



February 8, 2026

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany (Youth Sunday)

## Worship Notes

There are offering trays located at each entrance to the sanctuary. If you would like to give, you can put your offering there before worship. You can also give online using the QR code below. If you have a prayer request, there are blue prayer cards in your pew racks that can be put in the trays, as well.



The ^ symbol indicates that you are invited to stand, as you are able.

## 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 greeters located at the sanctuary doors. We would love for you to join us for refreshments downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship. We are so glad that you are here and hope you will worship with us again soon!

Introit

"Bring Forth the Kingdom"

Hauger

Answering God's Call to Worship

Graham Hillier

One: God said, "Let there be light."

**All: And there was light.**

One: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

**All: And the light shone in the darkness.**

One: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

**All: And the light shall not be quenched.**

One: Let us worship God!

^Hymn

"Gather Us In"

Prayer of Invocation & Confession (ending with the Lord's Prayer)

Ellie Fisher

**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 to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines' on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A - men.

*Gloria Patri* is Latin for, "Glory to the Father." This song is meant to give glory to God for the good news of our forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

**Brian Binkley** comes to St. John's by letter of transfer. He and his wife Kristen have two daughters, Catherine and Sarah. They moved to Berwyn eight years ago from Rowayton, CT. Brian graduated from Siena University with a degree in Economics and also holds an M.B.A. from the University of Connecticut. He enjoys shuttling his daughters to their many sports and activities, loves all racquet sports, and long walks with his loyal dog, Finn.

The full scripture reading can be found on the back of the bulletin.

Ethan Fisher, one of our youth, created the graphic artwork to the right, depicting his interpretation of Matthew 5:13-20.

After the sermons, a brief musical interlude offers time for reflection.

After the Postlude, you are encouraged to greet one another and come downstairs for a time of refreshments and fellowship.

## Welcoming New Member - Brian Binkley

*As a part of reaffirming the baptismal covenant, we will stand and profess our faith together using 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.**

Anthem

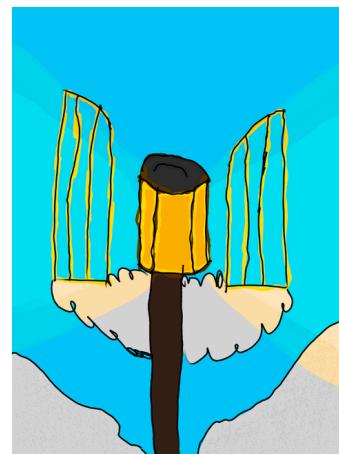
"Our Salvation is Bound Up Together"

Zach

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:13-20

Emily Marshall



Senior Sermons

"Salt & Light"

Sophie Coradi & Caroline Hillier

^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.**

^Prayer of Dedication & Prayers of the People

Sarah Crill

^Hymn

**"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"**

^Benediction

Sophie Coradi & Caroline Hillier

^Postlude

"Shine"

Roland

## Enriching Our Worship of God

**Music Director** Janet Kaido

**Ushers** Teagan Bullock, Lynne Hay, Peter Oliver

**Coffee Servers** Sandy Forbes, Jeanne Thompson

**Joy Messengers** Patrick Bullock, Linda Duncan, Lauren Feldman, Ethan Fisher, Troy Fisher, Lisa Howell, Nancy Kimmons, Emily Marshall, John McClintick, Pam Schafer, John Senior

**Flowers** The flowers are given by Gavin and Cindy Kerr in celebration of their son Ryan's love and life.

# Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - ter-y, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin - ing, not in some heav - en,

van-ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his - tory,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,

brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.

Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and

blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peop - les to - geth - er,

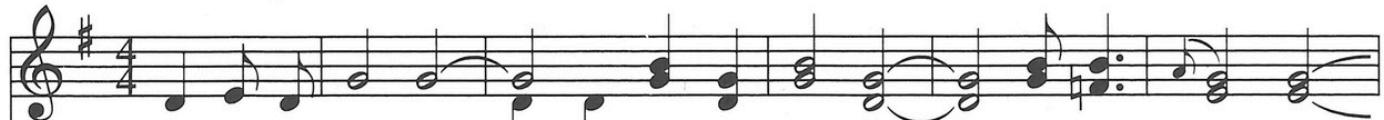
we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire— of love in our flesh and our bone.

# 369 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

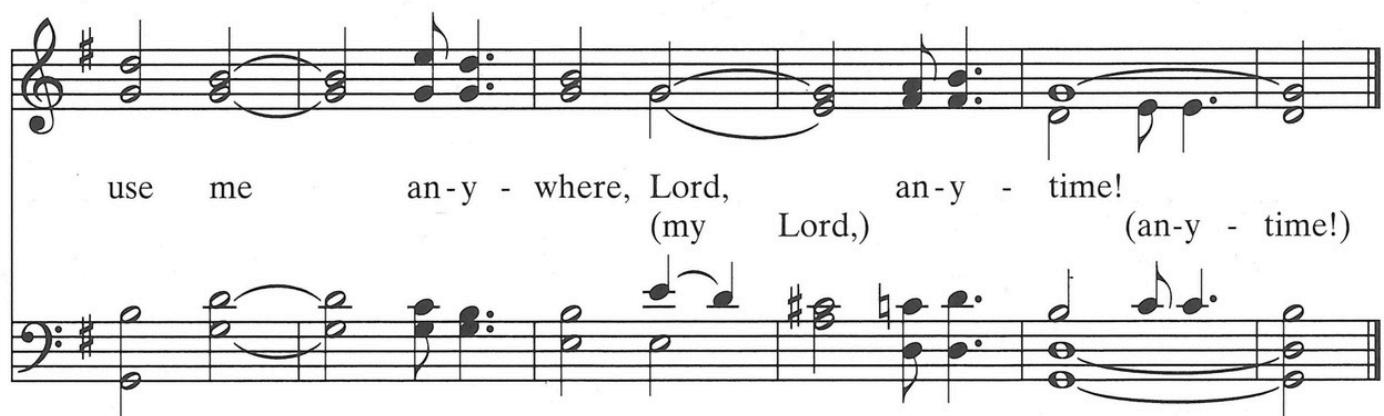
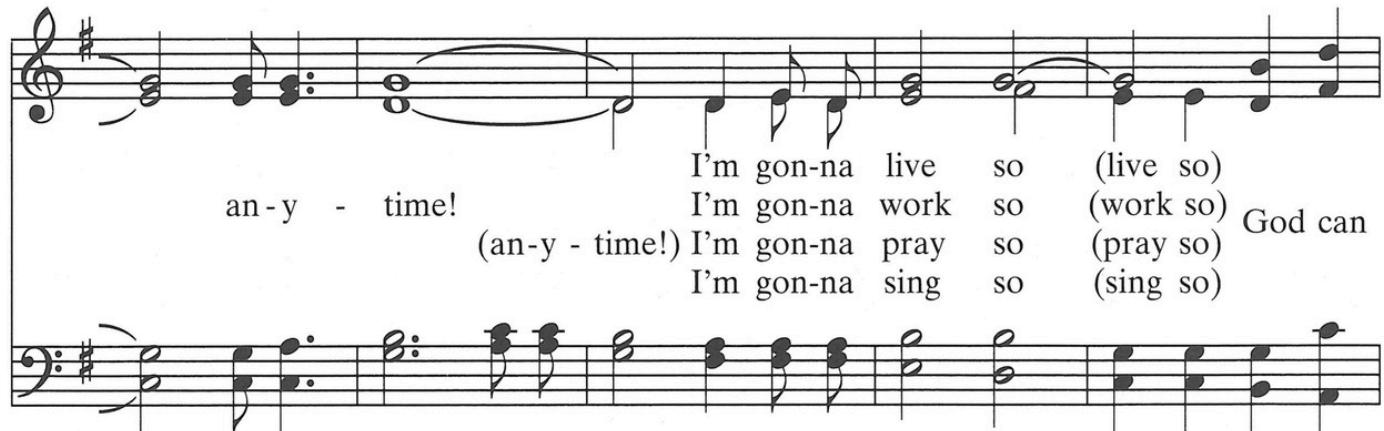
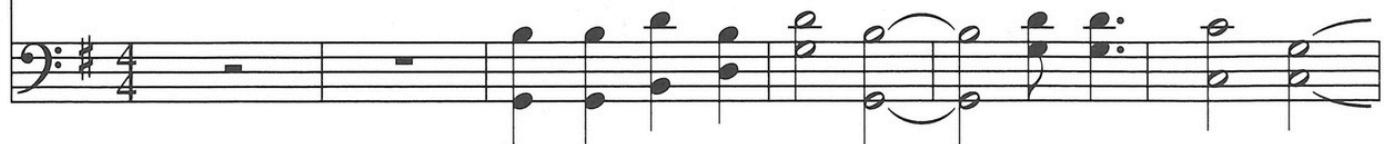
I'M GONNA LIVE Irregular

African-American spiritual

African-American spiritual  
Arr. Wendell Whalum (1932-1987)



1. I'm gon-na live so (live so)
2. I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me
3. I'm gon-na pray so (pray so) an - y - where, Lord,
4. I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)



## Announcements

### Faith Formation

#### 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.

#### Supper @ St. John's

Join us on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. for a warm, home-cooked meal and fellowship. If you'd like to help in the kitchen (always needed!), there is a link in the weekly email for you to sign up to help. RSVP links will be in the weekly email as well! This will be the last week of our class:

##### **St. John's: Where Everybody Knows Your Name**

**Led by Gavin Kerr and Lisa Howell**

Creating a place where people are known, welcomed, and valued is foundational to who we are and to who we are called to be at St. John's. It's also something our world is deeply longing for. Join us for a highly interactive class exploring belonging, connection, and community at St. John's.

#### Lenten Small Groups

This Lent we will be gathering in weekly small groups for fellowship and discussion about the previous week's sermon. Your group can meet after supper on Wednesday at the church, in a home, or even out for coffee! Beginning Wednesday, Feb. 22, these Lenten Small Groups will take the place of our Wednesday night class.

#### Women's Book Study – 2 Opportunities

The Sunday book study meets at 8:15 a.m. in the Carriage House (except the first Sunday of each month). 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 are discussing *Sabbath as Resistance* by Walter Brueggemann. 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, Feb. 18 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.

### Giving

#### Offering

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.



#### 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).

### Service

#### Women's Fellowship Blanket Drive

Today is the final day of the Women's Fellowship Blanket Drive for Church World Service. Help us blanket the world with love and bring comfort, caring, and hope to children and families far and near who are grappling with disasters, crises, or harsh winters. For just \$10, you can purchase a CWS blanket for someone facing a difficult moment. You may purchase as many blankets as you wish. You will find a donation envelope in the bulletin, or you can give at the Blanket Drive table in Fellowship Hall. If writing a check, please make it out to St. John's Presbyterian Church and write "Blanket Drive" in the memo line.

#### Ashes & Action with Covenant Presbyterian

In lieu of Supper at St. John's on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, we will be having dinner and doing a service project with our friends at Covenant Pres. in Frazer! Join us at 6 p.m. for pizza at Covenant, and then help us put together hygiene kits and clean up buckets for people recovering from natural disasters. There is a link to RSVP in the weekly email, along with a link to an Amazon wish list where you can help purchase supplies for the buckets.

#### Rise Against Hunger

Join us on Sunday, Feb. 22 at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall as we pack 10,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger. There is a signup sheet on the Outreach bulletin board, or you can email John Shaw (johnshaw55@gmail.com). Please feel free to invite friends, but make sure to add them to the signup sheet!

## Congregational Life

### Chili Cook-off Today!

Join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship for some delicious chili and cornbread while our youth share about their summer trips. All are welcome, even if you didn't sign up!

### Courageous Conversations – Climate Change

Please join us next Sunday, Feb. 15 from 4–6 p.m. for our second *Courageous Conversation*, focused on climate change. We will be screening the film *Kiss the Ground* and discussing our responsibility to protect our beautiful planet. This award-winning documentary reveals a viable solution to our climate crisis. If you ever ask, "What can I do?" come watch this film with us!

### Ladies' Lenten Luncheon

Our annual Ladies' Lenten Luncheon is on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, in the Fellowship Hall. We will gather at 11:30 a.m. for lunch, followed by worship and communion. All women of the church are invited and encouraged to bring a friend!

### St. John's Guitar Club

Whether you play guitar, want to learn, or are just curious, all levels of ability are invited to the initial meeting of the St. John's Guitar Club on Wednesday, February 25 at 7 p.m. (after Supper). We just want to have fun, play together, and learn from each other. Bring your guitar! For questions, contact Brian Bouvier or John Senior.

### February Birthdays

Happy birthday to everyone 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. Contact Barbara McConnell (blbmcconnell@aol.com) if you would like to be added to the list.

Feb. 3	Ken Dilloway
Feb. 4	Ken Coradi
Feb. 6	Deborah Bellew
Feb. 9	Ryan Crill, Julie Spahr, Katie Yoder
Feb. 10	Don Black, Caroline Carty
Feb. 11	Katie Holcomb, Lee McConnell
Feb. 15	Jeff Wagner
Feb. 17	Kathy Shaw, Janet Kaido
Feb. 24	Brigitte Belzer, Shintaro Kaido
Feb. 28	Jeanne Thompson
Feb. 29	Brynn Yoder

## Children & Youth

### Children's Choir

Children in 4th grade and under are invited to join Ms. Janet in the sanctuary for Children's Choir every Sunday after worship. For more information contact our music director Janet Kaido (music@stjohnsdevon.com)

### Children's Worship Resource Station

Our littlest worshippers are now able to customize their worship experience. In the coat closet in the sanctuary, kids can pick out a bag to fill with items to enrich their time. Please return to the brown basket when finished! In a hurry? Pre-made bags are available.

### Upcoming Children/Youth Activities

**Feb. 10:** Youth Bible Study (Youth Room) 5-6 pm\*  
**Feb. 15:** Deadline to sign up for Youth Trips!  
**Feb. 18:** Mission Project @ Covenant Pres., 6-8 pm\*\*  
**Feb. 22:** Rise Against Hunger 1-3 pm\*\*  
**Mar. 1:** CCYC Pottery Painting 2-3:30 pm\* (RSVP by 2/22)

+Meal Served

\*Youth grades 5-12

\*\*Children and Youth of All Ages

### Subscribe to our Children & Youth Newsletter Here:



## Save the Date

### March 15

Children's Sunday in worship;  
Spring Family Fun Day (RSVP by March 1)

### March 22

Church Family Game Night (RSVP by March 19)

### March 29

Palm Sunday (Egg Hunt after worship)

### April 15-17

Youth Mission Weekend (RSVP by February 15)

### April 20

Lunch & Learn with Jed Koball

### April 26

Education Seminar: "Faith, the Brain, and Mental Well-Being" by Rev. Miriam Diephouse-McMillan

## Church Staff

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## This Week at St. John's

Scan this QR code for the complete church calendar:



### Sunday, February 8

8:15 am Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)  
9:30 am Worship & Sunday School  
10:30 am Chili Cook-off & Youth Summer Sharing

### Monday, February 9

10:00 am Women's Book Group (Kean Room)  
7:00 pm Session Meeting (Kean Room)

### Tuesday, February 10

5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

### Wednesday, February 11

6:00 pm Supper @ St. John's (Fellowship Hall)

### Thursday, February 12

5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)  
7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

### Saturday, February 14

9:00 am Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

### Sunday, February 15

8:15 am Women's Book Group (Kean Room)  
9:30 am Worship & Sunday School  
4:00 pm Courageous Conversations (Fellowship Hall)

Any announcements for next week's bulletin or email must be sent to Annie 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**

### St. John's Mission Statement

Reflecting God's unconditional love to all!

### Core Values

#### Faith

We seek to grow in our faith and to recognize God's presence in our lives through scripture, worship, music, fellowship, study, and prayer.

#### Love

All people are welcome here. We are a caring, inclusive, intergenerational community, following Jesus Christ's example to love everyone, to be with one another in difficult times, and to share in each other's joys.

#### Service

We are passionate about helping those in need within our church family, in our local communities, across the country, and throughout the world.

Led by the Holy Spirit, we are generous with our time, talents, and resources to bring hope to others in tangible, transformative ways.

### Vision Statement

A spiritual home for the community where...

- everyone is welcomed with open hearts, showing each other grace in a complicated world
- people find belonging as they are known, valued, and loved
- together, we grow in our knowledge and love of God
- Jesus inspires us to serve others with compassion

## Scripture Reading - Matthew 5:13-20

<sup>13</sup>"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of

## Notes