

## December 13<sup>th</sup> Worship Information

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

### Third Sunday of Advent

Theme: "Shouts of Joy"

Sermon: "Lighting is Everything"

Scripture: Psalm 126 John 1:6-8, 19-28

Music: Sounds of Joy  
Barbara Kinyon  
St. John's United Ringers

### Chancel Flowers

In memory of Ethel T. Kelsey from the Harrison Family



**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.



Many thanks to all who shopped and donated to the charities at St. John's 2020 Virtual Alternative Gift Market! It was a great success, with the grand total of \$6953! The top three recipients were St. John's Good Samaritan Fund, Doctors Without Borders and Manna on Main Street. The AGM Committee is very grateful for your support of this important event! Merry Christmas!

Weekly amount needed for Current Income 2020	\$7,978.00
Weekly amount needed for OCWM 2020	\$893.00
<b>A Look at the Week of November 29, 2020</b>	
Offering For Current Income	\$4,187.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$1,160.00
<b>A Look at the Week of December 6, 2020</b>	
Offering For Current Income	\$22,946.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$1,661.00

### **\*\*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

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

To the Emergency Fund from Judy Reitz in honor of the Quilters who finished a quilt for me

To the Veterans of the Cross in honor of my mother, Lorene K. Ahrens, and in memory of my father, Herman C. Ahrens, Jr., from Paul, Anne, Josephine and Roberta Lorene Ahrens

## December 20<sup>th</sup> Worship Information

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### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Theme: "Birthing a Promise"

Sermon: How can this be?

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38 Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26

Music: Mary, Did You Know?  
Arr. Jack Schrader  
St. John's Virtual United Voices

### Chancel Flowers

In memory of his wife, Ruth, from Roger Wardlow

In memory of Robert & Cora Ellen Furniss from their son, David

### 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

### Worship Opportunities on Christmas Eve

**\*Please note: Should we need to alter plans as a result of the continued surge of virus cases in our area, we will inform you immediately.**

At this time, we are planning to provide four worship opportunities on Christmas Eve, December 24. All four services will be the same in content, family friendly, and last approximately 35 minutes. Because crowd size will be strictly limited to 50 persons at each service, it is essential that you call or email the Church Office as soon as possible if you are planning to attend so that a spot may be reserved for you. The service times will be: Noon, 5:00pm, 7:00pm and 11:00pm.

All those attending will be required to wear a mask and sign the "I Agree" statement we have circulated widely over the course of the past few months. Parents may sign on behalf of children living in the same household.

For those choosing to worship safely at home, we will be recording a service on Wednesday, December 23, that will include a message, communion, and several Christmas carols. This recorded service may be listened to on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day or on Sunday, December 27.

### 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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec 13 **Third Sunday of Advent**  
Artist Series Christmas Concert on  
St. John's Public Facebook Page  
Enlightener due date
- Dec 14 Zoom Council Meeting
- Dec 16 Chimes Concert, Zoom Children's Choir
- Dec 17 Sanctuary Visits, Zoom Chancel Choir
- Dec 18 Chess
- Dec 20 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
- Dec 22 Enlightener Folding
- Dec 23 Chimes Concert
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve  
Christmas Eve Worship @ Noon, 5pm,  
7pm, 11pm
- Dec 25 Christmas Day
- Dec 27 **First Sunday after Christmas**

**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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Artist Series Christmas Concert on  
St. John's Public Facebook Page  
Enlightener due date

December 20 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Artist Series Christmas concert!**  
**December 13<sup>th</sup>, 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.