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ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Reflecting God's unconditional love to all!

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November 15, 2026 — Consecration Sunday

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 — "Miniature for Piano #1" — *Giya Kanchell*

Answering God's Call to Worship

One: To *consecrate* means to set something apart for a special purpose, to make it holy.

All: Let us consecrate this time – our songs and prayers, our words and actions – that God might use it for a special purpose and make it holy.

One: But God also calls us to consecrate our *lives*; that we might be holy as *God* is holy.

All: Let us consecrate ourselves – our hearts and minds, our bodies and spirits – that God might use *us* and make *us* holy.

One: Let us give ourselves to God in praise and worship.
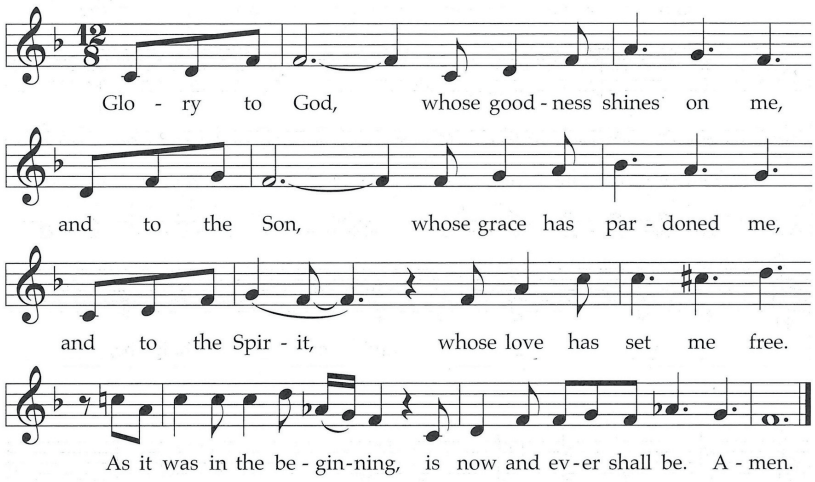
^ Hymn — "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!""

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 *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 — Philippians 1:3–11 — Nancy Arico

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 — "He Touched Me"

Sermon — "A Good Work" — Rev. Dr. Marshall

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

During this time of **consecration**, you will be invited to come forward and place your pledge card in the basket. Even if you are not making a pledge, we ask you to come forward and silently offer some part of yourself to God.

^ Consecrating Our Pledges to God

"We Are an Offering"
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to you; we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you.

^ 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 — "Take My Life"

^ Benediction
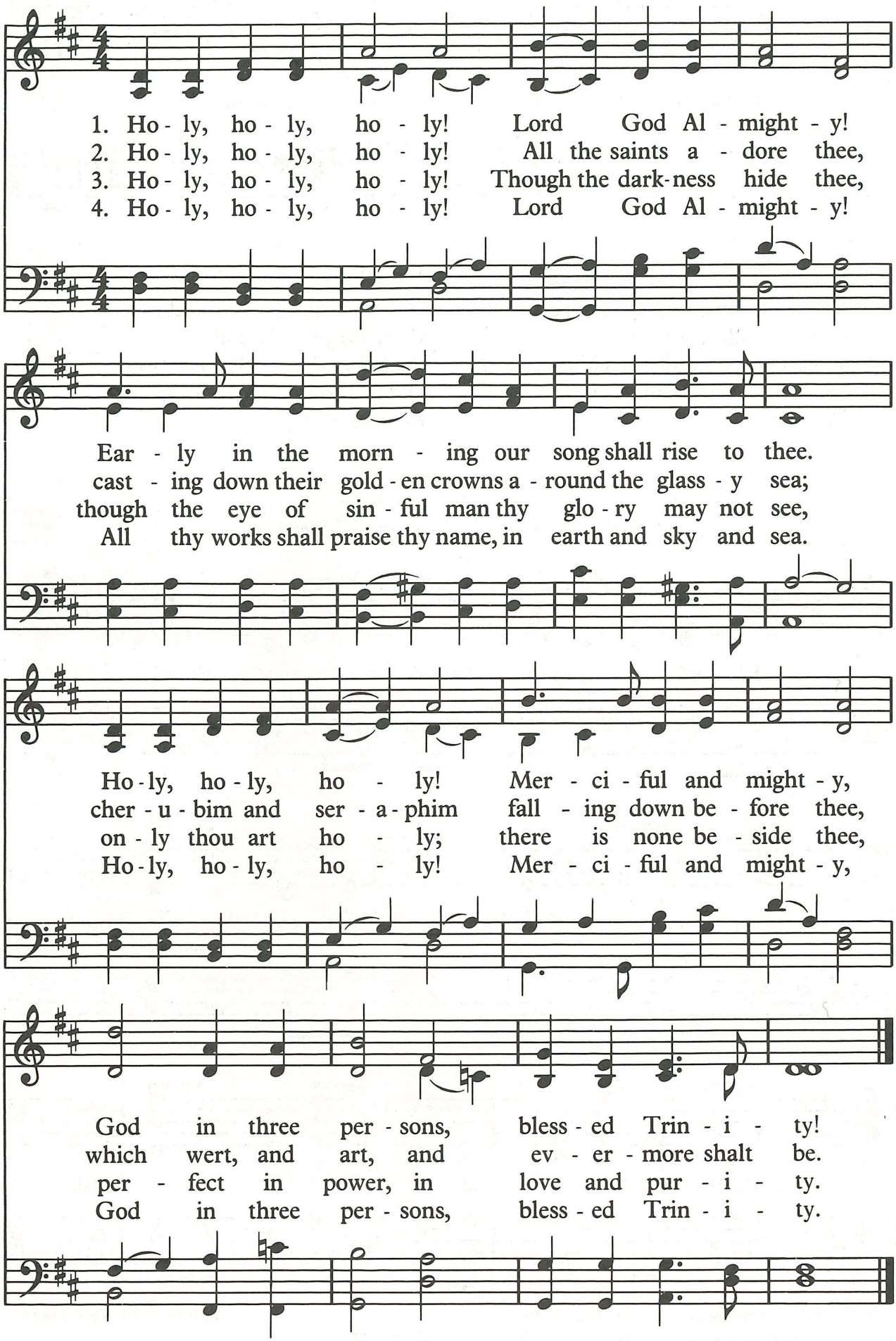
After the **Postlude**, you are encouraged to greet one another (especially people you don't already know!) and come downstairs for a celebration brunch. If you see someone standing alone, go talk to them!

^ Postlude — "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

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

Music Director	Janet Kaido
Usher	Ken Coradi
Greeter	Jeanne Lynam
Pianist	Dwight Jaggard
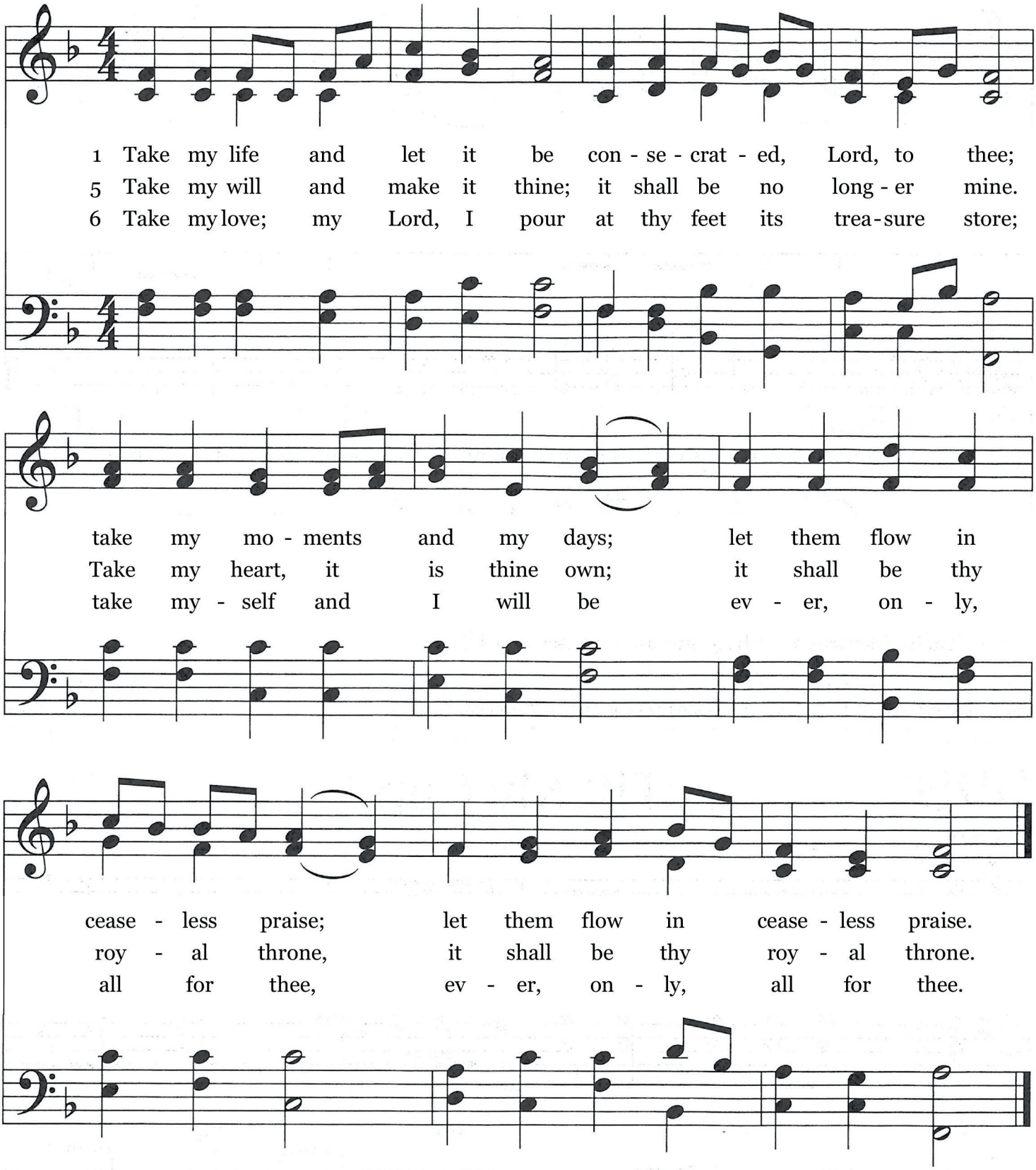
64 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty



WORDS: Reginald Heber, 1826 (Rev. 4:8-11)
MUSIC: John B. Dykes, 1861

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Take My Life



This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

Text: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874
Music: H. A. César Malan, 1827

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Announcements

Consecration Sunday

Today 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! Thank you for joining us for this special day in the life of our church family!

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. 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 is only one more Wednesday night gathering 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 **this 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

Please note: Pastor Patrick will be out all day Tuesday at a Presbytery meeting.

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 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)

Monday, November 16
10:00 am Women's Book Group (Kean Room)
11:30 am Session Meeting (Kean Room)

Tuesday, November 17
5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, November 18
5:00 pm Nominating Committee Meeting (Kean Room)
6:00 pm Supper at St. John's (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 pm Youth Bible Study (Youth Room)

Thursday, November 19
5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
5:30 pm Adult Bells Rehearsal (Bell Room)
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Saturday, November 21
9:00 am Exercise Class

Sunday, November 22 - Christ the King Sunday
8:15 am Women's Book Group (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

Philippians 1:3–11

3 I thank my God every time I remember you, 4 constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for
all of you, 5 because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 I am confident of this, that
the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. 7 It is
right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in
God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. 8 For
God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. 9 And this is my prayer,
that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight 10 to help you to determine
what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, 11 having produced the harvest
of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Notes