

## St. John's at Worship Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude "Allegro Maestoso" *G. F. Handel*

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

Introit "Ode to Joy" *L.V. Beethoven*

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune our hearts to sing your grace.

**People: Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise!**

Leader: Teach us some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above.

**People: Praise the mount! We're fixed upon it,  
Mount of your redeeming love!**

Leader: Let us worship God!

\*Hymn **430 (INSERT)** "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

### \*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

**Forgive us, Lord...**

**for we are more invested in the treasures of this world  
than in the riches of your kingdom.**

**We have trusted more in the promises of man  
than in your eternal Word.**

**We have relied more on our own strength and ability  
than on your incomparable power.**

**We have turned our faces from you  
and set our hope on that which does not last.**

**In doing so, we isolate ourselves from you,  
and we hurt our neighbors,  
allowing them to suffer while we satisfy ourselves.**

**May your grace draw our eyes back to you,  
draw our feet back to your right path,  
and draw our hearts back to our neighbor.**

**In our weakness and fear, we have wandered,  
but we long to return to you.**

### 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 Philippians 4:1 – 9 (p. 198) Nancy Davis

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

*Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade may go to Sunday School after the children's time.  
Sunday School ends at 10:45.*

Anthem "Give Thanks"

Scripture Reading Philippians 4:10 – 20 (p. 198)

Sermon RISING UP...AGAIN Rev. Marshall

\*Affirmation of Faith from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1983)

**In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"  
With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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

Offertory "Abide with Me" *W.H. Monk*

\*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 **399** "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude "Cannon" *W. A. Mozart*

\*All who are able, please stand

### ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Director of Music** *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

**Greeter** *Carol Netter*

**Ushers** *Mimi & Gordon Wright, Jim and Jordan Little*

**Coffee Service** *Kermit and Earline Eck*

**Flowers** *Flowers given this morning are given by Earline and*

*Kermit Eck, "In honor of the loving care and guidance our parents,*

*Donna and Earl Hensley and Stanley Eck surrounded us with."*

**Devon Brass** *Jeff Estabrook (trumpet), Mark Ator (French horn) and  
Paul Steege (trombone)*

*\*There are still dates in the fall available to sponsor altar flowers! Contact Lauren Feldman for more info.*

### 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, Carol Netter, 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!

### SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S

Join us Wednesday at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall as we share a delicious dinner and explore session 7 of Alpha: "How Does God Guide Us?" Even if you haven't come to the previous sessions, you can still join in the conversation without missing a beat! There are activities for youth and child care for younger children. We are always looking for volunteers to set tables, help prepare meals, and bring desserts. Contact Carla Chieffo to help with set-up or dessert, or Betsy Miller to help with preparing the meals.

### SANDY RELIEF MISSION TEAM

The Sandy Relief Mission Team works to help those still struggling to rebuild homes in the wake of 2012's Superstorm Sandy. If you would like to join them for one or all three days of the next planned trips (**Nov 1-3, and Nov 29-Dec 1**), please contact Howard Friend or Joe Birmingham for more information.

### CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY TODAY!

The Trustees will be leading a church clean up day immediately following worship **today**. There is work for all ages and abilities, and lunch for everyone who helps! If you can give an hour to help spruce up our facilities, please speak with Jim Little or Liz Ward.

### CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEK!

Consecration Sunday is October 30! We will gather for worship at 9:30 AM to dedicate our pledges for the upcoming year. Immediately following worship, we will celebrate with a delicious brunch in Fellowship Hall. Our guest preacher for the morning will be Dr. Robert Duffett, President of Eastern University. Today is the deadline for reservations, so if you have not already turned in a reservation card, please fill out the one in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate, so that we can have an accurate count for food. You can also RSVP on our website ([www.stjohnsdevon.com](http://www.stjohnsdevon.com)) by clicking the "Consecration Sunday Celebration Brunch Reservations" link.

### DEACON'S COAT DRIVE

The deacons are collecting gently used or new winter coats and jackets for those in need. Please leave your donated items in the coat room of the carriage house by Sunday November 13th. All items will be cleaned before distribution.

## STOP HUNGER NOW RETURNS!

We're all concerned about the problem of hunger, and we have a way all of you can help right here at St. John's. On **Sunday, November 20**, we will be working with the international hunger relief organization *Stop Hunger Now* to pack 10,000 meals. To accomplish this task, we need 50 volunteers ready to go at 2 pm. The project will be completed in less than two hours, and we guarantee you'll have a great time. Anyone age 5 and older is welcome to participate. We also need a few volunteers at 1 pm to help with setup. To sign up, see Nancy Higgins. You can learn more at this website: [www.stophungernow.org](http://www.stophungernow.org).

## ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES – TONIGHT, 5–6 PM

Our Director of Music, Iris Blanco, is starting a monthly concert series on Sunday evenings in the sanctuary. These concerts will be free of charge and open to the community, as a way of inviting people in to hear wonderful music. There will be different themes each month, focusing on different styles of music or different composers, along with different instruments and vocalists. The first concert is **tonight from 5–6 PM**, and will feature compositions in the Romantic style. Please bring a friend and join us for an evening of amazing music!



### Today – Corn Maze!

We will leave from the church at 3 PM to drive to Hurricane Hill Farm in Coatesville for their 5-acre corn maze!

### Sunday, October 30 – Trunk or Treat & Zombie Grog!

You can dress up, decorate your car, or just come and hang out for Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot. The fun will start at 6 PM, with our annual Halloween game of ZOMBIE GROG starting at 7 PM!



Trunk Or Treat will take place on Sunday, October 30 from 6–7:30 PM in the parking lot. If you have never been, the idea behind Trunk or Treat is simple:

1. Park your car/truck/van/SUV in the church parking lot.
2. Decorate your trunk in a spooky or silly way.
3. Hand out candy to kids as they go from car to car

**Bring your kids, grandkids, neighbors...everyone is invited!** Even if you don't have kids involved, just come and decorate your trunk. To be sure we have enough cars, please let us know you will participate by please let us know you will participate by contacting the office, or signing up at coffee hour today.

## ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

<b>Sun, Oct 23</b>	8:00 am	Women's Biblical Reflections
	9:30 am	Worship and Sunday School
	11:00 am	Church Clean Up Day
	5:00 pm	St. John's Concert Series Premiere
<b>Wed, Oct 26</b>	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's
<b>Sun, Oct 30</b>	<b>Consecration Sunday</b>	
	9:30 am	Worship and Sunday School Guest Preacher: Dr. Robert Duffett
	10:30 am	Celebration Brunch in Fell. Hall
	6:00 pm	Trunk or Treat

### A Reminder about Staff Days Off

Patrick is out of the office on Friday and Saturday.

Lara is out on Saturday and Sunday.

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

But have I given my life, she wonders:  
offers the thought up like incense on an altar:  
a last fragrant offering to the person she wants to be.  
A poem I cannot untell, nor words make unsaid,  
and songs once sung cannot be retrieved from the air  
after the singing.  
But my life, she says,  
rising from the table like a nervous sun  
and putting the still-warm porcelain in the sink  
on a tiny, sparkly note.  
My life is still mine to give...

- Erin Brown

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