

St. John’s at Worship
Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

Welcome and Announcements

Introit “Behold, I Make All Things New” Gondo

Answering God’s Call to Worship

One: There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling.

All: One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
One God and Father of us all.

One: Together we are the body of Christ,

All: And individually, we are members of it.

One: So now as we, who are many, come together as one...

All: Let us worship God!

*Hymn 430 (Insert) “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy”

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 A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God’s presence,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Scripture Reading Colossians 1:1–14 (pg. 199, N.T.) Bruce Phillips

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!

Anthem “Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me” arr. K. Lee Scott

Sermon BEARING FRUIT 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 451 (Insert) “Be Thou Our Vision”

*Benediction

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Music Director Janet Kaido

Ushers Nancy & Bruce Phillips

Greeter Nancy & Joe Arico

Coffee Jeanne Thompson & Lynne Brown

Flowers The flowers are given by Chuck & Jeanne Lynam to
celebrate the 98th birthday of Jeanne’s mother, Pat Free,
and in memory of her father, Mike.

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.

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN’S RETURNS THIS WEEK!

Our Wednesday night supper program returns this week! We begin at 6 p.m. with a meal, followed by a class starting at 7 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!

WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP BLANKET DRIVE BEGINS TODAY!

The annual Women’s Fellowship Blanket Drive for Church World Service begins today. Children and families around the world are suffering or dying from the frigid cold of snow, ice, and freezing rain. For \$10, you can purchase one blanket for someone who needs it, and you may purchase as many blankets as you wish. You will find a donation envelope in the bulletin, or you may prefer to visit the Blanket Drive table in Fellowship Hall during coffee to leave your gift. If writing a check, please write “Blanket Drive” in the memo line. Thank you for purchasing blankets!

MEN’S GROUP

The next Men’s Group meeting will be Wednesday, February 5 at 7:00 a.m. in the Carriage House. They are just starting a new book, *Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus* by Ann Spangler, and they will be discussing chapter 3. 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.

LADIES’ LENTEN LUNCHEON

Our annual Ladies’ Lenten Luncheon will be on Ash Wednesday, March 5, in the Fellowship Hall. We gather for lunch, followed by worship and communion. All women of the church are invited and encouraged to bring a friend! Be on the lookout for signups and more information soon.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of St. John’s will be held **immediately following worship today**, for the purpose of distributing the Annual Report, presenting the 2025 budget, electing Elders, Deacons, and Trustees, and making a minor revision to Pastor Ridgley’s Terms of Call. All members of St. John’s are encouraged to attend. The Annual Report, along with the names and biographies of nominees for Elder, Deacon, and Trustee, was distributed by email this past week, but there are paper copies available today.

CHILI COOK-OFF – TODAY AFTER THE ANNUAL MEETING

Join us in Fellowship Hall after the annual meeting today 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. We hope that you will join us!

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE RELIEF

On behalf of St. John’s, the Outreach Committee is donating \$5,000 for the California Wildfire relief efforts through the PC(USA) Disaster Assistance program. Our prayers are with those affected by the devastating wildfires that have significantly impacted thousands of people and communities across California. If you would like to make an additional donation through PDA or read about other ways to support those in need, visit <https://pda.pcusa.org/>

RISE AGAINST HUNGER – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 (1:00 P.M.)

Outreach has scheduled a Rise Against Hunger event for Sunday, February 23 at 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. As in past years, we will be packing 10,000 meals, and we need volunteers. There is a signup sheet on the Outreach bulletin board, or you can email John Shaw (johnshaw55@gmail.com). Please feel free to invite friends, but make sure to add them to the signup sheet!

CONCERT RESCHEDULED – MARCH 23 AT 5:00 P.M.

St. John’s will be hosting a concert on Sunday, March 23 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 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 blbmccconnell@aol.com.

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

Sun, Jan. 26	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Annual Congregational Meeting
	11:30 pm	Chili Cook-Off (Fellowship Hall)
Tues, Jan. 28	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Wed. Jan. 29	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John’s (Fell. Hall)
Thurs, Jan. 30	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sat, Feb. 1	8:15 am	Deacons Meeting (Kean Room)
Sun, Feb. 2	9:30 am	Worship & Communion
	4:30 pm	Youth Fellowship

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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- Janet Kaido, Music Director (music@stjohnsdevon.com)
- Sue Chudy, Clerk of Session (susan.chudy@stjohnsdevon.com)



A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

St. John’s Vision for Renewal
from the Transformation Team’s Proposal

St. John’s Presbyterian Church is a welcoming community where all can experience and share God’s love.

We envision St. John’s as a community where people experience and share God’s love as revealed through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. God’s grace, mercy, and unconditional love are extended to all, and we are called to reflect this love in all that we do.

We strive to deepen our knowledge and love of God through worship, prayer, studying scripture, and sharing life together. Growing together in faith, we seek to grasp the full extent of the love God has for us.

January 26, 2025
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