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ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Reflecting God's unconditional love to all!

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November 22, 2026 — Christ the King 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.

Today is **Christ the King Sunday**, when we celebrate Jesus Christ as the King of kings and Lord of lords who rules and reigns over heaven and earth**.** This holy day was first celebrated in 1925, in the aftermath of World War I, a time marked by the rise of authoritarianism around the world. Pope Pius XI intended the day as a spiritual and theological pushback against the demand for absolute obedience to earthly governments and political ideologies. It reminded Christians that their ultimate allegiance belongs to Jesus Christ, whose kingdom is built on truth, love, and justice, rather than force or political power.

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 "Lord, I Ring My Praise to Thee" *Howard F. Starks*

Answering God's Call to Worship *From Psalm 97*

One: The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice!
All: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne.
One: The heavens proclaim God's righteousness, and all the peoples behold God's glory.
All: For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth.
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to God's holy name!

^ Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name""

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.

^ Affirming Our Faith

Jesus announced the coming of God's kingdom
and its hidden presence in the midst of the world's kingdoms.
He taught his disciples to seek God's kingdom first.
We believe Christ gives us and demands of us
lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom.
Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life
and makes it pleasant and beautiful.
No more than Christ are we spared
the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world.
We are in the world, but not of the world.
Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people
do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world,
but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom.
Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom:
to serve as he has served us;
to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship;
to walk by faith, not by sight;
to hope for what we have not seen.

Scripture Reading — Matthew 25:31–46 — Bruce Phillips

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 — "King of All Ages, Throned on High" — *Paul Isom*

Scripture Reading — 2 Peter 3:8–15a

Sermon — "Return of the King" — Rev. Dr. Marshall

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

^ 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 — "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

^ Benediction

^ Postlude — "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

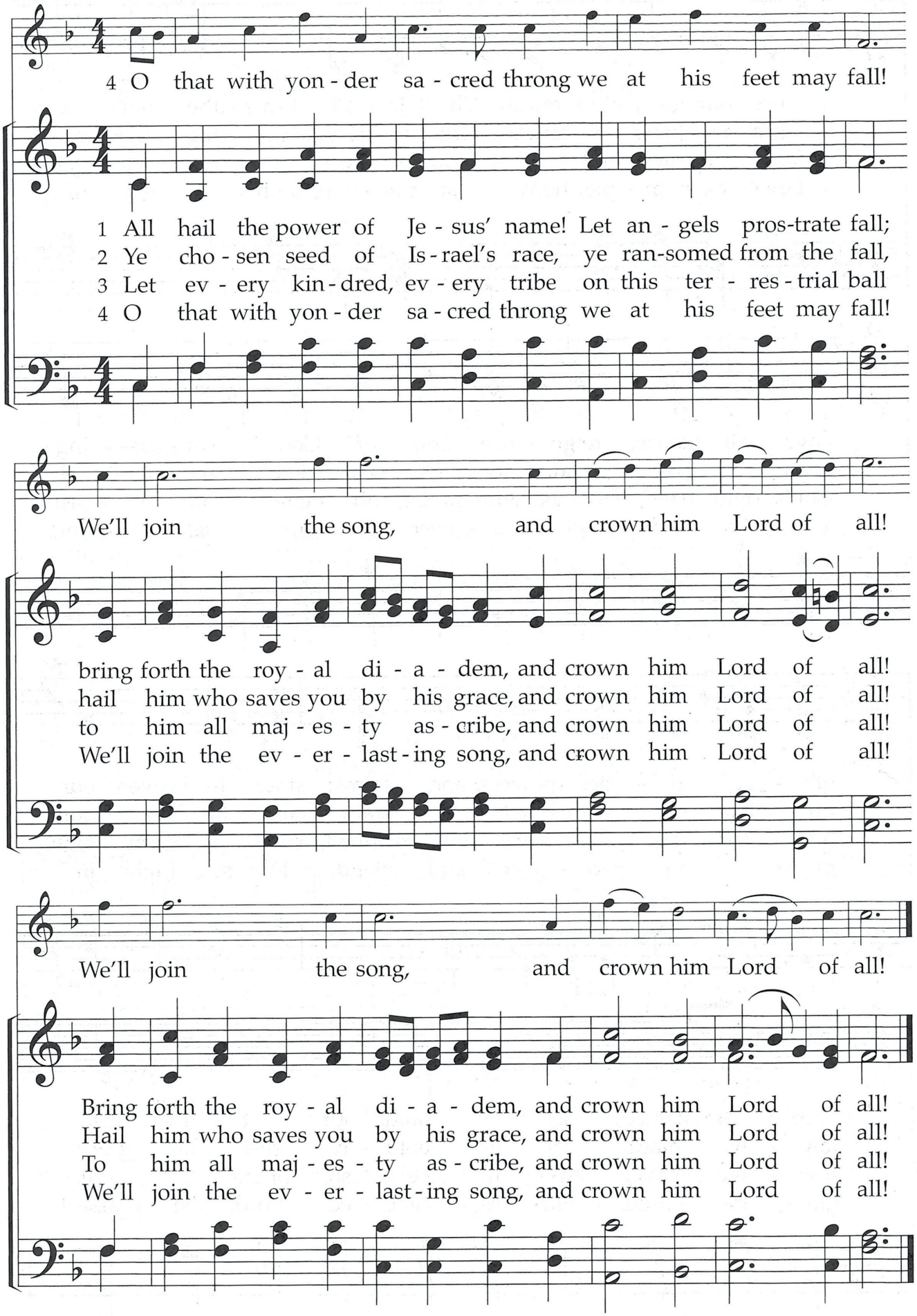
After the **Postlude**, you are encouraged to greet one another (especially people you don't already know!) and come downstairs for a celebration brunch. If you see someone standing alone, go talk to them!

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

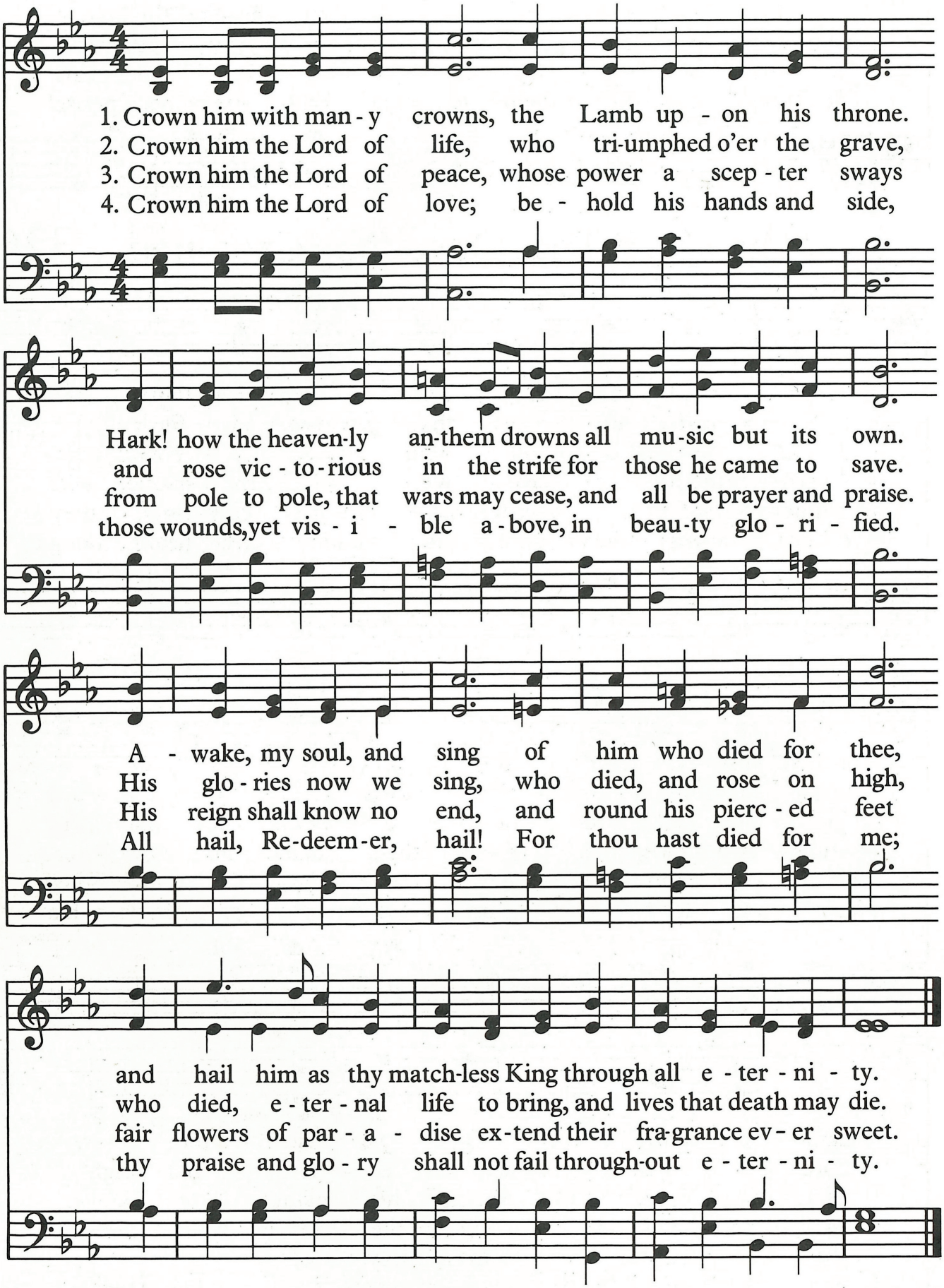
Music Director Janet Kaido
Usher Bruce Phillips
Greeter Jeanne Lynam
Coffee Servers Gail Nelson
Bell Choir Diane Alleva, Susan Bain, Stephanie Crill, Christina Fish, Jocelyn Huang, Karen Huang, Jim Tiede

263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Descant



327 Crown Him with Many Crowns



WORDS: Matthew Bridges, 1851, and Godfrey Thring, 1874 (Rev. 19:12)
MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1868

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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. 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

Lunch & Learn
Join us on **Tuesday, December 1 at 11:30 a.m.** for a light lunch and fellowship for our last Lunch & Learn of the year! We will be hosting the Executive Director of Chester County Migrant Ministry, Lorraine Martinez. Come learn more about our Fall Clothing Drive recipient and the work they are doing to support immigrants in Chester County! RSVP using the link in the weekly email.

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 **today and December 13.** (Additional dates will be provided.) If you are unavailable to have your picture taken, you may send a favorite picture to Stephanie at sacrill@yahoo.com

Christmas Poinsettias
Jeanne Lynam will be taking orders for poinsettias today and for the next three Sundays. The plants are in 6 1/2 inch pots, have 6 to 9 blooms, and cost $10.00. They will be displayed in the sanctuary for two weeks at Christmas, and will then be available for you to take home. Orders can also be taken by emailing Jeanne at cwlynam@msn.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 are reading *Braving the Truth* by Rachel Held Evans. If you would like to find out more or are interested in attending, please contact Nancy Wolfe (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 **Wednesday, December 16 at 7:00 a.m.** in the Carriage House to discuss chapter 5 of the book *Sacred Balance.* All men are welcome!

Children & Youth

Advent Crafternoon - Join us after worship on December 6 for a morning of creating and fellowship. This is for all ages. Please RSVP using the link in the weekly email. For more information contact Cindy Kerr.

December 13 - Youth Christmas Party 4:30-6:00 p.m. at Covenant Pres. Please bring a wrapped gift under $15.

Stewardship

Last Sunday was Consecration Sunday, when we dedicated our pledges for the coming year and celebrated all the ways your giving makes the life and ministry of our church family possible. We are so grateful to everyone who came, pledged, shared with us in the celebration brunch, or in any way helped make the day possible. **If you have not made a pledge for 2027 yet, you still can!** Just scan the QR code below or fill out one of the pledge cards on the usher's table in the back of the sanctuary and place it in the offering tray. Feel free to contact Church Financial Secretary Brian Bouvier (brianbouvier57@gmail.com) with any questions about pledging.

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

This Week in the Church Office

Pastor Patrick will be out for continuing education from Monday, November 30 through Monday, December 7.

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

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

Angel Tree Starts Today!
The Angel Tree is up in Fellowship Hall and filled with angels for the children at Gemma Services. Gemma provides education and mental health services (both residential and community) to children who have experienced loss, trauma, or significant challenges. On each angel is the name, grade, and Christmas gift wish of a child. The Deacons will be in Fellowship Hall to sign you up for the angel(s) you choose, so we can keep track and make sure every child is taken care of. We ask that you return your **unwrapped** gifts by **Sunday, Dec. 6**, with the **angel attached**. Contact Nancy Coradi (nancycoradi@gmail.com) for more information.

Alternative Christmas Market
Next 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!

Congregational Care

Ellie Lund is recovering at home after a brief stay in the hospital for a fall and broken collarbone. Get well cards can be sent to:

Ellie Lund
50 Lakeside Avenue
Devon, PA 19333

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

Christmas Eve Worship
4 p.m. Family Service; 8 p.m. Candlelight Service

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.

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This Week at St. John's

Scan this QR Code for the complete church calendar:

Sunday, November 22 - Christ the King Sunday
8:15 am Women's Book Group (Kean Room)
9:30 am Worship & Sunday School

Monday, November 23
10:00 am Women's Book Group (Kean Room)

Tuesday, November 24
5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, November 25
Church Office Closed

Thursday, November 26 - Thanksgiving
Church Office Closed
No Bells or Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 27
Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 28
9:00 am Exercise Class

Sunday, November 29 - First Sunday of Advent
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 Readings

Matthew 25:31–46

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of
his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a
shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats
at the left.

34 "Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the
kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I
was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked
and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then
the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty
and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or
naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And
the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members
of my family, you did it to me.'

41 "Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire
prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you
gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give
me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it
that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?'
45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did
not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

2 Peter 3:8–15a

8 But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a
thousand years are like one day. 9 The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but
is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will
come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be
dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

11 Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading
lives of holiness and godliness, 12 waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of
which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? 13 But, in
accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.
14 Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without
spot or blemish; 15 and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.