

St. John’s at Worship
Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Welcome and Announcements

Introit “A Change in My Life” Rockapella

Answering God’s Call to Worship

One: Christ invites every person:
“Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!”

All: We come, at the calling of Jesus Christ,
to worship and serve the living God!

One: In a world where cruelty abounds,
All: we worship and serve the God of mercy.

One: In a world of indifference and apathy,
All: we worship and serve the God of love.

One: In a world of despair that threatens to swallow us up,
All: we worship and serve the God of hope.

One: Come, let us worship God together
All: and celebrate Christ’s living presence in the world!

*Hymn 177 (Insert) “I Will Come to You”

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 From A Declaration of Faith (PCUSA)

Jesus announced the coming of God’s kingdom
and its hidden presence in the midst of the world’s kingdoms.

He taught his disciples to seek God’s kingdom first.

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us
lives in pilgrimage toward God’s kingdom.

We are in the world, but not of the world.

Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people

do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world,
but in the coming and hidden presence of God’s kingdom.

Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom:

to serve as he has served us;
to take up our cross,
risking the consequences of faithful discipleship;
to walk by faith, not by sight;
to hope for what we have not seen.

Scripture Reading Luke 5:1–11 (pg. 62, N.T.) Judy Mileto

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 “Red Sea Road” Holcomb

Sermon LEAVING BEHIND 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 267 (Green) “Will You Come and Follow Me”

*Benediction

Postlude “Put Your Hand in the Hand” MacLellan

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Music Director Janet Kaido
Joy Messengers Nancy Kimmons, John Senior, Linda Duncan, Lauren Feldman, Troy Fisher, Lisa Howell, Pam Schafer, Jeff Wagner
Coffee Marianne McClennen, Kathy Johnson
Usher Jim Little

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 until April 2. 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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

We celebrate with John & Julie Lieberman on the birth of their granddaughter Eloise Nevin Messemer on January 30 to their daughter Grace and her husband Kurt Messemer! Cards can be sent to: John & Julie Lieberman, 229 Chester Road, Devon, PA 19333

A NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER

If you are making a purchase for the church, please note that we are exempt from paying state sales tax. Our tax number is available from Annie in the church office if you need it. We also have a tax-exempt Amazon account. If you need items purchased from Amazon for church use, send Annie an email with a link to what you would like ordered, along with the committee/activity this should be charged to and the appropriate approval, and she can order it for you. If you have an expense to be reimbursed, the reimbursement request form is available on our church website (see Quick Links) or from Annie. Forms and receipts should be returned to Annie (not the Treasurer’s mailbox). Make sure you have approval for expenditures from the appropriate committee/board chair. It is very helpful if receipts are attached to a full sheet of paper, numbered and listed on the reimbursement form.

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN’S

Join us at 6 p.m. on Wednesday for a delicious home-cooked 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 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 next two 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. We hope that you will join us!

MEN’S GROUP

The next Men’s Group meeting will be Wednesday, February 19 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 chapters 4 and 5. All men are welcome!

WOMEN’S BOOK STUDY – 2 OPPORTUNITIES!

Both Women’s Book Groups are reading 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.

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE RELIEF

The Outreach Committee is giving \$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/>

WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP BLANKET DRIVE

There is still time to donate blankets during the Women’s Fellowship Blanket Drive through Church World Mission. The blankets are given to shelters and any place people are struggling to stay warm. Each blanket is \$10, and you may donate as many as you wish. Envelopes are provided in the bulletin. If writing a check, please note “Blanket Drive” in the memo line. If you donate with cash, please write your name on the envelope.

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

We will once again be packing 10,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. 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!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AT ST. JOHN’S

Happy birthday to those in our church 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.

February 3	Ken Dilloway
February 4	Ken Coradi
February 6	Deborah Bellew
February 9	Ryan Crill, Julie Spahr, Katie Scott Yoder
February 10	Don Black, Caroline Carty
February 11	Katie Kerr Holcomb, Lee McConnell
February 15	Jeff Wagner
February 17	Kathy Shaw, Janet Kaido
February 24	Shintaro Kaido (Janet’s husband)
February 28	Jeanne Thompson
February 29	Brynn Yoder

If you have a February birthday and would like to be included on this list, please contact Barbara McConnell (blbmccconnell@aol.com)

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!

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

Sun, Feb. 9	8:15 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	8:15 am	Women’s Book Group (Carr. House)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
Mon, Feb. 10	10:00 am	Women’s Book Group (Kean)
	7:00 pm	Session Meeting (Kean)
	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Tues, Feb. 11	7:00 pm	Implementation Team (Kean)
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John’s (Fell. Hall)
Wed. Feb. 12	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Thurs, Feb. 13	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
	8:15 am	Women’s Book Group (Carr. House)
Sat, Feb. 15	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
Sun, Feb. 16		

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



A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

Faith begins by letting go,
giving up what had seemed sure,
taking risks and pressing on,
though the way feels less secure:
pilgrimage both right and odd,
trusting all our life to God.

– From the hymn, “Faith Begins by Letting Go”
by Carl P. Daw, Jr.



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