

St. John’s at Worship
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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| Welcome | | |
| Minute for Mission | Erik Friend | Wellspring Karitas |
| Introit | “Jubilance” | <i>Kevin McChesney</i> |
| Answering God’s Call to Worship | | |
| One: | God alone is our refuge and hope, our shelter and protection. | |
| All: | From our very first breath to our last, God’s love and compassion never fails. | |
| One: | So come, lift your voices in praise to God. Bear witness to God’s acts of mercy and love. Proclaim God’s glory to all who will listen. | |
| All: | Let us worship God together! | |
| *Hymn (Insert) | “Mothering God, You Gave Us Birth” | |
| 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 | | |
| The Lord is our shepherd; we shall not want. God makes us lie down in green pastures; God leads us beside still waters; God restores our souls. God leads us in right paths for his name’s sake. Even though we walk through the darkest valley, we fear no evil, for God is with us; God’s rod and staff comfort us. God prepares a table before us in the presence of our enemies; God anoints our heads with oil; our cups overflow. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. | | |
| Scripture Reading | John 10:22–30 (pg. 115, N.T.) | Jim Tiede |
| Children’s Time | | |
| Anthem | “Grazioso” | <i>Arnold B. Sherman</i> |

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!**

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| Sermon | OUR SHEPHERD | Rev. Joyner |
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| *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. | | |
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| *Prayer of Dedication & Prayers of the People | | |
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| *Hymn (Insert) | “Thine Is the Glory” | |
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| *Benediction | | |
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| *Postlude | “Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing” | <i>Fedak</i> |

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| ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD | |
| Music Director | Janet Kaido |
| Greeters | Kate Johnson |
| Coffee Servers | Wanda Odom |
| Rejoicing Ringers | Betsy Miller (Director), Garrick Bellew, Rowan Bellew, Sophie Coradi, Ryan Crill, Christina Fish, Janet Kaido, Brandon Marshall, Emily Marshall, Claire Tiede |
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| Flowers | The flowers are given by the Deacons in celebration of Mother’s Day; and by Lynne Hay in honor of her father, Peter Brabson MacKeith, and his service to and sacrifice for our country. |

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
Today is the last day that we will be 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 the pew racks or online through the church’s app or website.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE
Nancy Phillips is recovering from abdominal surgery on Wednesday. Cards can be sent to: Nancy Phillips, 933 Saratoga Road, Berwyn, PA, 19312.

AROUND THE CHURCH...
The Carriage House roof has far outlived its life expectancy (and insurance coverage!) and is being replaced this week. The work is scheduled to begin tomorrow (weather permitting) and should be done by the end of the week. The main church building will still be open, but the Carriage House will not be accessible at all this week. If you are coming to the church for any reason, please be careful in the parking lot.

Special thanks to **Jim Tiede** for repairing and rehanging a picture frame that fell off the wall in the Carriage House!

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.

The Monday group meets at 10:00 a.m., both in person in the Kean Room and on Zoom (use the church Zoom room link on the website). They just started a new book, *Turn My Mourning into Dancing* by Henri Nouwen. It’s a short book that will take them to the beginning of June, so it’s a great time to come see what they are all about. 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 21 at 7:00 a.m.** in the Carriage House. They will be discussing Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, in Matthew 6. All men are welcome!

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.

NURSERY CARE NEEDED
We are in great need of help downstairs in our nursery on the first and third Sundays of the month. We have two adults each Sunday to take care of our kids (who are very sweet and excited to see you!). Because of the ages we typically have in the nursery, lifting and holding children is not a requirement. Please consider serving in the nursery once a month so that we can continue to offer this service to our young families who make time to come to church and grow in faith. To sign up click the link in the weekly email or email Pastor Ridgley (rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com)

MINUTE FOR MISSION – WELLSPRING KARITAS

We are happy to welcome Erik Friend, President of the Wellspring Karitas Foundation in Mexico (and son of Howard & Betsy Friend!). St. John’s has partnered with Wellspring Karitas for many years. Their work building community-based programs for food, education, and jobs has been life changing for homeless and near-homeless families. Erik will be available in Fellowship Hall after worship if you have questions.

ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER – LAST DAY TO SIGN-UP!

If you still want to join us for St. John’s annual Progressive Dinner this Saturday, May 17, today is the last day to sign up! 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. We still need hosts to open their home to 8 diners! You will only make the main dish (we will suggest an easy recipe). Or you can just come and be our guest!

HORSE SHOW PARKING IS COMING!

It is that time of the year again! From **Wednesday, May 21** through **Saturday, May 31**, we will be parking cars on the church grounds from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. **Signs-ups to volunteer for shifts are now live on our website, or you can sign up at coffee time following worship.** We are also still in need of Day Leaders for each day. Day Leaders do not have to be here all day; they simply oversee the volunteers for each shift. If you are interested in being a Day Leader, please email Pastor Ridgley.

MAY 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.

- May 3

Kristen Loftus
- May 4

Alex Engheta
- May 4

Graham Hillier
- May 4

Vangie Jaggard
- May 8

Christa Fisher
- May 9

Ridgley Joyner
- May 10

Lynne Brown
- May 13

Marianne McCleNNan
- May 13

Nancy Higgins
- May 16

Lisa Scolari
- May 20

Barbara McConnell
- May 21

Judy Mileto
- May 22

Dan Lortz
- May 27

Ashlee Oliver
- May 28

Barbara Hicks
- May 29

Lee Holt
- May 31

Nancy Davis

If you have a May 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

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| Sun, May 11 | 8:15 am | Women’s Book Group (Kean Room) |
| | 9:30 am | Worship & Sunday School |
| Mon, May 12 | 6:00 pm | Faith Formation Meeting (Kean) |
| | 7:00 pm | Session Meeting (Kean) |
| | 7:30 pm | Community Engagement & Service Task Force Meeting (Fell. Hall) |
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| Tues, May 13 | 5:00 pm | Exercise Class (Fell. Hall) |
| | 5:30 pm | Marketing & Publicity Task Force (Kean) |
| | 7:00 pm | Church Admin. & Organization Task Force Meeting (Kean) |
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| Wed, May 14. | 7:00 pm | Marketing Team Listening Session (Kean) |
| Thurs, May 15 | 5:00 pm | Exercise Class (Fell. Hall) |
| | 7:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) |
| Sat, May 17 | 9:00 am | Exercise Class (Fell. Hall) |
| | 5:00 pm | Progressive Dinner |
| Sun, May 18 | 8:15 am | Trustees Meeting (Kean) |
| | 9:30 am | Worship & Sunday School |
| | 11:00 am | Marketing Team Listening Session (Fell.) |
| | 11:00 am | Peace & Social Justice Group (Kean) |

This Week in the Church Office

Any announcements for next week’s bulletin or email must be sent to Annie by **Noon on Wednesday** (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 Lord’s Prayer”
Adapted by Rev. Sarah Speed

Love itself
Here you are. Here we are.
Hold us up to the light
Make this world right.
Keep us alive with food –
for the body and for the spirit.
Forgive us for keeping score and building walls,
then give us the strength to turn that forgiveness to others,
creating an echo chamber of grace.
We need you.
We need you like flowers need the sun,
And so we say thank you,
Thank you.
Thank you.
Amen.

May 11, 2025
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