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

Welcome & Announcements

Introit "We Are Marching in the Light of God" South Africa

Answering God's Call to Worship

One: To *consecrate* means to set something apart for a special purpose, to make it holy.

All: Let us consecrate this time – our songs and prayers, our words and actions – that God might use it for a special purpose and make it holy.

One: But God also calls us to consecrate our *lives*; that we might be holy as *God* is holy.

All: Let us consecrate ourselves – our hearts and minds, our bodies and spirits – that God might use us and make us holy.

One: Let us give ourselves to God in praise and worship.

*Hymn **64** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

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 From A Declaration of Faith (PCUSA)

One: Jesus lived with a constant sense of God's presence.

All: He put God's claim on his life above all else.

One: He joined others in God's worship and praise and drew strength from the Scriptures. He prayed and taught his disciples to pray.

All: We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives that are centered in God and open to God's reality and rule.

One: Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self, family, race, or nation;

All: to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time.

One: We need constantly to search out God's way in scripture, relying on the Word to tell us who God is, to press God's present claim upon us, and to assure us of God's grace and comfort.

All: Life in God's presence issues in life for others, for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we *see*, we cannot love God whom we *do not* see.

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

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 "Let All the Peoples Praise You" arr. Prescod

Sermon DO EVERYTHING Rev. Dr. Marshall

Musical Reflection "Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks the holy one, Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

*Consecrating Our Pledges to God

"We Are an Offering"

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, We lift our lives up to you; we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you.

*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! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication & Prayers of the People

*Hymn **399** "Take My Life"

*Benediction

*Postlude "Holy, Holy, Holy" Piet Post

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

Greeters Alex Engheta, Susanne Engheta

Usher Jeanne Lynam Percussion Emily Marshall

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!

TODAY IS CONSECRATION SUNDAY!

We will be dedicating our pledges for the coming year, and after worship you are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a Celebration Brunch. This is our way of thanking you for all the ways that you give of your time, energy, and resources to make the life and ministry of this church possible. Thank you for being good and faithful stewards of all the gifts that God has entrusted to us!

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.

OFFERING & PRAYER CARDS

If you would like to support the life and ministry of St. John's, there are offering trays located at each door in the sanctuary. You can also give electronically by scanning this QR code. Prayer request cards can be placed in one of the offering trays.



LUNCH AND LEARN - TOMORROW

Join us tomorrow 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.

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S

This Wednesday is the last Supper at St. John's of the year! Join us at 6 p.m. 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 Ridgley will be leading a class that looks at _____. 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!

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).

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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Lee & Virginia Holt have both been in Bryn Mawr hospital this past week; Virginia for severe back pain and Lee for a broken ankle. Cards can be sent to:

Lee & Virginia Holt 74 Pasture Lane, Beaumont #140 Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

PASTORAL UPDATE

Starting tomorrow, Pastor Patrick will be out of the office on vacation until Monday, December 1. During this time he will not be available by email or phone. Pastor Ridgley will be available for any pastoral care needs.

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.

LOVE IN ACTION – NOVEMBER 30

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. 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!

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 (blbmcconnell@aol.com) if you would like to be added to the list!

November 1 Kermit Eck
November 2 Ellie Lund
November 2 Mary Dilloway
November 5 Barbara McClintick
November 11 Matt McClintick
November 14 John Griffin
November 30 Gail Nelson
November 30 Mary Dilloway
November 20 Jane Wilson
November 21 Libby Dalrymple
November 30 Gail Nelson

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

Scan this QR code or visit our website for the complete calendar:



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Sun, Nov. 16	Consecration Sunday	
	8:15 am	Women's Book Group (Carr. House)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Celebration Brunch (Fellowship Hall)
Mon, Nov. 17	10:00 am	Women's Book Group (CH)
	11:30 am	Lunch & Learn (FH)
Tues, Nov. 18	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (FH)
	5:15 pm	Marketing Team Meeting (Kean Room)
Wed, Nov. 19	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's (FH)
Thurs, Nov. 20	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (FH)
Sat, Nov. 22	9:00 am	Exercise Class (FH)
Sun, Nov. 23	8:15 am	Women's Book Group (CH)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School

This Week in the Church Office

Please send any bulletin announcements to <u>admin@stjohnsdevon.com</u> 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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"The Clearing" by Martha Postlethwaite

Do not try to save the whole world or do anything grandiose. Instead, create a clearing in the dense forest of your life and wait there, patiently, until the song that is your life falls into your own cupped hands and you recognize and greet it. Only then will you know how to give yourself to this world so worthy of rescue.

Sunday, November 16, 2025 Consecration Sunday