

St. John’s at Worship
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements *(please pass the fellowship roll)*

Introit “Sarabande” *J.S. Bach*

*Call to Worship

Leader: We stand before you, Lord,
with open souls ready to meet you.

**People: We sing before you, Lord,
with glad voices raised to greet you.**

Leader: We kneel before you, Lord,
with ready arms reaching for you.

**People: We are silent before you, Lord,
with humbled hearts seeking you.**

Leader: God, in your great love you have given yourself to us.

People: We gather now, giving ourselves to you.

*Hymn **92, vss. 1, 4, 6** “For the Beauty of the Earth”

*Prayer of Invocation and 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.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Giving God, you promise to provide for our lives,
but sometimes it is so hard to trust in that promise.**

**We worry about our lives:
our bank accounts and retirement plans,
our homes and possessions,
our families and futures.**

**We often fall back on *our own* means,
trying to provide *our own* way,
instead of placing our lives in your hands.**

**We try to be the god of our own lives,
and in that we have sinned.**

**Remind us that we are forgiven and loved,
that may we find in your grace
the courage to give ourselves wholly to you,
trusting only in you and your ability to provide.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

**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.**

Scripture Reading Mark 12:41 – 44 (p. 50)

Anthem “Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us” *D. Blair*

Scripture Reading Romans 12:1 – 13 (p. 161)

Sermon GIVING ALL Rev. Marshall
Summer Sermon Series: *Living Worship*

*Affirmation of Faith *From A Declaration of Faith (PCUSA)*

Jesus lived with a constant sense of God’s presence.

He put God’s claim on his life above all else.

He joined others in God’s worship and praise.

He drew strength from the Scriptures.

He prayed and taught his disciples to pray.

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us

personal lives that are centered in God

and open to God’s reality and rule.

Christ teaches us

to put obedience to God

above the interests of self, family, race, or nation;

to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time.

We need constantly to search out God’s way in Scripture,

relying on the Word to tell us who God is,

to press God’s present claim upon us,

and to assure us of God’s grace and comfort.

Life in God’s presence issues in life for others,

for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see,

we cannot love God whom we do not see.

*Hymn **640** “Take Our Bread”

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper (Intinction)

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Offering (Ushers will also collect blue prayer request cards at the time of the offering.)

Offertory “Deep in Our Hearts” *O. N. Russell*

*Doxology and Presentation of the Offering

**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

*Hymn **230 (GREEN)** “We Are an Offering”

We lift our voices, We lift our hands,

We lift our lives up to you, We are an offering

Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,

Lord, use our lives, they are yours, We are an offering

All that we have, All that we are,

All that we hope to be we give to you, We give to you

We lift our voices, We lift our hands,

We lift our lives up to you, We are an offering, We are an offering

*Benediction

*Postlude “This is my Father’s World”

*All who are able, please stand

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Virginia Holt*

Ushers *Terry, Ardath, and Anton Belzer*

Coffee Service *Judy Mileto*

Flowers *Given by Marie Cantafio in memory of her beloved husband, Ralph, and her beloved daughter, Gemma.*

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN’S!

We are so happy that you have joined us for worship this morning, and we hope that you experience the love of Jesus Christ here with us! If there is anything we can do to help you feel more at home, please feel free to ask one of the ushers located at each of the sanctuary doors. We would love for you to join us for refreshments downstairs immediately following worship. Our greeter, Virginia Holt, will be available in the back of the sanctuary after worship to answer any questions you might have about St. John’s. We are glad that you are here, and hope you will worship with us again soon!

ALPHA FOR YOUR MIND – KNOWLEDGE

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith that will be the focus of Supper at St. Johns this fall. Each session begins with talks designed to engage and inspire conversation. They explore the big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity. Each session explores questions such as Who is Jesus? How can we have faith? How does God Guide Us. Enrich your mind! Classes run from **September 21 through Dec 14.**

SUMMER BOOK STUDY – STARTS TODAY!

There has been so much racial tension in our country lately. How can we, as Christians, engage these struggles and respond in ways that are faithful and loving? In the month of August, Patrick will be leading a four-week study of the book *Trouble I’ve Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism* by Drew Hart (Professor of Theology at Messiah College). We will meet after worship (11 AM) in the Carriage House, starting next week when we will be discussing chapters 1 and 2. You can purchase the book at Amazon.com, and there are several copies on hold at Barnes & Noble.

GLEANNING TRIP – THANK YOU!

We would like to thank everyone who came out to participate in our second annual gleaning trip this past Wednesday. Twenty-three people offered their time and energy to pick tomatoes, beans, and other vegetables that will be donated to the Chester County Food Bank. A very special thank you to Debbie Ealer for organizing the event. We will definitely be doing this again next year, so please talk to Debbie if you are interested or would like more information.

TEACHERS NEEDED!

The Christian Education committee is looking for Sunday School teachers, both for our summer Sunday School program, and our traditional program beginning again in September. If you are interested, please let Jeff Ealer or Sam Hillier know. This is a great opportunity to connect with our kids and proclaim the Good News in their lives.

Summer Sunday School

This summer we are trying a new format that involves all grades from pre-K to Senior High. Each Sunday we will break down into age groups to have a Bible study where we will read Scripture and discuss what it means to us, followed by a group activity (like Bible baseball outside, games, or a service project), and then some sort of snack (like ice cream), and finish with a devotional. Jeff Ealer is leading this project, and needs help with teaching and running the activities. Please contact Jeff if you are interested in helping. Also, if your child has food allergies please let Jeff know (snacks will mostly be sherbet, ice cream, and maybe an occasional donut). Here is the schedule that is subject to change based on teacher availability:

Date	Pre-k/1st	2nd-4th	5th/7th	Senior High
8/7	David and Goliath	Unmerciful servant	Communion	
8/14	The Good Samaritan	Servanthood		
8/21	Zaccheus	Joseph		
8/28	The Sower and the Seed	Job		
9/4	Prodigal Son	Sermon on the Mount	Communion	

(Bible study classes for 2nd-4th, 5th-7th and Senior High meet separately)

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

- Sun, Aug 7** 9:30 am Worship & Communion
11:00 am Book Study (Carriage House)
- Fri, Aug 12** 4:30 pm Kris Comegys-Ashley Clark
Wedding Rehearsal
- Sun, Aug 14** 9:30 am Worship
11:00 am Book Study (Carriage House)
3:00 pm Comegys-Clark Wedding

A Reminder about Staff Days Off

Patrick is out of the office on Fridays and Saturdays.
Lara is out on Saturdays and Sundays.
If you email or call on those days, you may not get a response until they are back in the office. Thank you for understanding!



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

From "The Giving Tree"
by Shel Silverstein

After a long time, the boy came back again.
"I am sorry, Boy," said the tree,
"but I have nothing left to give you –
my apples are gone."
"My teeth are too weak for apples," said the boy.
"My branches are gone," said the tree.
"You cannot swing on them."
"I am too old to swing on branches," said the boy.
"My trunk is gone," said the tree. "You cannot climb."
"I am too tired to climb," said the boy.
"I am sorry," sighed the tree.
"I wish that I could give you something,
but I have nothing left.
I am just an old stump. I am sorry."
"I don't need very much now," said the boy,
"just a quiet place to sit and rest. I am very tired."
"Well," said the tree,
straightening herself up as much as she could,
"an old stump is good for sitting and resting.
Come, Boy, sit down. Sit down and rest."
And the boy did.
And the tree was happy.

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