

St. John’s at Worship
Second Sunday of Easter

Welcome

Introit “From a Distance” Julie Gold

Answering God’s Call to Worship
One: The tomb is *still* empty!
All: Christ is *still* risen!
One: Let our voices and spirits rise up to celebrate this good news!
All: Jesus is Lord! Our redeemer lives!
One: Let us worship our still and ever-risen Lord!

*Hymn 304 “Easter People, Raise Your Voices”

Prayer of Invocation & Confession (ending with 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 *The Book of Common Worship*
One: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:
All: Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, he was buried, he was raised on the third day, and he appeared, first to the women, then to Peter and the disciples, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; He is our Lord and our God.
One: Great is the mystery of faith!
All: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Scripture Reading John 20:19–31 (pg. 115, N.T.) Pam Schafer

Ordination, Installation, and Commissioning of Officers

Presentation of Elders for Installation: Jim Ryland, Ken Coradi

Presentation of Deacon for Installation: Nancy Coradi

Constitutional Questions of Ordination/Installation

Prayer of Ordination and Installation
All those who have previously been ordained as Deacons, Ruling Elders, or Teaching Elders are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.

Declaration of Ordination/Installation and Charge

Commissioning of Trustees: Jim Tiede, John Adams

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 “When You Speak to Me” Twila Paris

Sermon FAITH & DOUBT Rev. Dr. Marshall
Sermon Series – *Everything in Between: Navigating the Polarities of Life and Faith*

*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 & Prayers of the People

*Hymn (Insert) “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

*Benediction

*Postlude “The Lord Will Have His Way” Wilson & Wilkins

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD
Music Director Janet Kaido
Usher Lynne Hay, Jim Ryland
Greeters Kate Johnson
Coffee Servers Lynne Brown, Jean Converse
Joy Messengers Lauren Feldman, Lisa Howell, John McClintick, Pam Schafer, Nancy Kimmons, John Senior, Emily Marshall

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN’S!
We are so happy that you have joined us as we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ this morning, and we hope that you experience the new life that the season of Easter brings! No matter who you are, where you come from, what you look like, or what you are wearing, you are welcome here! No matter where you are in your faith, you belong here. All we want is to help you experience the presence and love of Jesus Christ! 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 installation of officers, grades K–12th are invited to leave with their teachers for Sunday School. 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.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
Last week we began receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. The PC(USA) receives this offering every year to provide water, food, and disaster relief for those in need around the world. You can give using the envelopes in your bulletin or online through the church’s app or website.

WOMEN’S BOOK STUDY – 2 OPPORTUNITIES!
The Sunday book group meets from 8:15–9:20 a.m. in the Kean Room to read *The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World* by Desmond & Mpho Tutu. Contact Nancy Wolfe (nj.wolfe@verizon.net) with any questions.

Tomorrow the Monday group will begin a new book by Henri Nouwen, *Turn My Mourning into Dancing*. It’s a short book that will take us to the beginning of June, so it’s a great time to come see what we are about. The group meets Mondays at 10:00 a.m., both in person in the Kean Room and on Zoom (use the church Zoom room link on the website). We would love to have you join us! If you would like to find out more contact Nancy Arico at nancy.arico@verizon.net or 610-550-9547.

MEN’S GROUP
The Men’s Group will meet on **Wednesday, May 7 at 7:00 a.m.** in the Carriage House. They will be starting a new study on Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, discussing Matthew 5. All men are welcome!

NEW WAYS TO CONNECT WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY
Do you have a special skill, interest, or hobby that you would like to share with your St. John’s family? Would you like to know who else shares a common interest? If so, please take five minutes to indicate your skills and interests on the survey below. You are not signing up for anything; we just want to connect people with shared interests! Everyone who participates will receive a link providing them with a compilation of our church family’s many talents, hobbies, and interests. If you would prefer to fill out a paper copy of the survey, just contact Annie in the church office.
<https://mator.wufoo.com/forms/skills-interests-inventory/>

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP INTEREST MEETING – TODAY!
Years ago, St. John’s had a Peace & Social Justice group that focused on how we can better advocate for peace and justice in the community and world around us. In recent weeks, a growing desire has been expressed to reform this group. Join us in the Kean Room at 11:00 a.m. today to meet with others who are interested.

SUPPORT THE CHESTER COUNTY FOOD BANK
Due to recent federal funding cuts, the Chester County Food Bank has announced that they are going to be experiencing a \$250,000 shortfall over the next three months. Please consider donating non-perishable items such as: cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter, strawberry or grape jelly, marinara sauce, spaghetti, granola bars, juice boxes, tuna, canned fruit, Tastycakes or cookies, crackers, pretzels, cleaning supplies, paper towels, and toilet paper. There are donation bins in the Fellowship Hall where you can drop them off (on Sundays or during the week). Check out other ways to support CCFB in the weekly email.

YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT – TODAY (4–6 P.M. NOTE TIME CHANGE)
Join Pastor Ridgley at the church for a movie night upstairs in the youth room! We will have a homemade popcorn buffet and ice cream sundaes while we watch a classic favorite: *Cars*. Don’t forget to RSVP using the link provided in the weekly email.

LUNCH & LEARN – TOMORROW

Join us for Lunch & Learn tomorrow, Monday, April 28 from 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. as Pastor Ridgley shares about her sabbatical pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago. You can still RSVP using the link in the weekly email.

WOMEN’S TEA – SUNDAY, MAY 4

April showers bring May flowers as well as the Women’s Tea! All women, including youth in fifth grade and above, are welcome to join Women’s Fellowship on the afternoon of May 4 at 3:00 p.m. for an afternoon of tea, dessert, and a lovely vocal performance. In lieu of a craft this year, we are asking that everyone bring in a bag of food donations for the Chester County Food Bank. Our church administrator, Annie Carruthers, will be singing. Please confirm your attendance at <https://mator.wufoo.com/forms/womens-tea-signup/> or by calling the church office at (610-688-5222). We hope to see you there!

IMMIGRATION FORUM – SATURDAY, MAY 10

St. John’s has supported the work of the Wellspring Karitas Foundation in Mexico for many years. Their work building community-based programs for food, education, and jobs has been life changing for homeless and near-homeless families. Please join us in the Carriage House on Saturday, May 10 at 4:00 p.m. for a special gathering to examine the roots of migration and how we can help cultivate sustainable alternatives. How can we build opportunities for people to stay at home? Please contact Betsy Friend (betsyfriend23@aol.com) or Sandy Forbes (54sandyjo@comcast.net) with any questions.

ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER – SATURDAY, MAY 17

Join us for St. John’s annual Progressive Dinner, as we gather to share a wonderful evening of food and fellowship together! We all start at one house for appetizers before breaking up into small groups for dinner and dessert. The cost is \$10. You can sign up with Lauren Feldman in the Fellowship Hall after worship, or online using the link on the weekly email and the church website. Please consider hosting! You will only make the main dish (we will suggest an easy recipe). Or you can just come and be our guest!

BINGO TO END ALZHEIMER’S – MAY 1, 6–9 P.M. AT PUDDLER’S KITCHEN

Join Pastor Ridgley for a night out to dinner with free Bingo! Puddler’s Kitchen (3 Dekalb Street, Bridgeport) will donate 10% of food and beverage profits to the Alzheimer’s Association. There will be raffle baskets from a variety of local businesses, and anyone from St. John’s who comes to the event will get one free raffle ticket per family unit! Please consider coming and bringing your friends, so that together we can help end Alzheimer’s Disease. For more information, contact Pastor Ridgley.

APRIL 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.

April 2	Lynne Hay	April 23	Finn Holcomb
April 14	Dwight Jaggard	April 26	Cindy Kerr
April 17	Ardath Belzer	April 27	Emma Kaido
April 21	Janette Scott	April 28	Christina Fish
April 21	Mary Caroline Ward		

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

TRUE NORTH: TRUSTING JESUS IN A WILD WORLD

Join us August 4–8 from 9 a.m. to Noon at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Devon for Vacation Bible School! We will gather for music, Bible study, games, crafts, and FUN, as we navigate how to trust Jesus in a wild world full of twists and turns. You can register using the link in the weekly email through May 28. We are also looking for volunteers to help with shepherding, station leading, and more! We have a volunteer position for everyone, even those who can only come one day. To sign up to volunteer click the same link you use to register! For more information, contact Pastor Ridgley.

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

Sun, Apr. 27	8:15 am	Women’s Book Group (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	11:00 am	Peace & Social Justice Group (Kean)
	4:00 pm	Youth Movie Night (Carriage House)
Mon, Apr. 28	11:30 am	Lunch & Learn (Fellowship Hall)
	1:00 pm	Sewing Group (Fell. Hall)
Tues, Apr. 29	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
	5:30 pm	Marketing & Publicity Task Force (Kean)
Thurs, May 1	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sat, May 3	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
Sun, May 4	9:30 am	Worship & Communion
	3:00 pm	Women’s Tea (Carr. House)

This Week in the Church Office

Annie will be out of the office on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. There will be volunteers answering the phone and door. Any announcements for next week’s bulletin or email must be sent to Annie by **Noon on Tuesday** (admin@stjohnsdevon.com).

Friday is Pastor Patrick and Pastor Ridgley’s 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

“The Shifting Sands”
Author unknown

The shore of certainty, a distant dream,
Where faith stands firm, a lighthouse’s gleam.
But closer now, the ocean’s vast expanse,
Where doubt, a tide, begins its restless dance.

The waves of question, crashing on the soul,
Erode the walls where stories make us whole.
The anchors of belief, they start to fray,
As shadows lengthen, chasing light away.

Yet, in this space, where darkness intertwines,
A fragile hope, a glimmer still shines.
For in the shifting sands, a truth we find,
That faith and doubt are often intertwined.

The journey’s not a path of steady climb,
But a meandering walk through space and time.
To trust the unknown, to let the waters flow,
And in between, to find where we grow.

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