

St. John's at Worship Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Introit "The Lord is my Shepherd" *Newman*

*Call to Worship From Psalm 145

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

People: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: The Lord is good to all, and God's compassion is over all that God has made.

People: The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

Leader: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

People: You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

Leader: Let our mouths speak the praise of the Lord and bless God's holy name as we worship!

*Hymn **8 (GREEN) vss. 1, 3, 4** "Gather Us In"

*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

**You call us to live life together,
in harmony with each other and with you.
But we confess, Lord,
that we spend our time and energy and resources
as if *we* are the only ones who matter in this world.
We throw away food,
while our neighbor goes hungry.
We buy more things we don't need,
while our neighbor can't make ends meet.
We pursue our own pleasure,
while our neighbor is hurting and lonely.
Forgive us for neglecting the needs of our neighbors.
In your great love, draw us out beyond ourselves,
so that we can see a bigger picture
and truly be at one with our neighbor and with you.
Because we cannot live in harmony with *you*
if we aren't living in harmony with *each other*.**

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.**

Old Testament Reading Genesis 32:22 – 31 (pg. 30)

Children's Time Rev. Joyner

Blessing of Departing Members *The Little Family*

Leader: In baptism our Lord Jesus Christ put his name on you and claimed you as his own. We have rejoiced to share with you in life and in ministry these many years. In this community of faith, we hope that you have been nurtured in your knowledge and love of God as you have heard the good news of God's saving love. You have been nourished at Christ's table and have nourished others by sharing your gifts in service. God has blessed you and made you a blessing in our life together.

People: You have deepened our joy and lightened our sorrow. We will miss your friendship, love, and support, yet we rejoice that you will now bless others as you have blessed us.

*Pre-K through 4th grade may go to Sunday School at this time.
Grades 5 through 12 stay for communion.*

Anthem "Here I Am Lord" *Evanovich*

New Testament Reading Matthew 14:13 – 21 (pg. 16)

Sermon THE BLESSING IN BEING ALONE Rev. Marshall

*Hymn **510, vss. 1, 3** "Come, Ye Disconsolate"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Intinction)

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion of the People

*You are invited to come forward by the center aisle, take a piece of bread,
dip it in the cup, and return to your seat by the outside aisle.
Gluten free bread is available at the table on the left.*

Prayer after Communion

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

Offertory "Meditation" *Massenet*

*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 (If you need to sit for the prayer, please feel free.)

*Hymn **284 (GREEN)** "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

*Benediction

*Postlude "Holy, Holy, Holy" *Evanovich*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Jim Netter*

Ushers *The Crill Family*

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

Refreshments *Mildred and Jose Irizarry - Del Valle*

Guest Musicians *Alexandr Kislitsyn (violin)*

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 in the Carriage House immediately following worship. Our greeter, Jim 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!

THANK YOU!

Marilyn Benton and her family would like to thank the whole congregation for your kind thoughts and prayers during Scott's illness and death.

LOWER LEVEL RENOVATION UPDATE

Construction downstairs is in full swing and is still scheduled to be completed by the end of September! **The entire lower level is a construction zone and thus not available for passage or use of any kind.** Restrooms are available in the Carriage House. Nursery care and coffee fellowship have also been moved to the Carriage House for the duration of the summer.

SUMMER COMMUNION

Due to renovations and the loss of kitchen/preparation space downstairs, the Session has voted to celebrate communion by Intinction (come forward, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup of juice) for the remainder of the summer. We celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month (today and September 3). St. John's communion is not just for members or Presbyterians. Anyone who places their faith in Jesus Christ and seeks his nourishment is encouraged to share this meal with us!

ST. JOHN'S FALL FESTIVAL – SAVE THE DATE!

Our annual Fall Festival will take place on Sunday, September 10 from 5–7 PM! We will kick off the program year with burgers and hotdogs, live music from the Joy Messengers, and games for the kids. It's a chance for everyone to come back together after the summer for fellowship, food, and fun! Be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks.

CHURCH-WIDE GLEANING TRIP – RESCHEDULED

The gleaning trip scheduled for this past week is being rescheduled due to rain. We are looking at available dates with the Chester County Food Bank, and an email will be sent out as soon as a date is selected. You can get more information and sign up by contacting Debbie Ealer. Anyone age 12 and up is welcome to participate. *Gleaning is the biblical act of collecting leftover crops from farmers' fields after they have been harvested and giving them to those in need. We will be gathering fruit and vegetables at Pete's Produce Farm (1225 East Street Road, West Chester) to benefit the Chester County Food Bank.*

PASTORAL VACATION

Patrick will be on vacation and unavailable by email or phone from Monday, August 7 through Sunday, August 20 (back in the office on Monday, August 21). Ridgley will be available for any pastoral care needs, and you can contact her at 610-764-6436.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are still looking for volunteers to help teach summer Sunday School. If you can give one or two Sunday mornings to help our children learn about God's love, please email Ellen Moeller. This year Summer Sunday school will have 3 classes: Kindergarten-4th, 5th-7th, and 8th-12th. Each Sunday will begin with prayer, devotion, and a Bible story, followed by a craft or outside activity. If you would like to help, the CE committee has teaching material you may use, or you can bring your own ideas!

WELCOMING RIDGLEY AND WILL

Ridgley and Will are looking for your recommendations to help them get to know the area better. If you have any suggestions for restaurants, activities, doctors, etc, please write them down and drop them off in the bin in Lara's office. In addition, we will be hosting a series of get-togethers over the next few months so that they can get to know their church family a little better. The next get-together will be a Back-to-School Barbecue at Laurie Cato's home in Malvern on **Sunday, August 27 from 5-7 PM**. These gatherings are being limited to 14-15 people, so that Ridgley and Will get a chance to talk to everyone. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Barbara McConnell to sign-up. There will be more events to come in the fall!

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Aug 6	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Communion (Intinction)
Sun, Aug 13	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School

Patrick will be on vacation until Monday, August 21. Ridgley 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. If you have a pastoral emergency after hours or on a Saturday, you can call 610-764-6436.



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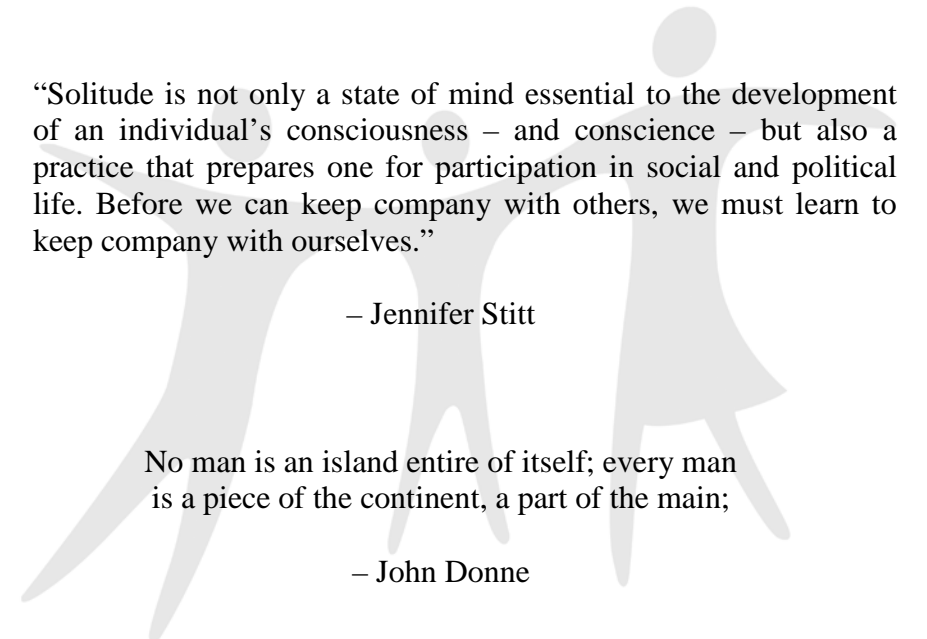
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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



“Solitude is not only a state of mind essential to the development of an individual's consciousness – and conscience – but also a practice that prepares one for participation in social and political life. Before we can keep company with others, we must learn to keep company with ourselves.”

– Jennifer Stitt

No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main;

– John Donne

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