

St. John's at Worship Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Introit

*Call to Worship Psalm 133 (paraphrased)

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

People: It is like precious oil on our heads; a reminder of God's grace running down our faces, anointing us.

Leader: It is like cool morning dew falling upon the mountain where God blessed his people.

People: For there the Lord ordained his people and blessed them forever.

Leader: Let us now dwell together in the blessing and presence of the Lord. Let us come to God in prayer...

*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.

*Hymn **14 (GREEN)** "God, You Call Us to This Place"

Scripture Reading Exodus 1:8 – 14 (pg. 49) Rev. Joyner

Unison Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for the ways that we fail to have mercy.

Forgive us for the ways that we fail to forgive.

Love us, despite the ways that we fail to love.

Heal the wounds in the world and our lives that open us to sin, and extend to us, we pray, the grace that we fail to extend to others.

Silent Confession

Scripture Reading Exodus 1:15 – 22 (pg. 49) Rev. Joyner

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 Exodus 2:1 – 10 (pg. 49) Betsy Friend

Children's Time Rev. Joyner

Pre-K through 12th grade may go to Sunday School at this time.

Anthem

Scripture Reading Romans 12:1 – 8 (pg. 161)

Sermon LIVING MONUMENTS Rev. Marshall

At the end of the sermon, we will have a moment of silent reflection and prayer.

Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.

He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father, Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church;

the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 **435 (INSERT)** "We All Are One in Mission"

*Benediction

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Virginia Holt*

Ushers *Betsy and Bob Miller*

Flowers *Given by Marilyn Benton & family in loving memory of William Benton – husband, father, and grandfather – and Scott Benton – son, brother, and uncle.*

Refreshments *Iris Blanco-Urgelles and Sirelda Urgelles*

Guest Musician *Anders Hyatt*

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, 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!

PASTORAL CARE NEEDS

St. John's has a phone number specifically for pastoral care emergencies. If you (or someone you know) are in need of pastoral care when the church office is closed, please call 610-764-6436. Be sure to leave a message, and a pastor will return your call immediately.

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 (the next time will be next Sunday, 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 CONCERT SERIES RETURNS!

Our monthly concert series returns on **September 17 (5–6 PM)** featuring Musical Forms: Nocturnes, Tangos, and Ragtime! These concerts are free of charge and open to the community. Each month's concert will focus on a different theme, style of music, or composer, along with different instruments and vocalists. Please bring a friend and join us for an evening of amazing music!

MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

The Men's Breakfast Club will reconvene on **Friday, September 8**, and meet each Friday morning through December 15. Russ Cadle of Friendship Ministries leads a gathering of 25–30 men each week, teaching God's word through scripture, stories, and life experiences. The schedule is:

Breakfast in the Carriage House 6:30 – 7:00

Opening Prayer and Bible Study 7:00 – 7:25

Discussion and questions 7:25 – 7:40

Closing prayer and clean-up 7:40 – 7:50

This is open to men of all ages. We hope that you will join us!

ST. JOHN'S FALL FESTIVAL – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

We will kick off the program year with our annual Fall Festival on Sunday, September 10 from 5–7 PM! There will be good food, 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! St. John's will provide burgers, hotdogs, drinks, and ice cream. Admission is \$5 per person, no more than \$15 for a family (guests are free!). This year, we are asking for your help with sides and desserts. **If your last name begins with a letter A–M, please sign up to bring a side (potato/pasta salad, baked beans, cole slaw). If N–Z, please sign up to bring a dessert (cake, pie, cookies).** You can sign up with Nancy Phillips after worship.



Wednesday, September 6 – Youth Group Parents Meeting (6 PM)

Parents of youth in grades 6–12 are invited to join Ridgley in the Youth Room for an introductory meeting for the 2017–18 Youth Group calendar.

Sunday, September 17 – Confirmation Class Parents Meeting (11 AM)

If your child is in 8th grade (or has not gone through Confirmation Class before), we invite you to join us in the Youth Room to go over the details of this year's class. Confirmation Class will be held on Wednesday nights (beginning October 4), concurrent with Supper at St. John's. A letter to prospective students will be arriving in the mail soon.

Please talk to Ridgley if you have any questions about either of these.

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 limiting 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, the August and September gatherings are already full! The next available event will be a cook-out at Lisa & Jeff Estabrook's home in Paoli on Saturday, October 21 at 1 PM. If you are interested in attending (or hosting an event in November), please contact Barbara McConnell.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Aug 27 8:00 am Deacons Meeting (Carriage House)
9:30 am Worship & Sunday School
Mon, Aug 28 10:00 am Sewing Group in Kean Room
Sun, Sept 3 9:30 am Worship & Communion (Intinction)
Mon, Sept 4 **Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day**
Thurs, Sept 7 10:00 am Women's Bible Study in Kean Room

Patrick and Ridgley are 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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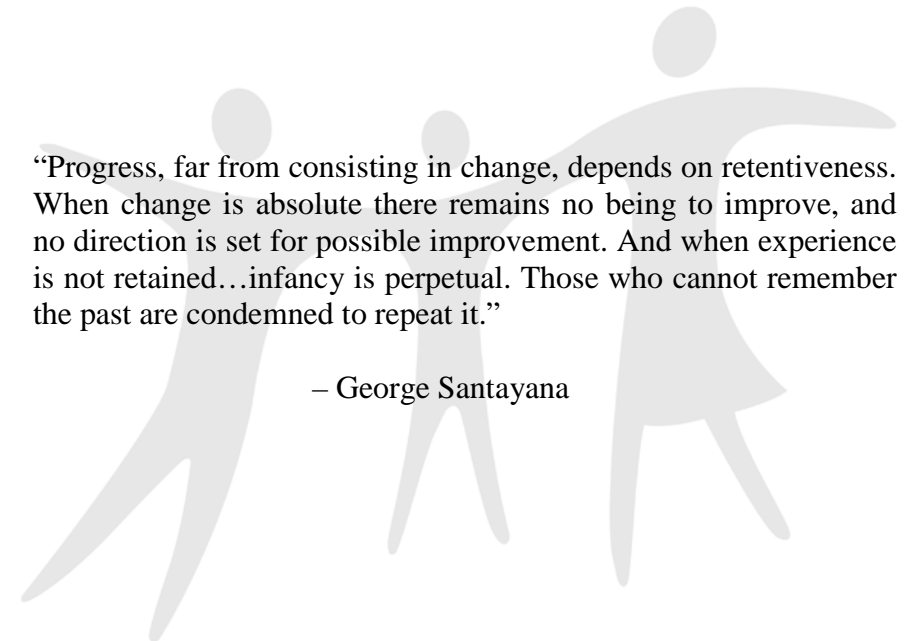
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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



“Progress, far from consisting in change, depends on retentiveness. When change is absolute there remains no being to improve, and no direction is set for possible improvement. And when experience is not retained...infancy is perpetual. Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”

– George Santayana

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