

St. John’s at Worship
Baptism of the Lord Sunday

An asterisk (*) indicates that you are invited to stand, as you are able.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit “When Jesus Came to Jordan’s Stream” Bach

When Jesus Christ came to the Jordan, He stepped into the stream,
and as He entered the waters, He took on mankind’s whole fate.
Then spoke the Father: “This is My Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

*Answering God’s Call to Worship
One: This is the day that the Lord has made!
All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!
All: And also with you!
One: Let us worship God!

*Hymn 610 “We Know That Christ Is Raised”

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 Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.
He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father, Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Scripture Reading Luke 3:15–17, 21–22 (pg. 60, N.T.) Libby Dalrymple

Children’s Time Rev. Dr. Marshall
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!

Hymn 393 “Spirit of the Living God”

Scripture Reading Acts 8:14–17; 19:1–7 (pg. 126, N.T.)

Sermon RECEIVING THE SPIRIT 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.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn (Insert) “Baptized in Water”

*Benediction

*Postlude “Fantasy on How Lovely Shines the Morning Star” Reger

“Force the strings to sweet sounds and let the high hymn of praise resound joyfully;
that I may be with Jesus, my beautiful Bridegroom, in constant love’s embrace.
Sing, leap, rejoice, triumph, thank the Lord! Great is the King of glory.”

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD
Music Director Janet Kaido
Ushers Jeanne & Chuck Lynam
Greeter Libby Dalrymple
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!

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.

PASTOR RIDGLEY’S SABBATICAL
Pastor Ridgley is on sabbatical through April 1. During this time, she has no
pastoral responsibilities and is 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.

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.

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.

DEACONS FOOD DRIVE
Throughout the month of January, the Deacons are collecting coffee, tea, and
hot chocolate for the Great Valley Food Cupboard. Starting today, you can
drop off donations of K-cups, bags, or boxes in the bin in Fellowship Hall.

TEAM OLIVER’S 6TH 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 6th 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 22 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 started a new book last 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 meets again tomorrow 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.

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN’S RETURNS!
Our Wednesday night supper program will return on January 29! We begin
at 6:00 p.m. with a meal, followed by a class starting at 7:00 p.m.,
concluding promptly at 8:00 p.m. This is a wonderful time of food,
fellowship, and education; a great chance to slow down in the middle of the
week, enjoy a delicious meal that you do not have to cook, and catch up with
your church family! You are welcome to come for dinner, even if you cannot
stay for the class (or just come for the class).

For the first four weeks, Dr. Manfred Brauch and Rev. Dr. Sally Brown will
be teaching a class titled, “Power that Heals vs. Power that Hurts: What the
Bible Says about God’s Power and Ours.” They will be looking at how
power is portrayed in scripture, how it is abused in scripture and in our world
today, what power looks like in the life of Jesus, and how power can be used
to uplift, liberate, heal, and empower others. Dr. Brauch taught an incredibly
engaging class in 2023 that touched on some of these topics, and this class
will delve even deeper into them. We hope that you will join us!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of St. John’s is called for **Sunday, January 26 immediately following worship**, for the purpose of distributing the Annual Report, presenting the 2025 budget, and electing Elders, Deacons, and Trustees.

All members of St. John’s are encouraged to attend. The Annual Report will be distributed by email before the meeting (there will also be paper copies available for pickup). The names and biographies of the nominees for Elder, Deacon, and Trustee will also be made available in advance.

For those currently serving as Elders, Deacons, and Trustees, committee reports to be included with the Annual Report should be emailed to Annie in Word document format no later than Friday, January 17.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT SEMINAR – TODAY (11:00 A.M.)
Lauren Tiede will be hosting a seminar after church in the Carriage House after worship today, 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 (ltiede@cknyc.org).

YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT – TODAY (4–6:30 P.M.)
Youth grades 5–12 are invited to join us 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 4–6:30 p.m. You can still 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!

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.

January 5

Bob Chudy

January 11

Noah Carty (Brian & Chrissy Bouvier’s grandson)

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.


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		
Baptism of the Lord Sunday		
Sun, Jan. 12	8:15 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	11:00 am	Caregivers Support Seminar (Carr. House)
Mon, Jan.13	10:00 am	Women’s Book Group (Kean Room)
Tues, Jan. 14	7:00 pm	Session Meeting (Kean Room)
	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Thurs, Jan. 16	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sat, Jan. 18	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sun, Jan. 19	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
Mon, Jan. 20	5:00 pm	Community Concert (Sanctuary)
	All Day	Ryan’s Case for Smiles (Fellowship Hall)

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 484-604-0499



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

May your life be a river.

May you flow with the purpose of the One who created and called you, who directs your course and turns you ever toward home.

May your way shimmer with the light of Christ who goes with you who bears you up who calls you by name.

May you move with the grace of the Spirit who brooded over the face of the waters at the beginning and who will gather you in at the end.

– Jan Richardson

January 12, 2025

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