

St. John’s at Worship  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome		
Minute for Mission	Brandon McNeice	Cornerstone
Introit	“I Give You a New Commandment”	<i>Peter Aston</i>
Answering God’s Call to Worship		
One:	The good news of Easter is <i>still</i> with us...	
All:	<b>Christ is risen – then, now, and forever!</b>	
One:	Because <i>Christ</i> lives, <i>we</i> can live a new life, with God and with each other.	
All:	<b>Jesus is Lord, and he is alive!</b>	
One:	Let <i>us</i> rise up and celebrate this good news as we worship God!	
*Hymn 303	“The Day of Resurrection”	
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 1 John 4
Love is from God.		
Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.		
God’s love was revealed among us in this way:		
God sent his only son into the world		
so that we might live through him.		
In this is love, not that we loved God, but that God loved us		
and sent his son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.		
Since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.		
No one has ever seen God;		
if we love one another, God lives in us,		
and God’s love is perfected in us.		
We have seen and do testify		
that the Father sent his Son as the savior of the world.		
So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.		
God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God,		
and God abides in them.		
Scripture Reading	John 13:31–35 (pg. 108, N.T.)	Libby Dalrymple

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	“Shout for Joy, Loud and Long”	<i>arr. Hopson</i>
Sermon	PROVING IT	Rev. Dr. Marshall
*Presentation of Offering & Doxology		
<b>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.</b>		
*Prayer of Dedication & Prayers of the People		
*Hymn 408	“The Gift of Love”	
*Benediction		
*Postlude	“O Worship the King”	<i>arr. Dean</i>

	ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD
Music Director	Janet Kaido
Greeters	Cindy Kerr, Gavin Kerr
Coffee Server	Susanne Engheta
Flowers	The flowers are given 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–12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**MINUTE FOR MISSION – CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**  
We are excited to welcome Brandon McNeice, the CEO/Head of School at Cornerstone Christian Academy. For 35 years, Cornerstone Christian Academy has been committed to its mission to educate children, including those from underserved families, in an environment that provides the highest standards for academic achievement and spiritual development. As an independent private school in Southwest Philadelphia, Cornerstone offers an accessible, high-quality, faith-based education for K–8<sup>th</sup> grade students. There are 134 students enrolled this year. Please welcome Brandon and help him feel at home!

**HORSE SHOW PARKING BEGINS THIS WEEK!**  
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. You can sign up to volunteer for shifts on our website, or you can sign up at coffee time following worship. **We are also still in need of a Day Leader for Saturday, May 24.** 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.

**AROUND THE CHURCH...**  
Apparently, you shouldn’t replace a roof when it’s raining! So the replacement of the Carriage House roof has been postponed until early June, after the Horse Show.

A new Eastern Redbud tree has been planted in the Memorial Garden, in loving memory of our former pastor, the Rev. Dr. Victor Wilson.

**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!

**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 are reading *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.

**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)

ST. JOHN’S MARKETING TEAM

St. Johns Marketing team continues the information gathering phase, of the logo/messaging review & update process. For those who have filled out the survey already, thank you! For those that haven’t, see the QR code here, or a paper copy at the exits of the sanctuary. **There is a listening session in the fellowship all after worship today.** Come on down & give us your thoughts about who we are as a church, what St John’s means to you, and how we present that to the community. There is still one alternate listening session scheduled for June 1 (3:00–4:00 p.m.), via Zoom. To attend that, please R.S.V.P. to Lisa Howell at [lhowell.ruhl@gmail.com](mailto:lhowell.ruhl@gmail.com). Our time frame is short for this work, and we want to conclude this phase by early June.



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

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**May 8** Christa Fisher

**May 9** Ridgley Joyner

**May 10** Lynne Brown

**May 13** Marianne McClelland

**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](mailto: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, May 18	8:15 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	11:00 am	Marketing Listening Session (FH)
	11:00 am	Peace & Social Justice Group (Kean)
Tues, May 20	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
	5:30 pm	Marketing & Publicity Task Force (Kean)
Wed, May 21	7:00 am	Men’s Group (Carriage House)
	9:00 am	Devon Horse Show Begins (until 9 pm)
Thurs, May 22	9:00 am	Horse Show Parking (until 9 pm)
	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Fri, May 23	9:00 am	Horse Show Parking (until 9 pm)
Sat, May 24	9:00 am	Horse Show Parking (until 9 pm)
	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
Sun, May 25	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	Noon	Horse Show Parking (until 9 pm)
Mon, May 26	Church Office Closed for Memorial Day	

This Week in the Church Office

**Pastor Patrick will be out all day on Tuesday for a Presbytery meeting.** Also, please remember that Patrick’s sabbatical begins on Monday, June 16 and runs through Sunday, September 14. During that time he will have no pastoral duties and will not be available by email, phone, or in person.

Any announcements for next week’s bulletin or email must be sent to Annie by **Noon on Wednesday** ([admin@stjohnsdevon.com](mailto: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

Christianity should feel like,  
“My love for others continues to deepen,” not,  
“My beliefs are more correct than anyone else’s.”

– Ben Cremer

May 18, 2025  
For the latest information and news about St. John’s:  
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