

St. John's at Worship Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

*Sung Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation “All Who Are Thirsty”

**Let all who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the wave of God's mercy
As deep cries out to deep, we sing**

**Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come, Lord Jesus, come**

(Repeat all)

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and loving God, we do not always love you
with all our heart and soul and mind,
and we do not always love our neighbor as ourselves.
For the ways that we do not trust you or our neighbor...
For impure thoughts that do not honor you or our neighbor...
For the things we say and do that hurt our neighbor
and fail to give you glory...
For the ways that we fail to see your image in our neighbor...
For the times that we do not listen to your voice
or to the cries of our neighbor...
Have mercy on us, Lord, and help us to live in your forgiveness.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, let us proclaim together the good news of our faith...
People: In Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven!
Leader: Thanks be to God! Amen!

*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 3:1 – 15 (pg. 50) Jeff Estabrook

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

Sermon HOLY GROUND Rev. Marshall

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

*Hymn (sung three times, the third time a capella)

Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,
I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Intinction)

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & 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.

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 right.*

Prayer after Communion

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 294 (GREEN) “Go to the World!”

*Benediction

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*
Greeter *Sandie Puckett*
Ushers *Betsy and Bob Miller*
Flowers *Given by Steve and Kelly Barnes in memory of
Steve's mother, Mary Caroline Purcell Barnes.*
Refreshments *Sharlene Cirillo*
Guest Musician *Frank Mercurio (trumpet)*

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, Sandie Puckett, 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!

COMMUNION AT ST. JOHN'S

We are celebrating the Lord's Supper today by Intinction (come forward, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup of juice). Communion at St. John's 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!

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 until October.

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!

HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF

The Outreach Committee has approved sending \$5,000 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) for Hurricane Harvey relief in Texas. Many of you have asked how you can help, so we want to open this opportunity up to you, too. If you would like to give a financial gift to this relief effort, please make out a check to St. John's with "Harvey Relief" in the memo line. (You can either put your check in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.) **The deadline for gifts is Sunday, September 10.** Presbyterian Disaster Assistance gives 100% of the funds they receive directly to relief work on the ground. If you would like to learn more about PDA, please visit their website: <http://pda.pcusa.org>

ST. JOHN'S FALL FESTIVAL – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 (5–7 PM)

We will kick off the program year with our annual Fall Festival next Sunday, September 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 10 (5–7 PM)

Join us for Giant Jenga, 9-Square-in-the-Air, and Cornhole at the Fall Festival.

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 Kean 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.

Sunday, September 17 (5–7 PM)

Join us for our first Youth Group of the year! We will meet in the Carriage House at 5 PM for dinner, fellowship, and fun while we learn about God and the upcoming year. Bring a friend!

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

WELCOMING RIDGLEY AND WILL

We will be continuing to host 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 gathering 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 September gathering is already full! 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 (or hosting an event in November), please contact Barbara McConnell.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Sept 3	9:30 am	Worship & Communion (Intinction)
Mon, Sept 4	Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day	
Wed, Sept 6	6:00 pm	Youth Group parents meeting
Thurs, Sept 7	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study in Kean Room
Fri, Sept 8	6:30 am	Men's Breakfast in Carriage House
Sun, Sept 10	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	5:00 pm	Fall Festival
Mon, Sept 11	7:00 pm	Session Meeting

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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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

Earth's crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God,
But only he who sees takes off his shoes;
The rest sit round and pluck blackberries.

– Elizabeth Barrett Browning

September 3, 2017
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