



April 26, 2026

Fourth 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.

You can find this hymn on pg. 3 of the bulletin.

Today is the Fourth 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!

Welcome & Announcements

Introit "The Call" *Vaughan Williams*

Answering God's Call to Worship

One: The good news of Easter is *still* with us:

All: Christ is risen - then, now, and forever!

One: Because Christ lives, we can live new lives, with God and with each other!

All: Jesus is Lord, and he is alive!

One: Let us rise up and celebrate this good news!

^ Hymn "Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

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.

Promise of Forgiveness

^ Gloria Patri (#71 in the red hymnal)

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.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday," as the readings typically focus on Christ as "the Good Shepherd" who "lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Because of this, we are using Psalm 23 to affirm our faith today.

The scripture reading is printed on the back of the bulletin.

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

You can find this hymn on pg. 4 of the bulletin.

After the Postlude, you are encouraged to greet one another (especially people you don't already know!) and come downstairs for a time of refreshments and fellowship. If you see someone standing alone, go talk to them!

^ Affirming Our Faith

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Scripture Reading

John 21:15-19

Katy Love

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

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord"

Fischel

Sermon

"By a Charcoal Fire"

Rev. Dr. Marshall

^ 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

"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

^ Benediction

^ Postlude

"The Strife Is O'er"

Held

Enriching Our Worship of God

Pastors Rev. Dr. Patrick Marshall, Rev. Ridgley Beckett

Music Director Janet Kaido

Greeter Kate Johnson

Coffee Servers Bruce & Nancy Philips

Easter People, Raise Your Voices 304

1. Eas - ter peo - ple, raise your voic - es, sounds of heaven in
 2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our press - ing
 3. Ev - ery day to us is Eas - ter, with its res - ur -

earth should ring. Christ has brought us heav - en's choic - es;
 here be - low. For our Lord em - pow - ered us to
 rec - tion song. When in trou - ble move the fast - er

heaven - ly mu - sic, let it ring. Al - le - lu - ia!
 tri - umph o - ver ev - ery foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 to our God who rights the wrong. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter peo - ple, let us sing.
 Al - le - lu - ia! On to vic - tory now we go.
 Al - le - lu - ia! See the power of heaven - ly throngs.

This Is a Day of New Beginnings 383

Unison

1. This is a day of new be - gin - nings,
 2. For by the life and death of Je - sus,
 3. Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing,
 4. Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us

time to re - mem - ber and move on,
 God's might - y Spir - it, now as then,
 step from the past and leave be - hind
 to show and share what love can do.

time to be - lieve what love is bring - ing,
 can make for us a world of dif - ference,
 our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and griev - ing,
 This is a day of new be - gin - nings;

lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
 as faith and hope are born a - gain.
 seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
 our God is mak - ing all things new.

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WORDS: Brian Wren, 1978; alt. 1987 (Rev. 21:5)
 MUSIC: Carlton R. Young, 1984

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Announcements

Congregational Life

Fraud Prevention Seminar

Next Sunday, May 3, our church Financial Secretary Brian Bouvier is hosting a seminar to help arm you against some of the most common forms of fraud we face daily. Join us at 11:00 a.m. in the Carriage House, as he talks about A.I./deepfake scams, data breach scams, how to protect yourself, and what to do if you fall victim. Questions? Contact Brian (brianbouvier57@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 21 Janette Scott
April 3 Nancy Housenick	April 21 Mary Caroline Ward
April 6 Andria Kaskey	April 23 Finn Holcomb
April 14 Dwight Jaggard	April 26 Cindy Kerr
April 17 Ardath Belzer	April 27 Emma Kaido
April 18 Nancy Crawford	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 8. 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. Childcare is available upon request.

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.

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.

Horse Show Parking is Coming!

It is that time of the year again! From Wednesday, May 20 through Saturday, May 30, we will be parking cars on the church grounds from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Signs-ups to volunteer for shifts will go live on our website **May 1st** or you can sign up at coffee time following worship next Sunday. We are also still in need of Day Leaders for each day. Day Leaders do not have to be here all day! If you are interested in being a Day Leader, please email Pastor Ridgley.

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

Today's *Flick of the Wrist* painting event has been cancelled. Meet Pastor Ridgley at church from 4:30-6pm to have dinner and repaint horse show signs for the upcoming fundraiser!

Summer Trips Parents Meeting - Monday May 11 7pm

Those who are registered to attend Massanetta and Montreat Youth Conferences this summer are invited to join us for our final parent meeting on Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. This meeting will be recorded for those who are unable to join us.

Vacation Bible School 2026

OPERATION RESTORATION: Mending God's World

Join us August 3-7 from 9 a.m. to Noon at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Devon for VBS! We will gather for music, Bible study, games, crafts, and FUN. Registration for students and volunteers is open now. You can register through May 30 using the link in the weekly email through. We are looking for volunteers to help with shepherding, station leading, and more! We have a volunteer position for everyone, even those who can only come one day. For more information, contact Pastor Ridgley.

Congregational Care

A memorial service for **Vangie Jaggard** will be held at St. John's on Friday, May 15 at Noon. There will be a reception in the Carriage House following the service.

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

The March financial update was delayed due to the hospitalization of our Treasurer. An update will be available soon.

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

Save the Date

May 16 Annual Progressive Dinner

May 17 Pop-Up Sunday School - We Believe

May 20-30 Devon Horse Show Fundraiser

June 14 Strawberry Festival

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

Faith, the Brain, and Mental Well-Being - TODAY!

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 today, 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. This event will be broadcast and recorded on zoom for those who cannot make it in person. To watch the recording, email Pastor Ridgley!

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). They are currently working through a 5-week series titled "Shall We Long Endure," based on a sermon series from Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City. They 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 meet 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, May 6 at 7 a.m. in the Carriage House. Contact Pastor Patrick to get more information.

Pop-Up Sunday School - We Believe - May 17

Youth and Adults are invited to join us in the Carriage House after worship at 11:00 a.m. to discuss what we believe! This year our Confirmands have charged the congregation to do what they've been working on for the past year but especially in the past month—what is it that you believe? About God? About the Holy Spirit? About Jesus? There are worksheets to guide you in the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall (these will also be in the weekly email every week!) Please come having worked through these worksheets and a rough draft of your statement of faith so we can share together what we believe as an intergenerational church family!

Lunch & Learn Recording

If you couldn't make it to Lunch & Learn this month, but are still interested in learning more about the restructuring of the Presbyterian Mission Agency and how that affects Jed Koball (and other Mission CoWorkers) in the PCUSA, use the link to the video is available in our weekly email to watch his presentation!

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This Week at St. John's

Scan this QR Code for the complete church calendar:



Sunday, April 26 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

9:30 am Worship & Sunday School

11:00 am Faith, the Brain, & Mental Wellbeing (Carriage House)

Monday, April 27

10:00 am Women's Book Group (Kean Room)

Tuesday, April 28

5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, April 29

6:30 pm Youth Bible Study (Youth Room)

Thursday, April 30

5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Saturday, May 2

9:00 am Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, May 3 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

8:15 am Deacons' Meeting (Kean Room)

9:30 am Worship (Communion) & Sunday School

11:00 am Fraud Prevention Workshop (Carriage House)

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

