weeks!

Any announcements for next week's bulletin or email can be sent to Annie at admin@stjohnsdevon.com 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, please call 484-604-0499.



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

“The true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit.”

– Nelson Henderson

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