

St. John’s at Worship  
Epiphany Sunday

Prelude “Angels We Have Heard on High” arr. Ingram

Welcome and Announcements

Introit “Carol of the Bells” arr. Krug

\*Answering God’s Call to Worship

One: As we stand at the threshold of this new year,  
with its endless possibilities, let us open the door of our hearts.  
All: Let us wait with hope-filled hearts,  
as Christ’s image grows within us and gives us life.  
One: As we stand at the threshold of this new year,  
with its unknown challenges, let us open the door of our hearts.  
All: Let us kneel in the darkness, until we see God’s light emerge.  
One: Enter, Lord Jesus, that we may feel the joy of your presence!  
All: You give us life, and we welcome you with open hearts.  
One: Speak to us and teach us to love,  
All: as we open our hearts to be your home.

\*Hymn 219 “What Child Is This”

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

We believe in God, the creator of all things, the giver of life and breath.  
We believe in Jesus Christ, born Emmanuel, God with us,  
baptized and revealed as the beloved Son of God.  
He sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself,  
suffering for us, dying for us,  
and being raised from the dead for our sake  
and for the sake of all the world.  
We believe that Christ will come again.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, continually poured out,  
refreshing our lives, leading us into a new day,  
ever birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world.  
This Spirit is our soul-companion and the counselor of truth,  
reminding us of the gift of faith, the ever-presence of God,  
and the promise of eternal life.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1–12 (pg. 2, N.T.) Nancy Arico

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!

Anthem “From a Distant Home” Trad. Puerto Rican Carol

Sermon INSIDE OUT Rev. Dr. Marshall

\*Hymn 254 (vss. 1, 5) “We Three Kings”

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

\*Hymn 63 (Insert) “As with Gladness Men of Old”

\*Benediction “Bring Forth the Kingdom” Haugen

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Organist Nancy Kimmons  
Bell Choir Betsy Miller (director), Diane Alleva, Susan Bain,  
Christina Fish, Jim Tiede, Nancy Veronesi  
Joy Messengers Linda Duncan, Lauren Feldman, Troy Fisher, Lisa Howell,  
Nancy Kimmons, Pam Schafer, John Senior, Jeff Wagner  
Greeter Barbara McConnell  
Coffee Sandy Forbes, Jeanne Thompson

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–4<sup>th</sup> 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.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING ENDS TODAY

The PC(USA)’s Christmas Joy Offering supports at-risk youth, provides assistance to current and retired church workers in need, and develops future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges, particularly equipping communities of color. You can give using the envelope in your bulletin and place it in one of the offering trays. Online giving is also available. Just go to our website (stjohnsdevon.com), click the “Donate” button, and select “Christmas Joy Offering” from the dropdown menu.

PLEDGES FOR 2025, & NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES

Thank you to everyone who has already pledged to support the life and ministry of our church family in the coming year. It’s not too late to make a pledge for 2025! You can submit a pledge on our website or by using one of the cards on the usher’s table in the back of the sanctuary.

Offering envelopes for 2025 are available for pickup in Fellowship Hall. If there is not a pack of envelopes with your name on it, but you would like one, please email Brian Bouvier.

PASTOR RIDGLEY’S SABBATICAL

Pastor Ridgley’s sabbatical started on Wednesday and runs through April 1. During this time of rest, she has no pastoral responsibilities and is completely unavailable by email, phone, and in person. Her purple stole remains on the communion table as a reminder to pray for her, that God would use this time of rest to nourish her body, mind, and spirit.

TEAM OLIVER’S 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PILLOWCASE SEWING EVENT

Help brighten the day of a critically ill child by joining us on MLK Day, Monday, January 20, for Team Oliver’s 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Pillowcases Sewing Day to support Ryan’s Case for Smiles. No experience is needed, and all are invited to participate. We will pair novice volunteers with others who can help guide you. Sign up for one or more sessions. Food and fun music will be provided. Donations are gladly accepted to help cover the cost of fabric. Please sign up using the link in the weekly email. If you have a Team Oliver shirt, please wear it!

MEN’S GROUP

The next Men’s Group meeting will be Wednesday, January 8 at 7:00 a.m. in the Carriage House. All men are welcome!

WOMEN’S BOOK STUDY – 2 OPPORTUNITIES!

Both Women’s Book Groups are starting a new book this week, The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu. The Sunday group meets in the Carriage House from 8:15–9:20 a.m. Contact Nancy Wolfe (nj.wolfe@verizon.net) with any questions. The Monday Group resumes tomorrow, January 6 at 10:00 a.m., both in person in the Kean Room and on Zoom. Contact Nancy Arico (nancy.arico@verizon.net or 610-550-9547) with questions.

THANK YOU FROM WELLSPRING KARITAS

“For years, St. John’s has supported Wellspring Karitas in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Our wheelchair-bound, education, and food support communities are very appreciative of your prayers and financial support. We would also like to thank Elizabeth Ator for her help with our communications to donors and friends across the United States. She has given so much of her time, talent, and expertise to editing and distributing our electronic messages. She is a master of the Mail Chimp platform! Her contribution has been an invaluable part of our success. We must get our story out for people to realize the impact they have on the lives of so many people in Mexico. That story has gone out thanks to Elizabeth. Since our communities cannot be in Pennsylvania to thank Elizabeth in person, please help us show our gratitude with a kind word and a thank you.” (Erik Friend, CEO; Sandy Forbes, Chairman, Board of Directors)

ST. JOHN’S NEW DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Our new Director of Music **Janet Kaido** officially starts tomorrow! Come meet her at choir rehearsal on Thursday at 7:00 p.m.!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AT ST. JOHN’S

Happy birthday to members and friends of our St. John's family who are celebrating birthdays this month! Please consider wishing them a happy birthday in person or sending them birthday wishes by text, email, or a card in the mail. Join us after worship for cake in Fellowship Hall to celebrate everyone who has a birthday this month!

- January 12 **Sam Hillier**
- January 16 **Ginger Black**
- January 19 **Sarah Duncan**
- January 22 **Jen Lortz**
- January 26 **Kathy Johnson**
- January 28 **Annie Carruthers, Skip McClennen**

If you have a January birthday and would like to be included on this list, please contact Barbara McConnell at blbmcconnell@aol.com.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT SEMINAR – SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 (11:00 A.M.)

Lauren Tiede will be hosting a seminar after church in the Carriage House on **Sunday, January 12** focusing on general caregiving (not just dementia!) from 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. If you are interested in learning more about Dementia Caregiving Support Groups that CaringKind offers regularly, please contact Lauren Tiede (ltiede@cknyc.org)

YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT – SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 (4–6:30 P.M.)

Youth grades 5–12 are invited to join us next Sunday, January 12 at Covenant Presbyterian Church (400 Lancaster Ave) in the youth center (in back of parking lot) for a movie night! We will have popcorn, drinks, and watch *The Sandlot* together from 4:00–6:30 p.m. Covenant Youth can’t wait to host you! Don’t forget to RSVP using the link provided in the Weekly Roundup email.

FREE CONCERT – SUNDAY, JANUARY 19 (5:00 P.M.)

St. John’s will be hosting a concert on Sunday, January 19, at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary! Pianist Jonathan Kreamer, soprano Bethann Dilione, and tenor Chris Lorge will present a program titled, “Love & Devotion,” featuring a diverse selection of songs ranging from Verdi and Dvorak to Bernstein and Rodgers & Hammerstein, each offering a poignant reflection on the spectrum of human emotion. This concert is free and open to the whole community, so please bring friends/family and join us for an evening of beautiful music!

TRANSFORMATION TEAM

The Transformation Team has completed their work of discerning the church that God is calling us to be now. If you were not able to attend one of their presentations, you can watch a recorded version of it any time on YouTube. A link is available on our website, as well as in this afternoon’s weekly email.

Scan this QR for a digital copy of the proposal:



Scan this QR to indicate your interest in helping:



Printed copies of both documents are available on the usher’s table in the back of the sanctuary.

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

Sun, Jan. 5	Epiphany Sunday	
	8:15 am	Deacons Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Communion Sunday School (Pre-K–4 <sup>th</sup> )
Mon, Jan. 6	10:00 am	Women’s Book Group (Kean Room)
Tues, Jan. 7	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Wed, Jan. 8	7:00 am	Men’s Group (Carriage House)
Thurs, Jan. 9	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sat, Jan. 11	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sun, Jan. 12	Baptism of the Lord Sunday	
	8:15 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School (Pre-K–12 <sup>th</sup> )

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 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 484-604-049**



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:  
“Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.”  
And he replied:  
“Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God.  
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.”  
So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God,  
trod gladly into the night.  
And He led me towards the hills  
and the breaking of day in the lone East.

From “The Gate of the Year”  
by Minnie Louise Haskins

January 5, 2025  
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