

November 29th Worship Information

Available Online on St. John's Facebook Page & Website

First Sunday of Advent

Theme: "Where Are You, God?"

Sermon: "In This With Us, or Not?"

Scripture: Isaiah 64:1-9 Mark 13:24-37

Music: Rejoice, Rejoice, the Savior Comes
Arr. Michael Burkhardt
St. John's Virtual Chancel Choir

Chancel Flowers

In memory of Eric Kirk's November 29th birthday from his mother, Barbara Kirk

In honor of Raelyn McAfee's birthday on December 2nd from her mother, Bonnie, and Pop Pop Jack McAfee



St. John's Virtual Alternative Gift Market ends on

Monday, November 30. Please be sure to drop off your completed Shopping List and check for donations by that date either at the church office or in the locked box on the wall by the back door of the church, at the top of the ramp. *Thank you for shopping at this year's Alternative Gift Market!*



Perfect for Holiday Giving (or Keeping) ~ A limited supply of St. John's golf shirts and T-Shirts are still available for purchase, and they are on sale! **Golf shirts are now \$10 and T-Shirts are \$5.** Men's golf shirt sizes available include: 17 large and 3 extra large. Women's golf shirts available include: 1 small, 1 large and 1 XXL. (Note: golf shirts tend to run a bit small). We also have 4 small T-Shirts, 1 medium, 3 large, 2 XL and 2 XXL.

As of October 31, 2020	
Budgeted Monthly Income for October	\$39,253.00
Actual Income for October	\$29,479.91
Total Income Difference	(\$9,773.09)
Budgeted Monthly Expenses October	
Budgeted Monthly Expenses October	\$46,159.47
Actual Expenses for October	\$45,758.14
Total Expense Difference	(\$401.33)
YTD Budgeted Current Income for October	
YTD Budgeted Current Income for October	\$345,702.00
YTD Actual Current Income for October	
YTD Actual Current Income for October	\$301,116.44
Total Current Income Difference	(\$44,585.56)
YTD amnt. needed to fulfill OCWM pledge	
YTD amnt. needed to fulfill OCWM pledge	\$38,716.66
YTD Actual Offering for OCWM	
YTD Actual Offering for OCWM	\$35,106.68
OCWM Difference	(\$3,609.98)
Weekly amount needed for Current Income 2020	
Weekly amount needed for Current Income 2020	\$7,978.00
Weekly amount needed for OCWM 2020	
Weekly amount needed for OCWM 2020	\$893.00
A Look at the Week of November 2, 2020	
Offering For Current Income	\$4,707.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$410.00
A Look at the Week of November 9, 2020	
Offering For Current Income	\$5,470.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$875.00
A Look at the Week of November 16, 2020	
Offering For Current Income	\$6,630.20
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$555.00
A Look at the Week of November 23, 2020	
Offering For Current Income	\$10,089.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$1,206.00

****IMPORTANT NOTICE****

The life of the church continues, and so do expenses! Year to date, the income we've received is significantly below our expenses, and we ask you to please contribute as you are able to help offset this deficit. Specific financial information is available each month in the Enlightener. **And remember, all donations designated for 2020 must be received in the church office by Sunday, December 27.** All donations received after that date will be credited to your 2021 donation account.

Your contributions can be mailed to the church or placed in the drop box located at the entrance by the church ramp. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of how you can help St. John's through these challenging financial times.

December 6th Worship Information

Available Online on St. John's Facebook Page & Website

White Gift Sunday

Theme: "Messengers of Hope"

Scripture: Luke 2

Music: The Friendly Beasts
Arr. Chuck Marohnic
Andrew Paulson, piano

Chancel Flowers

In memory of Eloise Atkin's Dec. 8th birthday from Roger Atkin and family

In memory of Russell and Ella Heebner from the Wenner Family

In memory of loved ones and her husband, Fred, from Thelma Brunner

Remembering with love, Ashley MacKinstry Guest and Kristoffer Guest and other family loved ones from the MacKinstry-Rogers family

Grocery Store Gift Cards

Our pastors receive many requests for help with groceries and gas throughout the year. The need this year is especially great as many families in our community struggle to put food on the table.

The Outreach Team is requesting donations of grocery store gift cards during the Christmas season. The pastors will distribute the cards as they are needed during the year.

Gift cards from any local market and in denominations of **less than \$25** are appreciated. Please place gift cards in the locked mailbox next to the ramp door.

Gift cards for GIANT are preferred as they may be used to purchase either food or gas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****Important Announcement****

Although we had planned to resume limited in-person worship on November 29, the current surge in COVID cases in our area has prompted the postponement of gathering in person at this time. We are still planning to celebrate on White Gift Sunday in such a way that persons participating will be able to come and go safely, while experiencing the key elements of our annual White Gift service. We will keep you posted from week to week as we seek to make decisions that take into account the safety of all persons involved, especially the most vulnerable among us.

****White Gift Sunday, December 6****

White Gift is happening on December 6 and gifts will be distributed. If you did not receive the special mailing regarding White Gift, including a shopping list, please call the church office at 215-855-5489.

For those who are not able to participate in person on White Gift Sunday, gifts may be dropped off at the church office during the week prior to White Gift Sunday, which would be the week of November 30 thru December 4.

2020 Hope for the Holidays

Manna's *Hope for the Holidays* program allows families with children in our community to experience the joy and excitement of the holiday season. Gift cards valued at \$75 will be provided to the parents of each child enrolled, giving parents the opportunity to purchase gifts that are best for their children.

This year, due to COVID-19, the number of children enrolled is expected to nearly double. The need is great, and we can help.

Due to COVID19, Manna is requesting only monetary donations this year. To make a donation online by credit card or PayPal, go to:

<https://mannaonmain.org/hope-for-the-holidays-program/>

or

Send a check by mail to:

Manna on Main Street, PO Box 763, Lansdale, PA 19446

Please donate before November 30.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Nov | 29 | First Sunday of Advent
Last day for Hope for the Holidays donations |
| Nov | 30 | Last day for AGM donations |
| Dec | 2 | Chimes Concert, Zoom United Voices, Zoom Children's Choir |
| Dec | 3 | Sanctuary Visits |
| Dec | 4 | Chess |
| Dec | 6 | Second Sunday of Advent
White Gift Sunday |
| Dec | 9 | Chimes Concert, Zoom United Voices, Zoom Children's Choir |
| Dec | 10 | Prayer Walk, Sanctuary Visits |
| Dec | 11 | Chess |
| Dec | 13 | Third Sunday of Advent
White Gift Sunday Rain Date, Enlightener due Date, Artist Series Christmas Concert |

Poinsettia Donations: If you would like to donate a poinsettia this Christmas Season in memory or honor of a loved one, please call the church office by Wednesday, Dec. 16. You may also fill out the donation form and deposit it in the locked box on the wall by the back door at the top of the ramp. Your donation may be in any amount, and the poinsettias may be picked up Christmas Eve for you to keep. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, volunteers will not be making deliveries to homebound folks this year.



2020 Poinsettia Donation Form Due Date 12/16/2020

In Memory of _____

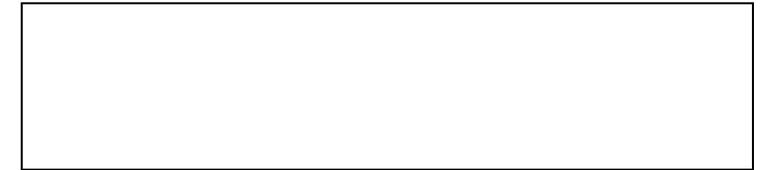
In Honor of _____

From _____

Amount \$ _____ Envelope # _____

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November 29 **First Sunday of Advent**

December 6 **Second Sunday of Advent**
White Gift Sunday

Artist Series Christmas concert!
December 13th, 2020 @ 4pm
St. John's Public Facebook Page

Savior of the Nations, Come
An Advent/Christmas Hymn Festival
Featuring the St. John's Chancel Choir, United Ringers,
Children's Choir, and Brass Ensemble

Join us from the comfort of your own home for an afternoon of uplifting and inspiring Advent/Christmas music presented by many of the music ensembles at St. John's! The concert will premiere as a Facebook Watch Party on our public Facebook page and remain on our public Facebook page after the event to be viewed at any time.