

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those with illness:

Shirley Alexander
Harvey Blevins
Pastor Boliek
Grace Caldwell
Ruth Chicknoski
Cindy Christopher
Scott Clem
Ava Daniels
Evan Davis & family
Iona Dorn & family
Tom Dreisch
Benton Gatch
Mitchell Greene
Mark Habicht
Tiffany Henning
The Hobbs family
Orville Hughes
Mary Johnson
Emma Knicely
Vicki Kalabokes
John Kuchar III
Kelli M. Miller
Fred Meise
Jo Morrison
Bob Rigger
Hitch Roland
Richard Spahr
Melanie Vohs
Ruth Welkner
Sophie Wittlesberger

Deployed soldiers & families/Special needs:

Violence in our society

Current ministries:

Empowerment of the Holy Spirit in:

- † Assisting Ministers
- † Communion Assistants
- † Christopher's Place

Our mission partners:

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church
– Prs. Gary Dittman & Carol Perlie
Prs. Mercedes & Isaias Nelson (Dom. Rep.)
Pr. Tyrone Smith (New Orleans)
National ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton
Delaware Maryland synod Bishop Bill Gohl
Nicole & Kevin Fuhr, serving Guatemala
Crucified Church in Johnstown, PA
– Pr. Josh Knipple
Freestate ChalleNGe Academy

Prayers of thanksgiving:

Charles & Bixie Leedy
Karen Leimbach
Luella Leimbach

Ring in the New Year

Unity worship December 30, 2018



“Artwork submitted on Christmas Eve by Julia Vohrer”

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*Names on the prayer list are printed with permission of the person named. After receiving permission you may place a completed yellow prayer request card in the offering plate or contact the church office to add a name to the prayer list. After four weeks on the list a name will be removed unless the office is notified for an extension of time. **Visitation:** please notify the church office if you anticipate a hospital stay. Thank you!*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Our traditional team and contemporary team have been working on several occasions to share in worship and music. Today we welcome home musicians on college break.

HOW DID ADVENT CONSPIRACY SHOW UP IN YOUR CHRISTMAS?

Folks are invited to share briefly how God blessed your Christmas.

Did you give or get an Advent Conspiracy type of gift?

(After each person shares, we can thank God ringing our bells)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Pastor Sarah Wright

WELCOME HOME COLLEGE STUDENTS

Did you know the group is 18-24 for young adults and college students. We meet on Sunday nights at 8pm throughout the summer. Save this contact info for Jeremy Morelock Director of Young Discipleship jeremy@stjohnssweetair.org

SHARING PEACE

Pastor Sarah Wright

Let us greet one another friends and visitors alike.

Remember some people prefer to share the peace verbally due to flu season.

We are a very loving church but please ask someone if it is okay to share a hug.

Hand sanitizer is in the back of the church.

PROCESSIONAL CAROL

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

ELW #283

Ring your bells on the word “come”

Jubilees Choir will process and children are invited to follow with bells and even their parents.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Intern Sophie Bates,
Pier 456

The children can process around once with their bells and after the song, children are invited with Megan McBee to the Fellowship Hall and return after the message in time for Holy Communion.

BAPTISM

Name: Samuel Jennings McDonald

Born: September 25, 2016

Parents: Danielle and Patrick McDonald

Sponsors: Rachel Smith, William McDonald, Matthew Wilson

Pastor: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, let us celebrate

Everyone is invited to Fellowship Hall for fellowship and our Family Feud game show, Christmas Edition!

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joel Grove

Please kneel or sit as you are able

OFFERING AND UNITY SONG

“Christmas Offering”

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

All: **We are the children of Abraham and Sarah. May all the families of the earth be blessed. We thank you for the gifts you have given to us. Renew us in faith, refresh us at the table of grace, give us vision and courage to love you and our neighbor in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

(no words just picture of bread/wine)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The McWilliams Family

Continuous communion is open for all.

Come forward down the center aisles.

Baptized Christians receive a wafer or gluten-free wafer.

Dip into either red wine or white grape juice.

Visit a prayer station or return to your seats by side aisles.

Receiving a blessing is also participating in communion.

MUSIC DURING PRAYER & COMMUNION

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NEXT STEPS

Pastor Sarah Wright

BLESSING

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

CHRISTMAS CAROL

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

ELW # 289

Ring your bells on the refrain!

SENT TO SHARE PEACE

Joel Grove

L: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

All: **Thank be to God!**

and be renewed in God’s free gift of baptism.

POURING WATER

P: Water is the sign of cleansing. From the beginning in Genesis, the spirit of God moved over the waters. Jesus was baptized in the waters of the Jordan as the beginning of his public ministry.

INTRODUCTION TO COVENANT or BAPTISMAL PROMISES

P: Parents, Grandparents, & Godparents, In Christian love we share the gift of Holy Baptism. Will you faithfully encourage worship in God's house, and teach the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments? Will you grow as disciples together in Holy Scriptures and in communion with the Church, grow in faith until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you intend to fulfill these promises?

All: **We will and ask God to help and guide us.**

P: People of St. John’s, do you promise to support these new members with the church?

All: **We will.**

APOSTLES’ CREED

P: Let us together rise and renew our faith and baptism. Creed means “I believe.”

BAPTISM CELEBRATION

P: Samuel, child of God you are baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

ANNOINTING

P: Paul in Ephesians says, “*you are sealed by the holy spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever*”

CANDLE IS A SIGN

P: As Jesus says in Matthew’s Gospel: “*Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*”

P: Let us welcome our new brothers and sisters:

All: **We welcome you to the Lord’s family. We receive you as a brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, children of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

*Baptismal Certificate and napkin. Splash updates for 36 months!
Welcome bags.*

BIBLE READING Matthew 1:1-17 Genealogy of Jesus

Park Espenchade

Introduction to the reading for Act 5 Jesus. The genealogy of Jesus shows us quite the family tree! It's as if the writer of Matthew did ancestry.com and found Jesus' family is not perfect. God is in the story of our family, warts, blessings and all! God knows everyone by name. Names are important. Let's see us how Jesus fits into the larger story of Israel and therefore the larger story of God. A reading from Matthew the beginning:

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. ² Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³ and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, ⁴ and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵ and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶ and Jesse the father of King David. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, ⁷ and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, ⁸ and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, ⁹ and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, ¹⁰ and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, ¹¹ and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. ¹² And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, ¹³ and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, ¹⁴ and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, ¹⁵ and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, ¹⁶ and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah. ¹⁷ So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

Reader: The Word of God, word of life. **All: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah Wright

DEDICATION PRAYER FOR NEW COUNCIL 2018-19

Assisting Minister

Leader: The following people have been *elected* by the congregation to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these *sisters and brothers* will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation. Please come forward as your name is called:

Gwen Crupi
Jim Ritchie
Douglas Clark
Ross Smith
Linda Walsh
Rick Matthai

Adam Drescher II
Cheryl Bitner
David Bycoffe
Bryon Lundell
Sally Snell
Gretchen Le Kites

And our co-treasurers: Joyce Essel has been appointed to serve with Douglas Clark.

Leader: A reading from First Corinthians: *There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.* (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

Pastor: You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation. the specific duties of those being installed as outlined in the constitution:

- to lead this congregation in mission, long range planning and goals and evaluate
- to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness and service and support
- to oversee and provide for administration –staff, budget, constitution Bylaws Resolutions
- to be examples in the grace and compassion of Jesus Christ

Pastor: On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

Council: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Pastor: People of God, I ask you: will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

ALL: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Leader: I now declare you installed as officers / council members of this congregation. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Thank you for answering the call. You are a blessing. Let us rise and confess what we believe: