St. John's at Worship **Second Sunday after Epiphany**

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

Welcome and Announcements

"I Vow to Thee My Country" Introit Answering God's Call to Worship One: The Spirit of God bids us, "Come." Let everyone who hears within their hearts, "Come." All: One: We come to rejoice in the Holy One, our God. All: We give thanks, for the Spirit sets us free! Let everyone who is thirsty for the Spirit, "Come." One: All: Let anyone who wishes, "Come," and receive the gift of life. We come to rejoice in the Holy One, our God. One: We give thanks for God's steadfast love, All: that lights our lives like the dawn, brings joy to our hearts in the night, and sets us free.

*Hymn **158**

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

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

From Matthew 16:16 and Mark 9:24 *Affirmation of Faith You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief.

Scripture Reading	Galatians 5:16–25 (pg. 190, N.T.)	Jim Ryland		
	ders leave for Sunday School, we send them			
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	"Come Thou Font of Every Blessing"	Nettleton		
Scripture Reading	Colossians 3:1-17 (pg. 201, N.T.)			
Sermon	RE-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

"Spirit Song"

*Benediction

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*Hymn **347**

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Janet Kaido		
Mark Ator, Jeff Estabrook, Frank Mercurio, Paul Steege		
Jeanne & Chuck Lynam		
Barbara McConnell		
Sandy Forbes, Jeanne Thompson		
The flowers are given by Jason & Lauren Feldman in		
honor of Oliver Feldman on his birthday in heaven. We		
love you very much! – Mom, Dad, and Connor.		

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.

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.

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.

Help brighten the day of a critically ill child by joining us tomorrow, 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. Food and fun music will be provided. Donations are gladly accepted to help cover the cost of fabric. Please sign up for one or more shifts using the link in the weekly email. If you have a Team Oliver shirt, please wear it!

MEN'S GROUP

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The next Men's Group meeting will be Wednesday, January 22 at 7:00 a.m. in the Carriage House. We are just starting a new book, Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus by Ann Spangler, and we will be discussing chapters 1 and 2. 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.

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!

IMPLEMENTATION TEAM

The Session has approved a team that will begin the process of implementing the Transformation Team's proposal. This Implementation Team consists of Laurie Cato (Trustees), Doris Humphrey (Session), Pastor Patrick, Steve Scolari (Congregation), and Jim Tiede (Session). Their primary responsibilities are to organize the teams that are being formed for the various areas of transformation and to determine the order in which the work should proceed. We are grateful to them for their willingness to serve and ask that you please pray for them in the weeks to come.

TEAM OLIVER'S 6TH ANNUAL PILLOWCASE SEWING EVENT - TOMORROW

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).

CONCERT – TONIGHT (5:00 P.M.)

St. John's will be hosting a concert tonight 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!

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 this week.

CHILI COOK-OFF – SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 AFTER THE ANNUAL MEETING

Join us in Fellowship Hall after the annual meeting on Sunday, January 26 in for our annual chili cook-off! Our youth will share about their summer trips to Montreat and Massanetta. Lunch is free for all, and any donations will go toward the scholarship fund for summer trips and retreats. To make our chili cook-off a success, we'll need entries! Please indicate if you're bringing chili or a side by RSVPing via the link in the weekly email. Contact Laurie Cato (llcato@yahoo.com) with any questions.

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

Sun, Jan. 19	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	5:00 pm	Community Concert (Sanctuary)
Mon, Jan. 20	All Day	Ryan's Case for Smiles (Fellowship Hall)
Tues, Jan. 21	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Wed. Jan. 22	7:00 am	Men's Group (Carriage House)
Thurs, Jan. 23	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sat, Jan. 25	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sun, Jan. 26	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Annual Congregational Meeting
	11:30 pm	Chili Cook-Off (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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Only those who ache for meaning will pursue it. Only those who yearn for a deeper life will seek it. This is a place for those who ache and yearn for something more.

So let us come here today with our hunger and thirst, our unsatisfied longings, our heart-felt yearnings, and let the God of life satisfy our souls.



A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

Only the hungry search for bread. Only the thirsty look for water. This is a place for those who are hungry and thirsty in spirit.

– Ann Siddall

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