



April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

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 this QR code:



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.

Today is the Second Sunday in the season of Easter. Easter is not just a single day, but a 40-day season in which the risen Christ was with his disciples, teaching them and preparing them for the ministry ahead. This is a time in which we think about what it means to live in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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!

Prelude "Guide Me, O Great Jehovah" *Lamb*

Welcome & Announcements

Introit "The Lord's My Shepherd" *Kinyon*

Answering God's Call to Worship

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: We have not seen the risen Christ,

All: but we see him in the lives of those transformed by grace.

One: We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

All: but we have seen him in the faces of everyone whose love encourages us.

One: We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

All: but we have been called to bring healing to the scarred of the world.

^ Hymn (**refrain after vs. 3 only**) "Thine is the Glory"

Prayer of Invocation (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.

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.

Scripture Reading

John 20: 19-31

Judy Mileto

Confirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

Genevieve Bellew

Daughter of Debbie & Doug Bellew
 Pam Schafer, Mentor

Teagan Bullock

Son of Janice Rosencrance & Patrick Bullock
 Troy Fisher, Mentor

Katelyn Diamond

Daughter of Krissy & Matt Diamond
 Kate Johnson, Mentor

Graham Hillier

Son of Megan & Sam Hillier
 Dave Dalrymple, Mentor

Bayla Kaskey

Daughter of Andria & Mike Kaskey
 Lauren Feldman, Mentor

Emily Marshall

Daughter of Jen & Patrick Marshall
 Chrissy Bouvier, Mentor

^ Confirming Our Faith

One: We believe in God,

All: who made everybody equal and created the world good, calling us to live as one community.

One: God is truthful and kind, merciful and forgiving, always present and involved in our lives.

All: God forgives our sins and is worthy of our trust.

One: This is the God of the poor and the wronged, who names us, claims us, and calls us.

All: We are obedient to the one God, whom alone we worship and serve.

One: We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who knows what is best for us and saves us.

All: Jesus brings justice to the oppressed and bread to the hungry. He is trustworthy, and always there for us.

One: He died on the cross, feeling the depths of human pain for the sins of the world. He is risen and seated at the right hand of God, and will come again in glory.

All: Nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ, whose kingdom will have no end.

When we are baptized as infants, our parents make promises on our behalf to raise us in the faith and help us grow in our knowledge and love of God. When we are older, we make the decision to confirm those promises for ourselves, which is what these young men and women are doing today.

As they confirm their faith, we will all confirm ours with them, using this responsive reading that they wrote!

One: We believe in the Holy Spirit, who fuels us, loves us, and guides us toward what is right.

All: The Spirit gives us courage in a broken and fearful world, makes the sacraments holy, and is the giver and receiver of life everywhere.

One: Like a breeze, the Spirit guides us on the right path and is always with us.

One: We believe in the one holy universal church,

All: the Body of Christ, the people of God, gathered, protected, and cared for by the triune God.

One: Faith in God is all you need to be a member. No racial or social factors should exclude you-

All: this is a welcoming place where all are invited to learn of the universal God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

One: We receive one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

All: Our unity is a gift, an obligation, and a reality we are called to earnestly embrace. Separation, enmity, and hatred between people is a sin.

One: We are called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

All: We are peacemakers, called to witness against every form of injustice and to visit those who are suffering.

We strive to serve God in our daily lives, living holy and joyful lives, loving and supporting one another as the community of faith.

After Confirmation, children in 4th grade and under will leave for Sunday School with their teachers.

Anthem "Glorify Thy Name/Glory to the Lamb"

Sermon "Too Good to Be True" Rev. Beckett
Sermon Series: "Tell Me Something Good"

After the sermon, there will be a brief musical interlude, offering time for reflection.

^ 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

^ Hymn "We Know That Christ Is Raised"

^ Benediction

^ Postlude "The Lord Bless and Keep You"

After the *Postlude* ends, you are encouraged to greet one another (especially people you don't already know!) and come downstairs for a time of refreshments and fellowship.

Enriching Our Worship of God

Music Director Janet Kaido
Ushers Graham Hillier, Teagan Bullock
Greeter Barbara McConnell
Coffee Servers Claire & Richard Hangen
Pianist Dwight Jaggard
Devon Chapel Bells Diane Alleva, Stephanie Crill, Christina Fish, Karen Huang, Jocelyn Huang, Emily Marshall, Jim Tiede

Thine Is the Glory

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JUDAS MACCABEUS 5.5.6.5.6.5.6.5 with refrain

Edmond Louis Budry, 1884

Trans. R. Birch Hoyle, 1923; alt.

George Frederick Handel, 1748

1. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con - quering Son; End - less is the
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, Ris - en from the tomb; Lov - ing - ly He
 3. No more we doubt Thee, Glo - rious Prince of life! Life is nought with -

vic - tory Thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets us, Scat - ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad - ness
 out Thee; Aid us in our strife. Make us more than con - querors

Rolled the stone a - way, Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 Hymns of tri - umph sing, For the Lord now liv - eth;
 Through Thy death - less love; Bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain (last time only)

Where Thy bod - y lay.
 Death hath lost its sting.
 To Thy home a - bove. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con - quering Son;

End - less is the vic - tory Thou o'er death hast won.

610 We Know That Christ Is Raised

Unison

1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 2. We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
 3. A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
 Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.
 The un - i - verse re - stored and whole will sing:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: John Brownlow Geyer, 1969 (Rom. 6:3-11)
 MUSIC: Charles Villiers Stanford, 1904

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Words by permission of John Brownlow Geyer

Announcements

Congregational Life

Book Exchange - Next Sunday!

In celebration of Earth Day, we will be hosting a book exchange next Sunday, April 19 after worship in Fellowship Hall. Simply bring in books that day that you are ready to pass on to others and pick up new ones to read. Recycling at its finest! If you are interested in bringing in books, please contact Pam Schafer (pschafernl@gmail.com)

April Birthdays

Happy Birthday to everyone in our church family who is celebrating a birthday this month! Please wish them a happy birthday in person at church or send them birthday wishes by text, email, or a card in the mail.

April 2 **Lynne Hay**
April 3 **Nancy Housenick**
April 6 **Andria Kaskey**
April 14 **Dwight Jaggard**
April 17 **Ardath Belzer**
April 18 **Nancy Crawford**
April 21 **Janette Scott**
April 21 **Mary Caroline Ward**
April 23 **Finn Holcomb**
April 26 **Cindy Kerr**
April 27 **Emma Kaido**
April 28 **Christina Fish**

Annual Progressive Dinner - Saturday, May 16

Spring is in the air, which means it's that special time again in the life of the church. All are warmly invited to join the St. John's family for our Annual Progressive Dinner—a beloved evening of shared meals, lively fellowship, and meaningful connection.

Enjoy a relaxed evening as we travel from home to home, savoring great food, gracious hospitality and the simple joy of being together. Whether you come on your own or as a pair, this evening is designed to forge new and deeper friendships.

5:30-7:15 p.m. — Appetizer & Cocktail Reception (home of Lisa and Steve Scolari)

7:30-9:30 p.m. — Dinner & Dessert

RSVP using the link in the weekly email or website by Friday, May 8th. If you would like to host a dinner group, please indicate that on your RSVP or contact Wanda Odom at wmodom@verizon.net for details.

Congregational Life (cont.)

St. John's Guitar Club

The next gathering of our new Guitar Club will be Wednesday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m. Whether you are a beginner, an experienced player, or are just curious, this is open to all levels of ability. We just want to have fun, play together, and learn from each other. For questions, contact Brian Bouvier or John Senior.

Service

Coffee Drive for Great Valley Food Cupboard

We are accepting ground coffee or Keurig cups (decaf and caffeinated) for the Great Valley Food Cupboard. A collection box will be in Fellowship Hall.

Clothing Drive- ENDS TODAY

The Deacons will be collecting items for Cradles to Crayons through April 12. If you would like to help, please choose one more from the following list and drop it off at the church in the drop box by the elevator:

- new children's socks (all sizes)
- new children's underwear (all sizes)
- diapers/pull ups (all sizes)
- gently used children's pajamas

Giving

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

During the season of Easter, we are receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. This offering benefits Presbyterian ministries working to end hunger and poverty, provide assistance after disaster strikes, nurture sustainable community development, and come alongside immigrants, migrants, and refugees.

You can give using the envelopes by the offering plates, or by scanning this QR code and selecting, "One Great Hour of Sharing" from the dropdown menu. To learn more, visit www.pcusa.org/oghs



Financial Update

An update for the month of March will be available soon.

Thank you for all the ways that you make the life and ministry of our church family possible!

Congregational Care

Nancy Arico is recovering after *another* emergency surgery last week. Cards can be sent to:

Nancy & Joe Arico
318 S. New Ardmore Ave
Broomall, PA 19008

Children & Youth

Subscribe to our Children & Youth Newsletter here:



Upcoming Children/Youth Activities:

Wednesdays in April: Youth Bible Study (6:30-8 p.m.) in the Youth Room

April 17-19: Mission Blitz Weekend in Philadelphia

Sunday, April 26: (4-6 p.m.) Flick of the Wrist Painting in Malvern \$25 per person RSVP by April 1

This Week in the Church Office

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

Faith Formation

Women's Book Study – 2 Opportunities

The Sunday group meets at 8:15 a.m. in the Carriage House (except the first Sunday of each month). Next Sunday, they will be starting a new 5-week series entitled "Shall We Long Endure," based on a sermon series from Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City. We will listen to the sermons at the beginning of each class, followed by discussion. You can also listen to the sermons on the FAPC website at fapc.org. Contact Nancy Wolfe (nj.wolfe@verizon.net) for more information.

The Monday group will resume on April 20 at 10:00 a.m., both in person and on Zoom. Contact Nancy Arico (nancy.arico@verizon.net) for more information.

Men's Group

Wednesday, April 22 at 7 a.m. in the Carriage House. Contact Pastor Patrick to get more information.

Faith, the Brain, and Mental Well-Being - April 26

What does faith have to do with mental health? Can prayer actually change your brain? How can faith communities better promote mental and emotional well-being? Join us in the Carriage House after worship on April 26 from 11 a.m. to Noon to hear from Rev. Miriam Diephouse-McMillan. Miriam will share insights from her fourteen years as a chaplain at a state psychiatric hospital and highlight mental health research that affirms the value of faith and spiritual practices for our minds, bodies, and souls.

Save the Date

April 17-19

Youth Mission Trip with the Philly Project

April 20

Lunch & Learn with Rev. Jed Koball (missionary in Peru)

April 26

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

May 9

Women's Retreat - Church of the Loving Shepherd

May 16

Annual Progressive Dinner

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This Week at St. John's

Scan this QR Code for the complete church calendar:



Sunday, April 12 - Second Sunday of Easter

8:15 am Women's Book Group (Carriage House)

8:15 am Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)

9:30 am Worship, Sunday School, and Confirmation

11:00 am Women's Fellowship Meeting

Monday, April 13

6:00 pm All Boards' Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, April 14

5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, April 15

6:30 pm Youth Bible Study (Youth Room)

Thursday, April 16

5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Saturday, April 18

10:00 am Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, April 19 - Third Sunday of Easter

8:15 am Women's Book Group (Carriage House)

9:30 am Worship & Sunday School

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

Writing a Credo

As a part of their confirmation, the Confirmation Class is encouraging you to write your own faith statement or *Credo*. Use these suggestions and the chart on the next page to guide you.

Credo is a Latin word that means, "I believe". To write a *Credo*, or a statement of faith, is to write what you believe about God, our relationship with God, and our relationship to the church. You may choose to draw upon tradition (what's been passed down to you), but you should also include your own experience of God.

Reflect on your story. What have been your experiences in your life? You might find it helpful to write out three or four significant events in your life that have formed you.

Reflect on God's story. What do you know about God's story from the Bible or our faith community? What do you know about God from nature and your experience?

Where does your story intersect with God's story?

There is no single, "right" way to create a statement of faith. Your *Credo* should reflect your unique self! Feel free to be creative. You may choose to express what you believe through any medium. This shouldn't be a burden, so choose something that would be fun for you and that is an expression of yourself. You may want to create a video, collage, painting, or write a poem.

You may also choose to just write out what you believe and that's totally fine! In fact, even if you choose to create something as an expression of your *Credo*, you need to write out an explanation of your creation.

Thinking about your statement of faith...

This can be intimidating...but it begins with just thinking...So spend some time making some notes, drawing pictures, making a list of what you think right now. Don't worry if it's "good enough" or "right or wrong". Give yourself permission to have questions.

What do I think about God?

What do I think about Jesus?

What do I think about the Holy Spirit?

What do I think about the church?

What do I think about the Bible?

What do I think about myself as a child of God...created in the image of God?

What do I think about others being a child of God...created in God's image?

What do I think about sin...grace...mercy?

What do I think about baptism and/or the Lord's Supper?

What does it mean for me to follow Jesus?

What about this is easy? What about this is hard?

Who do I want to talk with about this?

Today's Scripture Readings

John 20: 19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

