

St. John's at Worship Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Introit

*Call to Worship From Psalm 145

Leader: When we long for the special effects we think life should offer:

People: it is enough, for us, that God comes in a soft, summer shower.

Leader: When we our hearts are cracked by the drought of doubt:

People: It is enough, for us, that God opens up the fountains of faith for us.

Leader: When our senses are deadened by the sales pitches of our culture:

People: It is enough, for us, that God wraps us in the silence of grace.

*Hymn 117 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

*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

**God,
We confess that we do not always understand Your ways.
We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns
and our carefully laid plans and dreams come to nothing.
We confess that we are quick to give up when things get difficult,
and quick to question Your presence and Your power.**

Forgive us.

Grant us patience to wait for Your good timing.

Open our eyes to recognize Your leading in our lives—

to listen for Your gentle whisper when we least expect it.

And then give us courage to step out in faith and obedience,

trusting in Your leading even when we cannot yet see the outcome.

**We praise You for Your faithful love,
and pray that You would make us worthy to bear Your name.**

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 1 Kings 19:1-18 (pg. 326) Howard Friend

Children's Time Rev. Joyner

Pre-K through 12th grade may go to Sunday School after the children's time.

Anthem

New Testament Reading Matthew 14:22 – 23 (pg. 16)

Sermon TAKE MY LIFE Rev. Joyner

*Hymn 92 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

*Affirmation of Faith Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
God with us in human flesh,
who proclaimed the reign of God;
he preached Good News to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the broken-hearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the Gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

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

Offertory

*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 399 "Take My Life and Let it Be"

*Benediction

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music Iris Blanco-Urgelles

Greeter Debbie Ealer

Ushers Laurie and Courtney Cato

Flowers Given by Linda Groves in memory of Michael Groves.

Refreshments Nancy Crawford

Joy Messengers Lisa Howell, Lauren Feldman, Pam Schafer,

John Senior, Nancy Kimmons

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, Debbie Ealer, 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!

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. We have decided to replace our Hobart brand commercial dishwasher, and are currently looking for a home for the old one. If you know of a good cause, such as a community center or non profit, that would be able to make use of a donated commercial dishwasher, please email Lara at lara.kennedy@stjohnsdevon.com for more details.

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 (the next time will be September 3rd). 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 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 Ridgley and Will can get to know their church family a little better. We are trying to limit these gatherings to 12-14 people, so that Ridgley and Will get a chance to talk to everyone. Thanks to our enthusiastic St. John's family, we have already filled the Back-to-School Barbecue at Laurie Cato's home in Malvern on Sunday, August 27 from 5- 7 PM. We have also filled the dinner party and Libby and Dave Dalrymple's house in Devon on September 16. The next available event will be a cook-out at Lisa and Jeff Estabrook's home in Paoli on Saturday, October 21 at 1 PM. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Barbara McConnell to sign-up. If you would be willing to host a get-together for Ridgley and Will in November, please get in touch with Barbara McConnell.

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

If you are teaching Sunday School this year, please join us for teacher training in the Carriage House on **Wednesday August 23rd from 6:00pm-7:00pm**. Here we will learn about group dynamics, how to teach what you teach, best practices, and much more! We are also looking for "extra hands" to help facilitate (not teach) Sunday School this Fall. If you are interested in getting a glimpse of what Sunday School is like, please contact Ridgley Joyner (rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com) for more information!

WELCOME MICHELLE

Please join us in welcoming a familiar face back to St. John's this Sunday. This Fall, Michelle Miles, a student at Eastern University will be serving our church as the Nursery Care Supervisor. She will be serving alongside our volunteers to be another consistent face for our children and visitors. Please stop by after worship to greet Michelle!

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Aug 13	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
Mon, Aug 21	6:00 pm	Christian Education Retreat (Kean Room)
Wed, Aug 23	6:00 pm	Fall SS Teacher Training (Carriage House)
Sun, Aug 27	8:00 am	Deacons Meeting (Carriage House)
	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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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

Blessing of Elijah

Make no mistake.
This blessing that comes
like hands laid
upon your head,
a mantle draped
across your shoulders:
you do not bear it alone.

Take it up,

and know the presence
of those who have passed this
on to you:
who encompass you
who enfold you
who go with you
and release you
into the keeping of the road
that is your own
and the One
who has called your name.

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