



May 24, 2026

Pentecost

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 Pentecost, the day on which God's Holy Spirit came upon Jesus' disciples and the church was born! The name Pentecost comes from a Greek word that means, "fiftieth," as it is the fiftieth day after Easter. Pentecost was actually a holy day *before* Christianity, though. The Jewish people celebrated it as Shavuot, fifty days after Passover, when God gave the law to Moses. The law was what connected the people of Israel to God and let them live life together with God. But with this *new* Pentecost, the *Holy Spirit* is what connects us to God and lets us live life with God.

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 "Holy Spirit" *Torwalt*

Scripture Reading Acts 2:1-21

Answering God's Call to Worship

One: Now let us join the chorus of God's people who call on the name of the Lord, that we might experience God's saving presence!

All: Come, Lord Jesus! Come, Holy Spirit! Be poured out upon us once again!

One: May the Spirit of the Lord move in us and among us as we worship God!

^ Hymn

"Spirit"

**Spirit, fall on us like the rain.
 Spirit, blow on us like the wind.
 Holy Spirit, shine on us like the sun, like the sun.
 Sanctify and heal us. Make us one.**

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 "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.

^ Affirming Our Faith

One: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

All: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

The scripture reading is printed on page 7 of the bulletin.

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:22-24, 32-33, 36-41

Ken Coradi

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!

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

Anthem

"There's a Change in My Life"

Straus

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:42-47

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

Sermon

"A Spirit of Understanding"

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

"Spirit, Now Live in Me"

^ Benediction

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!

^ Postlude

"My Sisters and My Brothers"

Johnson

**Let us take our fellow man by the hand,
try to help him understand.
We can all be together, forever and ever,
when we make it to the promised land!**

Enriching Our Worship of God

Music Director Janet Kaido

Usher Mark Ntow

Greeter Barbara McConnell

Coffee Servers Sandy Forbes, Jeanne Thompson

Joy Messengers Chaka Allen, Ryan Crill, Troy Fisher, Lisa Howell, Nancy Kimmons, John McClintick, John Senior, Jeff Wagner

Spirit, Now Live in Me

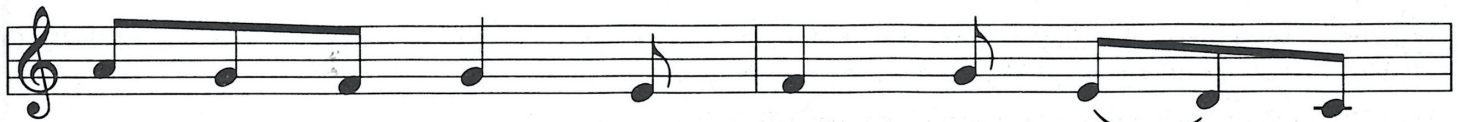
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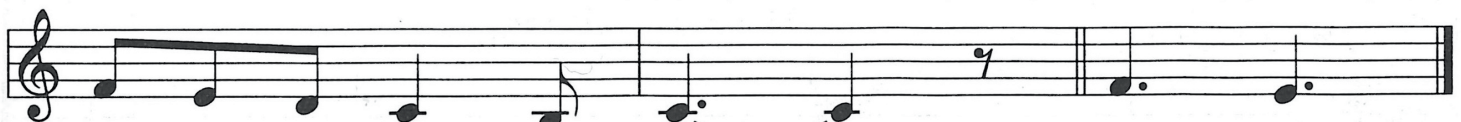
1. O ho - ly Dove of God de - scend - ing,
2. O ho - ly Wind of God now blow - ing,
3. O ho - ly Rain of God now fall - ing,
4. O ho - ly Flame of God now burn - ing,



you are the love that knows no end - ing,
you are the seed that God is sow - ing,
you make the Word of God en - thrall - ing,
you are the power of Christ re - turn - ing,



all of our shat - tered dreams you're mend - ing:
you are the life that starts us grow - ing:
you are that in - ner voice now call - ing:
you are the an - swer to our yearn - ing: }



Spir - it, now live in me. A - men.

WORDS: Bryan Jeffery Leech (Matt. 3:16)

MUSIC: Bryan Jeffery Leech

SPIRIT, NOW LIVE IN ME

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Announcements

Congregational Life

Horse Show Parking

Through Saturday, May 30, we will be parking cars on the church grounds from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. You can still sign up to volunteer for shifts on our website or at coffee time after worship.

May 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. Join us after worship today for cake in Fellowship Hall to celebrate our May birthdays.

May 3 Kristen Loftus	May 20 Barbara McConnell
May 4 Alex Engheta	May 21 Judy Milieto
May 4 Graham Hillier	May 22 Dan Lortz
May 8 Christa Fisher	May 23 Betsy Friend
May 9 Rev. Ridgley Beckett	May 27 Ashlee Oliver
May 10 Lynne Brown	May 28 Barbara Hicks
May 13 Marianne McClennan	May 29 Lee Holt
May 13 Nancy Higgins	May 29 Jewel Owusu-Ntow
May 16 Lisa Scolari	May 31 Nancy Davis

St. John's Guitar Club

The next gathering of our Guitar Club will be Wednesday, June 3 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.

Celebrating our Graduates

We will be recognizing our graduates in worship on Sunday, June 14. If you have a child or a grandchild who has recently graduated from high school, college, or graduate school, please email Annie their name, degree and school by **June 8**.

Session Update

The Session met this past week and received **Kathryn Hydier** and **Michael & Andria Kaskey** into active membership. They will be welcomed in worship next Sunday. They also approved a new Anti-Harassment Policy, which every PC(USA) congregation is now required to have. We will be sharing more about this policy with you in the coming weeks.

Children & Youth

Scan the QR code to subscribe to our Children & Youth Newsletter:



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.

Summer Trips Commissioning:

Youth going to Massanetta or Montreat will need to be in worship on Sunday June 7 for our trip commissioning.

Summer Bible Study:

Youth are invited to come to Bible Study on Tuesdays from 3-4:30pm starting June 9! We'll gather in the Carriage House for snack + study. Invite your friends!

Faith Formation

Women's Book Study – 2 Opportunities

Sundays at 8:15 a.m. in the Carriage House (except the first Sunday of each month). They are working through a 5-week series titled "Shall We Long Endure," based on a sermon series from Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York. 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.

Mondays at 10:00 a.m., in the Kean Room and on Zoom. They are reading, "From Daughters to Disciples: Women's Stories from the New Testament" by Lynn Japinga. Copies are available in the church office. Contact Nancy Arico (nancy.arico@verizon.net) for more information.

Men's Group

Wednesday, June 3 at 7 a.m. in the Carriage House. Contact Pastor Patrick to get more information.

Congregational Care

Longtime St. John's member **John Alexander** passed away on Saturday, May 16. A memorial service will be held on Friday, June 12 at 11:00 a.m. at his daughter's church, Concord Liberty Presbyterian Church (256 Bethel Road, Glen Mills, PA). In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation at www.mcsf.org/donate or by calling 703-549-0060.

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.

Looking Ahead...

Sunday, June 7 - In worship we will celebrate the Lord's Supper and commission the Middle and High School youth who will be going to Massanetta and Montreat this summer.

Sunday, June 14 - We will be celebrating our graduates and giving thanks for our Sunday School teachers in worship. After worship is our annual Strawberry Festival!

Sunday, June 28 - Massanetta Sunday - Our Middle School youth will be leading worship, and Pastor Ridgley will be preaching on what we learned about at camp!

Summer Sermon Series:

Anything but Ordinary (starting June 7)

As the season of Easter ends, we enter a season of "Ordinary Time" in the life of the Church. Join us this summer as we follow the family narratives of Abraham - stories in which God shows up again and again—persistently, creatively, and lovingly—in ways that are surprising, transformative, joyful, reconciling, and unifying. The movement of the Spirit is anything but ordinary!

Giving

If you would like to support the life and ministry of St. John's, you can scan this QR code to give online.



Financial Update

As of April 30, year-to-date operating income from all sources totaled \$304,511, above budget by \$77,146, due largely to some people already giving their full pledges for the year. That always slightly inflates the financial picture in these first few months, but will average out over the course of the year.

Expenses year-to-date are \$253,872, under budget by \$1,628.

Income minus Expenses yielded a surplus of \$50,639. Thank you for all the ways that you make the life and ministry of our church family possible!

This Week in the Church Office

Please note that the church office will be closed tomorrow for Memorial Day.

During Horse Show parking, things tend to get a little crazy around the church office! We appreciate your patience if your phone call does not get answered right away. Please leave a message, and we will call you back as soon as we can.

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.

Pastor Ridgley will be out of the office on vacation leave from June 1 to June 4.

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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This Week at St. John's

Scan this QR Code for the complete church calendar:



Sunday, May 24 (Pentecost)

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

9:30 am Worship & Sunday School

12-9 pm Horseshow Parking

Monday, May 25 - Church Office Closed (Memorial Day)

9 am-9 pm Horseshow Parking

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

Tuesday, May 26

9 am-9 pm Horseshow Parking

5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, May 27

9 am-9 pm Horseshow Parking

Thursday, May 28

9 am-9 pm Horseshow Parking - Grand Prix Day!

5:00 pm NO Exercise Class

6:00 pm NO Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm NO Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, May 29

9 am-9 pm Horseshow Parking

9:00 am Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, May 30 (Trinity Sunday)

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

Today's Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21, 22-24, 32-33, 36-41, 42-47

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

²²"You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

³²"This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you both see and hear.

³⁶"Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." ³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

