

\*Congregational Introit      “The First Noel”

**The first Noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
born is the King of Israel.**

One: The candles have been lit and the gifts have been given, and *still* we continue to celebrate!

One: Let us sing praises to God for the coming of our Savior!

**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.**

Hymn 217, v. 1, 2                      “Away in a Manger”

**Musicians** Jeff Estabrook, Frank Mercurio

The Men's Group will meet Wednesday, January 7 at 7:00 a.m. in the Carriage House to continue their study on the book of Isaiah. Contact Pastor Patrick to get more information.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Thank you to everyone who donated a poinsettia to help make our sanctuary so beautiful for Advent and Christmas! Feel free to take your poinsettia home after worship.

Barbara Beucler	Jim & Kate Little
Peggy Billian	Dan & Jen Lortz
Ken & Nancy Coradi	Chuck & Jeanne Lynam
Peter & Nancy Crawford	Skip & Marieanne McClennen
Ken & Mary Dilloway	John & Barbara McClintick
Kermit & Earline Eck	Lee & Barbara McConnell
Sandy Forbes	Chris & Judy Mileto
John & Sharon Griffin	Dick & Chris Oliver
Jim & Ann Hatfield	Bruce & Nancy Phillips
Tom & Lynne Hay	Ann Roberts & Frank Lewandowski
Tom & Nancy Higgins	Pamela Schafer
Sam & Megan Hillier	Steve & Lisa Scolari
Doris Humphrey	Bob & Sue Severi
Kathy and Kate Johnson	John Senior & Nancy Kimmons
John & Julie Lieberman	Jim & Sue Tiede

DECEMBER 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 or sending them birthday wishes by text, email or a card in the mail. Contact Barbara McConnell (blbmccconnell@aol.com) if you would like to be added to the list!

December 10 – Melanie Henricks	December 25 – Jesus Christ, Avery Hillier
December 12 – Sue Chudy	December 26 – Lisa Howell
December 13 – Barb Beucler	December 26 – Nancy Phillips
December 16 – Earline Eck	December 30 – Sarah Crill

END OF YEAR GIVING

Year-end gifts will be credited in the 2025 tax year if they are postmarked by Dec. 31. Some members and friends of St. John’s donate shares of stock or mutual funds at the end of the year. If you are interested in this option, we use Vanguard to process these transactions. Please ask your broker to use DTC number 0062; our account number is 6142 8971. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Bouvier (brianbouvier57@gmail.com).

PLEDGES FOR 2026

Thank you to everyone who has already pledged to support the life and ministry of our church family in the coming year. It’s not too late to make a pledge for 2026! You can submit a pledge on our website or by using one of the cards on the usher’s table in the back of the sanctuary.

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for 2026 are available for pickup in Fellowship Hall. If there is not a box of envelopes with your name on it, but you would like one, please email Brian Bouvier (brianbouvier57@gmail.com).

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

Sun, Dec 28	The First Sunday of Christmas
	9:30 am   Worship (Lessons & Carols)
Tues, Dec. 30	5:00 pm   Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Thurs, Jan. 1	New Year’s Day (church office closed)
Sat, Jan. 4	9:00 am   Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sun, Jan. 5	The Second Sunday of Christmas
	9:30 am   Worship & Communion
	Sunday School (Pre-K–4 <sup>th</sup> )

This Week in the Church Office

Pastor Ridgley will be out this week, returning next Sunday.

Please note that the church office will be closed on Thursday. Any announcements for the January 4 bulletin or email must be sent to admin@stjohnsdevon.com by **Noon on Tuesday**.

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

“Now the Work of Christmas Begins”  
By Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost,  
to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among the people,  
to make music in the heart.

Sunday, December 28, 2025  
The First Sunday of Christmas