

St. John's at Worship Consecration Sunday

Prelude "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. Sanders Cota

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Lord, I Ring My Praise to Thee" Howard F. Stark

*Answering God's Call to Worship From 1 Chronicles 16

One: Give thanks to the Lord and call on God's name!

All: Sing praises to the Lord and tell of God's wonderful works!

One: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

**All: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!
God's steadfast love endures forever!**

One: Gather us, O God of our salvation,
that we may give thanks to your holy name
and glory in your praise.

All: Blessed be the Lord, from everlasting to everlasting!

*Hymn 64 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

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 Declaration of Faith (PCUSA)*

Jesus lived with a constant sense of God's presence.

He put God's claim on his life above all else.

He joined others in God's worship and praise.

He drew strength from the Scriptures.

He prayed and taught his disciples to pray.

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us

personal lives that are centered in God

and open to God's reality and rule.

Christ teaches us to put obedience to God

above the interests of self, family, race, or nation;

to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time.

We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture,

relying on the Word to tell us who God is,

to press God's present claim upon us,

and to assure us of God's grace and comfort.

Life in God's presence issues in life for others,

for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see,

we cannot love God whom we do not see.

Scripture Reading Romans 14:1-9 (pg. 163, N.T.) Bruce Phillips

Children's Time

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!**

Anthem "I'm Gonna Do What the Spirit Says Do" Spiritual

Scripture Reading Romans 14:10-23 (pg. 163, N.T.)

Sermon THE CONSECRATED CHURCH Rev. Dr. Marshall

*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.**

*Unison Prayer of Dedication From the hymn, "I Offer My Life"

All that we are, all that we have,

we lay them down before you, O Lord.

All our regrets, all our acclaim,

the joy and the pain, we're making them yours.

Things in the past, things yet unseen,

wishes and dreams that are yet to come true;

all of our hopes, all of our plans,

our hearts and our hands are lifted to you.

Lord, we offer our lives to you,

everything that we've been through,

use it for your glory.

Lord, we offer our days to you,

lifting our praise to you as a pleasing sacrifice.

Lord, we offer you our lives, in Christ. Amen.

*Hymn 216 (Green) "Give Thanks"

*Benediction

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Organist Nancy Kimmons

Greeter Barbara McConnell

Ushers Bruce Phillips

Flowers Given with thanks to the Transformation Team for all of the hard work you are doing on behalf of St. John's, with gratitude from your church family.

Devon Chapel Bells

Betsy Miller (Director), Diane Alleva, Susan Bain, Sue

Chudy, Christina Fish, Jim Tiede, Nancy Veronesi

Rejoicing Ringers

James Adams, Garrick Bellew, Rowan Bellew, Sophie

Coradi, Ryan Crill, Brandon Marshall, Emily Marshall, Claire

Tiede

Joy Messengers

Nancy Kimmons, John Senior, Lisa Howell, Pam Schafer,

Troy Duncan

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 scripture reading, 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.

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.

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 20 at 7:00 a.m.** in the Carriage House to discuss chapter 15 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).

TODAY IS CONSECRATION SUNDAY!

We will be dedicating our pledges for the coming year, and after worship you are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a Celebration Brunch. This is our way of thanking you for all the ways that you give of your time, energy, and resources to make the life and ministry of this church possible. Thank you for being good and faithful stewards of all the gifts that God has entrusted to us!

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.

It's not too late to join Pastor Patrick's class, "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!

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – NEXT SUNDAY

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for next 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).

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 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.

SAVE THE DATE – ADVENT CRAFTAFTERNOON, DECEMBER 8

Youth, children, and families of all ages are invited to an afternoon (11 a.m. – 1 p.m.) of crafting following worship as we begin the season of Advent. Families will be able to pick up their Advent Devotional at this event. Please RSVP by using the link provided in the weekly email.

GLOW IN THE DARK CAPTURE THE FLAG – TONIGHT! (6–8 P.M.)

Youth grades 6-12 are meeting at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian for pizza and Glow in the Dark Capture the Flag tonight. It's not too late to come, contact Pastor Ridgley if you're interested.

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 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)
- 6:00pm Youth Capture the Flag (Bryn Maw Pres)

Mon, Nov 11 Tues, Nov 12

- 10:00 am Women's Book Group (Kean Room)
- 5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 pm Table Set Up for Supper (Fell. Hall)

Wed, Nov 13 Thurs, Nov 14 Sat, Nov 16 Sun, Nov 17

- 6:00 pm Supper at St. John's (Fell. Hall)
- 5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:00 am Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
- 8:00 am Women's Book Group
- 9:30 am Worship & Sunday School
- 10:30 am Congregational Meeting
- 11:00 am New Member's Class (Kean Room)

This Week in the Church Office

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

"Blessed Are You Who Bear the Light"
by Jan Richardson

Blessed are you
who bear the light
in unbearable times,
who testify to its endurance
amid the unendurable,
who bear witness to its persistence
when everything seems
in shadow and grief.

Blessed are you
in whom the light lives,
in whom the brightness blazes—
your heart a chapel, an altar where
in the deepest night can be seen
the fire that shines forth in you
in unaccountable faith,
in stubborn hope,
in love that illumines
every broken thing it finds.

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