

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

Welcome & Announcements

Introit “Ode to Joy” Beethoven, arr. Marlatt

Answering God’s Call to Worship from Psalm 107:1–9
One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!
All: God’s steadfast love endures forever!
One: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those whom God redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the north and the south, from the east and the west.
All: They cried to the Lord in their trouble, and God delivered them from their distress.
One: Let them thank the Lord for God’s steadfast love, for God’s wonderful works to humankind.
All: For God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

*Hymn (Insert) “What Gift Can We Bring”

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 71 (Red)
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 Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.
He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Scripture Reading Colossians 3:12–17 (pg. 201, N.T) Bruce Phillips

Children’s Time Rev. Becker
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 “A Mighty Fortress” arr. Hilfiger

Sermon LIVE WITH PURPOSE Rev. Alex Becker

Musical Reflection “Here I Am, Lord”
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart

*Presentation of Offering & Doxology (Hymn 94, Red)
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication & Prayers of the People

*Hymn (Insert) “God, Bless Your Church with Strength”

*Benediction

*Postlude “Canon” Mozart, arr. Marlatt

Please take time after the Postlude to greet one another, especially people you don’t already know!

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Music Director Janet Kaido
Greeter Jim Little
Usher Bruce Phillips
Coffee Servers Alex Engheta, Susanne Engheta
The Devon Brass Mark Ator, Frank Mercurio, Paul Steege

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN’S!
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 scripture reading, grades K–12 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.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY – NEXT WEEK
Consecration Sunday is next Sunday, November 16! We will dedicate our pledges for the coming year during worship. Immediately following worship, we will celebrate with a catered brunch in Fellowship Hall. You may turn in brunch RSVP cards in the envelope on the church office door, or on our website. There are copies of the letter describing Consecration Sunday on the usher’s table in the back of the sanctuary. We hope that you will join us for this wonderful day in the life of our church family!

LUNCH AND LEARN – NOVEMBER 17
Join us on Monday, November 17 at 11:30 a.m. for Lunch and Learn! We will hear from Rev. Chris Holland, the executive director of A Common Place, whose mission is to bring hope to Southwest Philadelphia. A lunch of soup, bread, and cheese will be served. Please RSVP using the link in the weekly email, or by reaching out to Pastor Ridgley.

LOVE IN ACTION – NOVEMBER 30
Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30am for a mission project! We will work together to make sandwiches for St. John’s Hospice House and the East Falls Community Fridge. All ages are welcome!

WELCOME, REV. ALEX BECKER!
This morning we are doing a pulpit swap with Covenant Presbyterian Church in Frazer. Pastor Patrick is preaching there, and we welcome their pastor, Alex Becker. Alex was born and raised in Wooster, OH and graduated from Messiah College and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He has served as pastor of 3 congregations before his current role as Lead Pastor of Covenant. He also currently serves as the chair of the Connecting Our Ministry (COM) Commission for Donegal Presbytery. He met his wife, Corinna, in college, and they were married in 2009. They have three cats and one dog who bring a lot of joy into their lives. When they’re not at work, Alex and Corinna love spending time with their niece and three nephews.

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN’S
Join us at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for a delicious (free) dinner, and class at 7 p.m. This week our class is from The Wired Word series. Theologian Karl Barth once said, “Take your Bible and take your newspaper, and read both. But interpret newspapers from your Bible.” The Wired Word is an adult Bible study curriculum that seeks to do just that! This week Pastor Patrick will be leading a class that looks at the murder of Charlie Kirk through the lens of scripture. Kirk’s assassination shocked the nation and led many to fear an escalation of political violence. This study will focus on anger and violence, caring for neighbors, and finding ways to disagree gracefully. Even if you can’t stay for the class, you can still come to dinner (and vice versa). We would love for you to come!

CLOTHING DRIVE (THROUGH NOVEMBER 15)
The Deacons are collecting the following winter items for Broad Street Love in Philadelphia: long-sleeved shirts, hoodies/sweatshirts, jackets, jeans, leggings, sweaters, cargo pants/khakis, shoes, and belts. There is a drop-off bin downstairs, in the back hallway by the elevator. For more information, contact Deacon Caroline Hillier (carolinerhillier@gmail.com).

WOMEN’S BOOK STUDY – 2 OPPORTUNITIES!
The Sunday book meets at 8:15 a.m. in the Carriage House. They are currently reading Appreciate These Things: Eight Ways of Cultivating Compassion by Jill Duffield. Contact Nancy Wolfe (nj.wolfe@verizon.net) for more information.

The Monday group meets at 10:00 a.m., both in person and on Zoom (use the church Zoom link found on the website under Quick Links). They will be discussing: Elusive Grace: Loving Your Enemies While Stiving for God's Justice by Scott Black Johnston. If you would like to find out more or order a book, contact Nancy Arico (nancy.arico@verizon.net or 610-550-9547).

COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS – TODAY FROM 4-6 PM

Today from 4–6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, St. John’s Peace & Justice Group is hosting a screening of *The Long Shadow*, an award-winning PBS documentary about race relations as seen through the family history of a daughter of the South. This will be followed by a virtual conversation with the filmmaker, Frances Causey. This is the first in our *Courageous Conversations* series, which will focus on other topics in winter and spring, and is designed to build community by fostering greater understanding within our society. We hope you will join us!

SUPPORTING PHILABUNDANCE

The Outreach Committee recently sent a \$3,000 benevolence gift to Philabundance. This is in addition to the \$4,500 that we sent earlier this year. In response, an anonymous giver very generously matched that \$3,000 gift, and they would like to “challenge” the congregation to do the same. If we can meet this goal, St. John’s will have given \$13,500 to Philabundance this year! To donate, you can write a check to St. John’s (with “Philabundance” in the memo line) or give through our website (select “Chester County Food Bank” from the dropdown menu, and we will make sure it gets to the right place). **For this challenge, we ask that you please not give directly to Philabundance, so that we will know when the goal has been met.** If you have questions or would like to give in a different way, please contact Brian Bouvier.

SHOP WITH A PURPOSE – NOVEMBER 23

On Sunday, November 23 at 4 p.m., the Outreach Committee will sponsor a sale of handmade items from Cuernavaca, MX, home of the Karitas Foundation. Your purchase will support women in the poor community of La Estacion. There will be embroidered clothes, hats, totes, t-shirts, and jewelry. Please bring cash or a check made out to Karitas. Contact Sandy Forbes or Betsy Friend for more information.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AT ST. JOHN’S

Happy Birthday to members and friends of our St. John's Family who are celebrating birthdays this month! Please consider wishing them a Happy Birthday in person at church or sending them birthday wishes by text, email or a birthday card in the mail. Contact Barbara McConnell (blbmccconnell@aol.com) if you would like to be added to the list!

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| November 1 Kermit Eck | November 16 Kate Johnson |
| November 2 Ellie Lund | November 18 Jim Netter |
| November 2 Mary Dilloway | November 20 Jane Wilson |
| November 5 Barbara McClintick | November 21 Libby Dalrymple |
| November 11 Matt McClintick | November 22 Betty Jane Burton |
| November 14 John Griffin | November 30 Gail Nelson |

WELCOME, CHAKA ALLEN!

Chaka Allen, originally from Chicago, IL, lives in Berwyn with his wife and two daughters, who are both away from home attending college. Chaka is a classically trained baritone, who loves to sing Italian opera, Handel, and Bach whenever he can. He currently coaches with former Metropolitan Opera mezzo soprano Dolora Zajick at the Curtis Institute of Music. Besides singing, Chaka is a software engineer and loves tennis. Please welcome him to St. John’s!

MEN’S GROUP

The Men’s Group will meet Wednesday, November 19 at 7:00 a.m. in the Carriage House. They just started a new study on the book of Isaiah, and they will be discussing chapter 3. Contact Pastor Patrick to get more information.

VOLUNTEER WITH THE CLINIC

The Clinic (formerly Phoenixville Free Clinic) has been providing quality healthcare for over 175,000 uninsured and underserved patients with dignity and respect since 2002. The Clinic provides equitable access to care through interpreters and bilingual health professionals. St. John’s is providing a \$6,000 benevolence gift this year. They have volunteer opportunities for primary and family doctors but also have a need for some painting to be done. For more information, please contact kate.johnson02@gmail.com.

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

The complete church calendar is available on our website.

Sun, Nov. 9	8:15 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	10:00 am	Confirmation Class (Kean)
	11:00 am	Women’s Fellowship (Sun. School Rm)
	11:00 am	Implementation Team Meeting (Kean)
	11:15 am	Inquirers’ Class (Carriage House)
Mon, Nov. 10	4:00 pm	Courageous Conversations (Fell. Hall)
	10:00 am	Women’s Book Group (CH)
	7:00 pm	Session Meeting (Kean)
Tues, Nov. 11	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (FH)
	5:15 pm	Marketing Team Meeting (Kean)
Wed, Nov. 12	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John’s (FH)
Thurs, Nov. 13	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (FH)
	7:00 pm	Nominating Committee (Kean)
Sat, Nov. 15	9:00 am	Exercise Class (FH)
Sun, Nov. 16	Consecration Sunday	
	8:15 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Celebration Brunch (FH)

This Week in the Church Office

Please send any bulletin announcements to admin@stjohnsdevon.com by **Noon on Wednesday.**

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

A Prayer of Dedication

Almighty and eternal God,
so draw our hearts to you,
so guide our minds,
so fill our imaginations,
so control our wills,
that we may be wholly yours,
utterly dedicated unto you;
and then use us, we pray, as you will,
always to your glory
and the welfare of your people;
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
Amen.

– Author Unknown

Sunday, November 9, 2025
22nd Sunday after Pentecost