

## St. John's at Worship 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "We Gather Together" Dutch Folk Hymn

\*Answering God's Call to Worship

One: Come, let us give thanks to God!

All: **We gather together to praise the One who strengthens the weak and hears the prayers of the forgotten.**

One: Come, let us give thanks to Christ!

All: **We gather together to sing of the One who calls us to serve those who are hungry and alone at this time of year.**

One: Come, let us give thanks to the Spirit!

All: **We gather together to exalt the One who provokes us to love not only our family and friends, but the guest among us.**

\*Hymn 577 "God of Praise and God of Glory"

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**

\*Statement of Faith

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.**

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives.**

**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.**

Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 1:1–20 (pg. 233, O.T) Libby Dalrymple

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 "Jesus Loves Me" William Bradbury

Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 2:1–10 (pg. 234, O.T.)

Sermon SEEN Rev. Joyner

\*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 100 (Insert) "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

\*Benediction

Postlude "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" George Elvey

### ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Organist** Nancy Kimmons

**Greeter** Bob Miller

**Ushers** Libby & Dave Dalrymple

**Flowers** The flowers are given by John & Sharon Griffin in appreciation and love for our St. John's family.

**Musicians** Cassia Harvey, cello  
Myanna Harvey, violin

### 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–12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### NEW MEMBERS' CLASS TODAY!

The first of two classes for those interested in learning more about our church family and becoming a member will be held at 11:00 a.m. today 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 in the Carriage House from 8:15–9:20 a.m. We encourage you to join us for a four-week study, beginning next Sunday, **November 24** with **Lesson 1: A Time to Watch**. NT Wright's book *Advent for Everyone: Matthew*, can be purchased via Amazon for \$11. Questions can be addressed to Nancy Wolfe (nj.wolfe@verizon.net) or Libby Dalrymple (cadalrymple85@gmail.com). We hope you will join us!

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).

### ST. JOHN'S GETS SOCIAL!

Did you know that our church has a private Facebook Group and an Instagram? Help us with our online presence and find out what's new at St. John's by following us @stjohnspc on Instagram, and if you'd like to join our private Facebook group, you can email Annie Carruthers (admin@stjohnsdevon.com)

### SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S

This Wednesday is our last Supper at St. John's until January. 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. \*Set-up will take place at 5:00 p.m.

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 – TODAY!

There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately following worship today, 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. Copies of the Terms of Call, as well as a description of the changes to the medical plans, are available on the usher's table in the back of the sanctuary.

### 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).

### ADVENT SERMON SERIES – “HOW DOES A WEARY WORLD REJOICE?”

Advent is a four-week season of preparation for Christmas, in which we remember the way that Christ came 2,000 years ago bringing hope, peace, joy, and love. But when we look at the world around us – or even our own lives – we find that hope, peace, joy, and love are often in short supply. On Sunday, December 1, we will be starting a sermon series that asks the question, “How does a weary world rejoice?” Even in the midst of trepidation, fear, or grief, we *can* find joy in the coming of Christ! We hope that you will join us!

### 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 CRAFTERNOON, DECEMBER 8

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

### 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).

### CHOIR REHEARSAL-THURSDAYS AT 7PM

Join us on Thursdays at 7pm in the Sanctuary for choir rehearsal as we prepare to sing pieces on December 1, December 22, and December 24 (Christmas Eve!). We hope you'll consider using your gifts to glorify God this Advent season!

### ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

<b>Sun, Nov 17</b>	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 1 (Kean Room)
<b>Mon, Nov 18</b>	10:00 am	Women's Book Group (Kean Room)
<b>Tues, Nov 19</b>	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Wed, Nov 20</b>	7:00 am	Men's Group (Carriage House)
	5:00 pm	Table Set Up for S@SJ (Fell. Hall)
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's (Fell. Hall)
<b>Thurs, Nov 21</b>	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
<b>Fri, Nov 22</b>	3:00 pm	Youth Retreat to Massanetta (offsite)
<b>Sat, Nov 23</b>	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Sun, Nov 24</b>	8:15 am	Women's Book Group
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	11:00 am	New Member's Class 2 (Kean Room)
	5:00 pm	Youth return from Massanetta

### This Week in the Church Office

**Patrick and Ridgley will be out of the office all day on Tuesday for a Presbytery meeting in Lancaster.**

Any announcements for next week's bulletin or email can be sent to Annie at [admin@stjohnsdevon.com](mailto: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

“Compassion constitutes  
a radical form of criticism,  
for it announces that the hurt is to be taken seriously,  
that the hurt is not to be accepted  
as normal and natural  
but is an abnormal and unacceptable  
condition for humanness.”

– Walter Breuggemann

November 17, 2024  
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