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ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Reflecting God's unconditional love to all!

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November 1, 2026 — All Saints' Day

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 **All Saints' Day,** the day on which we remember all the members of the church who have died in the past year. Since the 9th century, All Saints' Day has been observed on November 1. When talking about saints, the New Testament uses the Greek word *hagios*, which means, "holy ones." It does not simply refer to special people who live lives of extraordinary holiness, but to *everyone* who seeks to live faithfully to Jesus Christ. Today we especially remember **Henrietta Damiano, Vangie Jaggard, John Alexander, David Sheep, Sue Parsons,** and **Janette Scott.**

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 — "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

Answering God's Call to Worship

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
All: Before the mountains were brought forth,
or you had ever formed the earth,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
One: Satisfy us with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
All: Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.
One: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands.
All: Let us worship God!

^ Hymn — "For All The Saints"

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.

In response to the good news of our forgiveness in Jesus Christ, we profess our faith in Christ each week through the Affirmation of Faith. Today's Affirmation comes from the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.'s ***Brief Statement of Faith***, written in 1983.

^ Affirming Our Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Scripture Reading — Deuteronomy 34:1-12 — Brian Binkley

As Pre-K–4th 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 — "Amazing Grace" — *arr. Althouse*

Sermon — "For All the Saints" — Rev. Ridgley Beckett
After the sermon, there will be a brief musical interlude, offering time for reflection.

The Lord's Supper

We are celebrating **the Lord's Supper** today. This meal is not just for Presbyterians or members of St. John's. Everyone who seeks to know and love Jesus Christ is welcome to share in this meal! You will be invited to come forward up the center aisle, take a piece of bread, and dip it in the cup (all of the bread is gluten-free). There is also a basket of pre-sealed juice cups, if you would prefer not to dip in the shared cup.

^ 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 — "How Firm A Foundation"

^ Benediction

^ Postlude — "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" — *Held*

Alex Engheta will be our featured stewardship speaker today, sharing what he is grateful for in the life of our church family

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!

Enriching Our Worship of God

Pastors	Rev. Dr. Patrick Marshall, Rev. Ridgley Beckett
Music Director	Janet Kaido
Usher	Brian Bouvier
Greeters	Lynne Brown & Jean Converse

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1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
all are one in thee, for all are thine.
hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



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

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It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

TEXT: "K" in John Rippons's *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
MUSIC: American folk melody; Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832, alt.

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Announcements

Congregational Life

November 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. **Please join us after worship for birthday cake in Fellowship Hall** to celebrate our St. John's members who are having birthdays this month! If you would like to be included in our birthday lists, please contact Barbara McConnell (blbmcconnell@aol.com).

Nov. 1 Kermit Eck
Nov. 2 Ellie Lund
Nov. 2 Mary Dilloway
Nov. 5 Barbara McClintick
Nov. 11 Matt McClintick
Nov. 14 John Griffin
Nov. 14 Katy Kaskey
Nov. 16 Kate Johnson
Nov. 18 Jim Netter
Nov. 20 Jane Wilson
Nov. 21 Libby Dalrymple
Nov. 22 Betty Jane Burton
Nov. 30 Gail Nelson

Supper at St. John's
Join us on Wednesday at 6 p.m. for a delicious dinner and fellowship. We will have a table of games set out for anyone who wants to play games after dinner together! Sign up by clicking the link in our weekly email. **This Wednesday,** we will be having a potluck supper! St. John's will provide the main course (oven fried chicken) and you bring the sides/dessert! You can sign up using the link in the weekly email to let us know what you are bringing.

Fall Fun Day at Linvilla Orchards
We hope you'll join us **today from 1:45-3:00 p.m.** for an afternoon at Linvilla Orchards as a church family. We will ride in a private hayride together, wind our way through a corn maze, enjoy apple cider donuts, and catapult apples in the field! To RSVP, click the link in the weekly email!

Coming in Spring: A Do-It-Ourselves Photo Directory!
We need to update our paper photo directory, and for the first time ever, we are going to make our own picture directory! Stephanie Crill has kindly volunteered to take photographs of individuals, couples, and families following worship on November 8 in Fellowship Hall. This is on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional dates will be provided in November, December, and January. If you are unavailable to have your picture taken, you may send a favorite picture to Stephanie (sacrill@yahoo.com).

Faith Formation

Women's Book Study – 2 Opportunities
The Sunday group meets at 8:15 a.m., both in person in the Carriage house and on Zoom. They started the book *Braving the Truth* by Rachel Held Evans this morning. If you would like to find out more or are interested in attending, please contact Nancy Wolfe at nj.wolfe@verizon.net.

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 Resources). They are reading *Falling Upward* by Richard Rohr. Copies are available in the church office. Contact Nancy Arico (nancy.arico@verizon.net) for more info.

Men's Group
The Wednesday morning men's group meets **this Wednesday, November 4 at 7:00 a.m.** in the Carriage House to discuss chapter 3 of the book *Sacred Balance.* All men are welcome!

LAST CALL: St. John's Camino Survey
Last month we held an info meeting with Progressive Pilgrimages to learn more about St. John's doing a Camino together in Spain! If you are even a little bit interested, please fill out the linked survey in the weekly email by November 1, so that we can schedule a date together. This event is open to all, so please do invite your friends! The more the merrier!

Coming soon: Advent!
This year for Advent our worship series will be extra special! The theme, "Words from the Beginning" has a visual focus of quilts! The Advent planning team is hoping that you could donate a quilt (or two) for us to use in the sanctuary throughout the season of Advent. They will be well taken care of! We will be collecting them starting November 15 and can return them after Christmas. For more information, contact Pastor Ridgley.

Interested in Joining St. John's?

We would love for you to become a part of our church family! You can indicate your interest on the Fellowship Pad or contact one of our pastors. They will get in touch with you to set up time for coffee to discuss your interest.

This Week in the Church Office

Please note that Pastor Ridgley will be out of the office from Tuesday, Nov. 2 through Monday, Nov. 9, and Annie will be out of the office Wednesday through Friday of this week. During this time, they will be unavailable by email or phone. We will have volunteers answering the phone and letting people into the building on Wednesday and Thursday.

This week the church office is open Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and closed on Friday. Any announcements for next week's bulletin or email must be sent to Annie by **Noon on Tuesday.**

Friday is Pastor Patrick'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

Outreach

Gemma Services Classroom Volunteers Needed!
Gemma Services is looking for classroom volunteers for their new autism-centered program for students in grades K-5. The program is housed at the Plymouth Meeting campus of the Martin Luther School. For more information, please contact Nancy Higgins at nrhiggins76@gmail.com.

Fall Clothing Drive for Chester County Migrant Ministry
Our youth are collecting socks for men, women, boys and girls; hats, scarves, and gloves/mittens; personal hygiene bundles for men, women, girls, and boys. We also receive donations of new pajamas for children from 6 mos - 12/14 for boys and girls for Chester County Migrant Ministry. You can leave your donations in the wooden bin by the bulletin boards in the Fellowship Hall through November 10!

Music

Choir Rehearsals
The choir rehearses on Thursday nights at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Email Janet Kaido at music@stjohnsdevon.com for more information.

Adult Handbells Rehearsal
The Devon Chapel Bells (older teens and adults) rehearse on Thursday evenings from 6 to 7 in the Music Room. New ringers are always welcome! Contact Betsy Miller with any questions.

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
An update through the month of October will be available in the coming weeks. As of September 30, year-to-date operating income from all sources totaled $542,852, above budget by $14,844. Expenses year-to-date are $552,114, under budget by $14,752. Income minus Expenses yielded a deficit of $9,263.

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

Don't forget to RSVP for Consecration Sunday!
On November 15 after worship, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall to have brunch together, free of charge, to celebreate all that God has done and is doing among us at St. John's! RSVP on the website or in our weekly email.

Budget Presentation - Today
Do your eyes glaze over every time you look at the church's budget spreadsheet? If so, join Jim Tiede in the Carriage House after worship today for a pictorial look at the church's budget that will show how your gifts of gratitude are turned into the variety of actions supported by St. John's.

Children & Youth

Sunday School - After the chuldren's time, children in grades 1-4 will leave for Sunday School. Youth in grades 8-12 will stay in worship for communion and gather for weekly Bible Study on Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m. in the youth room.

Looking Ahead

Saturday, November 14
David Sheep Memorial Service (10:30 a.m.)

Sunday, November 15
Consecration Sunday (worship & brunch)

Sunday, December 6
Advent Crafternoon (crafts & brunch)

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This Week at St. John's

Scan this QR Code for the complete church calendar:

Sunday, November 1 - All Saints' Day
8:30 am Deacons Meeting (Kean Room)
9:30 am Worship & Communion
11:15 am Nominating Committee Meeting (Kean Room)
1:45 pm Fall Fun Day (Linvilla Orchards)

Monday, November 2
10:00 am Women's Book Group (Kean Room)

Tuesday, November 3
Election Day - Church serves as a polling place
5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, November 4
7:00 am Men's Group (Carriage House)
6:00 pm Supper at St. John's (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 pm Youth Bible Study (Youth Room)

Thursday, November 5
5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 pm Adult Bells Rehearsal (Bell Room)
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Saturday, November 7
9:00 am Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, November 8
8:30 am Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
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

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

[1]Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and
the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, [2]all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the
land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, [3]the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm
trees—as far as Zoar. [4]The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob,
saying, "I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there."
[5]Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. [6]He was buried in a
valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. [7]Moses was one
hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. [8]The Israelites
wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

[9]Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites
obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

[10]Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. [11]He was
unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh
and all his servants and his entire land, [12]and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that
Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Notes