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ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Reflecting God's unconditional love to all!

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November 8, 2026 — Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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. Our *Gloria Patri* this morning is, "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me," which is shown to the right.

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 — "Crowded Table" — *Hemby/McKenna*

Answering God's Call to Worship — From 1 Chronicles 16

One: Give thanks to the Lord and call on God's name!
All: Sing praises to the Lord and tell of God's wonderful works!
One: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!
All: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!
God's steadfast love endures forever!
One: Gather us, O God of our salvation, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.
All: Blessed be the Lord, from everlasting to everlasting!

^ Hymn — "What Gift Can We Bring"

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



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 *Declaration of Faith*, written in 1977.

^ Affirming Our Faith — From *A Declaration of Faith (PCUSA)*

Jesus lived with a constant sense of God's presence.
He put God's claim on his life above all else.
He joined others in God's worship and praise.
He drew strength from the Scriptures.
He prayed and taught his disciples to pray.
We believe Christ gives us and demands of us
personal lives that are centered in God
and open to God's reality and rule.
Christ teaches us to put obedience to God
above the interests of self, family, race, or nation;
to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time.
We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture,
relying on the Word to tell us who God is,
to press God's present claim upon us,
and to assure us of God's grace and comfort.
Life in God's presence issues in life for others,
for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see,
we cannot love God whom we do not see.

Scripture Reading — 2 Corinthians 9:1-15 — Logan Carty

Children's Time

As Pre-K–7th 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 — "Any Way" — Harrington/Minter

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

Sermon — "The Pitch and the Promise" — 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 — "Great God of Every Blessing"

^ 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 — "Up Above My Head" — *Tharpe*

<u>Enriching Our Worship of God</u>

Music Director Janet Kaido
Usher Brian Bouvier
Greeter Chrissy Bouvier
Joy Messengers Patrick Bullock, Lauren Feldman, Troy Fisher, Lisa Howell, Nancy Kimmons, John Senior, and Jeff Wagner.

What Gift Can We Bring



694 Great God of Every Blessing



Announcements

Consecration Sunday

Next Sunday is Consecration Sunday! We will dedicate our pledges for the coming year in worship, and then we will gather in Fellowship Hall for brunch to celebrate all that God is doing among us at St. John's! Please RSVP today on our website or by using the link in the weekly email update. We hope that you will join us for this special day in the life of our church family!

Congregational Life

David Sheep Memorial Service
There will be a memorial service for David Sheep **this Saturday, November 14 at 10:30 a.m.** in the sanctuary, with a reception following in the Carriage House. We hope that you will join us as we say goodbye to this beloved member of our church family.

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. 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. 6 Dominic Coradi
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. 29 Elizabeth Ator
Nov. 30 Gail Nelson

Supper at St. John's
There are only two more Wednesday night gatherings before we take a break until January! So join us on Wednesday at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for a delicious dinner and fellowship. This is a great way to stop and take a break with your church family in the middle of the week.

Coming in Spring: A Do-It-Ourselves Photo Directory!
Have you had your picture taken yet for the St. John's Photo Directory? We will be updating 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 in Fellowship Hall on the following dates: **November 8, November 22, and December 13.** Additional dates will be provided in December and January. If you are unavailable to have your picture taken, you may send a favorite picture to Stephanie at 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 will meet on **Wednesday, November 18 at 7:00 a.m.** in the Carriage House to discuss chapter 4 of the book *Sacred Balance.* All men are welcome!

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.

Children & Youth

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

This Week in the Church Office

Pastor Ridgley is at a denominational event and will be out of the office on Monday and Tuesday. During this time, she will be unavailable by email or phone.

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

Friday is our pastors' 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!

Alternative Christmas Market
On **Sunday, November 29,** we will be holding an Alternative Christmas Market where you can purchase gifts hand-made by the Community Moms of Wellspring Karitas in Cuernavaca, Mexico. St. John's supports these moms as they prepare breakfast for 150 children every school day. All proceeds go directly to the moms.
Also, for the first time, we are supporting *Alianzas de Phoenixville* by offering a chance to win a beautiful Christmas wreath. *Alianzas* serves the under-resourced immigrant community in our area. Stop by the Fellowship Hall after worship and share the joy of giving by supporting the hopes of others!

Giving

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

Giving Statements
Year-to-date giving statements through the third quarter were sent out in October. If you did not receive one but would like to, please contact Brian Bouvier at brianbouvier57@gmail.com

Financial Update
As of October 31, year-to-date operating income from all sources totaled $587,584, above budget by $2,735. Expenses year-to-date are $606,726, under budget by $18,731. Income minus expenses yielded a deficit of $19,142.

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

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 5:30 to 6:30 in the Music Room. New ringers are always welcome! Contact Betsy Miller with any questions.

Looking Ahead

Sunday, December 6
Advent Crafternoon (crafts & brunch)

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.

Scan this QR code to subscribe to our weekly email update:

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This Week at St. John's

Scan this QR Code for the complete church calendar:

Sunday, November 8
8:15 am Women's Book Group (Carriage House)
8:30 am Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
9:30 am Worship & Sunday School

Monday, November 9
10:00 am Women's Book Group (Kean Room)
11:30 am Personnel Committee Meeting (Carriage House)

Tuesday, November 10
5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, November 11
6:00 pm Supper at St. John's (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 pm Nominating Committee Meeting (Kean Room)
7:00 pm Youth Bible Study (Youth Room)

Thursday, November 12
5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
5:30 pm Adult Bells Rehearsal (Bell Room)
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Saturday, November 14
9:00 am No Exercise Class
10:30 am David Sheep Memorial Service (Sanctuary & Carriage House)

Sunday, November 15 - Consecration Sunday
8:15 am Women's Book Group (Kean Room)
9:30 am Worship & Sunday School
10:30 am Celebration Brunch (Fellowship Hall)

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

2 Corinthians 9:1-15

[1]Now it is not necessary for me to write you about the ministry to the saints, [2]for I know your eagerness, which is
the subject of my boasting about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last
year; and your zeal has stirred up most of them. [3]But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about
you may not prove to have been empty in this case, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be; [4]otherwise, if
some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be humiliated—to say nothing of you
—in this undertaking. [5]So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you, and arrange in
advance for this bountiful gift that you have promised, so that it may be ready as a voluntary gift and not as an
extortion.

[6]The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also
reap bountifully. [7]Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for
God loves a cheerful giver. [8]And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always
having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. [9]As it is written, "He scatters abroad,
he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." [10]He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food
will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. [11]You will be
enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; [12]for the
rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to
God. [13]Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of
Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, [14]while they long for you and pray for
you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. [15]Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Notes