

St. John's at Worship
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude “Which is the Properest Day to Sing” *Arne*

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

*Hymn **62, vss. 1, 5, 7** “All Creatures of Our God and King”

*Gathering Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Gracious and loving God,
it is with thanksgiving in our hearts that we come to you now,
grateful for this new day;
for the life you have given us to live in it,
and for the blessings that you have poured out upon all creation.
We come to sing your praise and learn your holy way,
because *only you* are worthy of our love and devotion.

In your presence, Lord, we are mindful of the ways
that we have *fallen short* of your holy way –
the words, thoughts, and actions that cause us to feel distant
from each other and from you.

We come before you knowing that we are undeserving
of your love and mercy, but that you extend it to us anyway.
And for that, we are humbled.

We come seeking your grace and peace,
the healing and life that only you can provide.
As we give ourselves to you in worship,
may we joyfully claim the love and forgiveness
that you continually offer us in Jesus Christ.
It is in his name that we live and love and pray, as he taught us...

*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.

Scripture Reading Exodus 14:19 – 31 (pg. 61) Jim Netter

Recognition and Dismissal of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee
Christin Ealer, Connor Loftus, Matt McClintick,
Ellen Moeller, Annie Powell, and Jim Ryland

Scripture Reading Matthew 18:21 – 35 (pg. 20) Rev. Joyner

The Sacrament of Baptism

Madelyn Lee Summers
Daughter of Andrew & Lindsay Summers
Andy Walsh, Elder Assisting

As part of the baptismal liturgy, we profess our faith using the 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.

(Pre-K – 12th grade leave for Sunday School until 10:45.)

Anthem “Go Up to the Mountain of God” *Helman*

Scripture Reading Romans 14:1 – 12 (pg. 163)

Sermon CROSSING THE SEA Rev. Marshall
At the end of the sermon, we will have a moment of silent reflection and prayer.

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

Offertory “Be Thou My Vision” *Marchand*

*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 **560** “Help Us Accept Each Other”

*Benediction

*Choral Response "O God We Worship Thee"

*Postlude “Trumpet Voluntary” *Stanley*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Virginia Holt*

Ushers *Barbara McClintick, Sirelda Urgelles,*

Will Joyner, Brian Bouvier

Flowers *Given in remembrance of Henry and Virginia Aikens's*
75th wedding anniversary and Henry's 100th birthday
by daughters, Kathy Johnson, Nancy Rich, and Judy Mileto.

Refreshments *The McClintick Family*

The Devon Brass *Mark Ator, Jeff Estabrook, Frank Mercurio,*

Paul Steege

Guest Musician *Julia Petters*

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!

LOWER LEVEL RENOVATION UPDATE

Dry wall is going up, the floors have been leveled, and construction 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.

HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF

We would like to thank everyone who gave in support of Hurricane Harvey relief through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. On top of the \$5,000 designated by the Outreach Committee, you contributed an additional \$5,035, for a total from St. John's of \$10,035! 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 – THANK YOU!

Last Sunday we kicked off the program year with our annual Fall Festival, and we would like to express our appreciation to everyone who came, brought food, helped set up and take down, or otherwise contributed their time and energy, especially: **John Adams, Alice Bell, Patrick Bullock, Dave Dalrymple, Ken and Mary Dilloway, Seth Duncan, Jeff Ealer, Lisa & Jeff Estabrook, Tom Higgins, Jose Irizarry, Will Joyner, Beth Kephart, Dan Luckenbach, John McClintick, Bob & Betsy Miller, Jim & Carol Netter, Bruce Phillips, Lindsay Phillips, Sandy Puckett, Jennifer Roberts, Carla & Rich Scott, Jeff Wagner, Andrew Ward, and Mark & Liz Ward. Nancy Kimmons & John Senior** organized our musical entertainment, and **Nancy Phillips** deserves a tremendous amount of appreciation for serving as the point person organizing the whole event. The hard work of these dedicated people made for a wonderful kickoff to our program year! Thank you all!

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY

The Women's Book Study Group is starting a new book, *The Imitation of Christ* by Thomas a Kempis. This is a Christian classic, written in the 1400s, but translated into modern day English. They meet on Sunday mornings at 8:00 AM in the Carriage House, and all women are invited!

“WALK HER HOME” 5K WALK/RUN AND FALL FESTIVAL

Enjoy a fall day walking a nature trail while raising funds to support Dawn's Place, a St. John's mission partner that provides residential support for survivors of human trafficking. **Saturday, October 7th (11 AM) at the Westtown School in West Chester.** To donate or register, visit walkherhome.org. Please contact Betsy Friend or Christine Markle with any questions.

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES RETURNS!

Our monthly concert series returns on **tonight from 5–6 PM** in the sanctuary! The focus will be on 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!



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.

YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT (5–7 PM)!

Join us for our first Youth Group of the year! Youth in grades 6–12 are invited to meet in the Carriage House at 5 PM for tacos, get-to-know-you games, and packing clean up buckets for Hurricane Harvey relief. Bring a friend!

Sunday, September 24 (4–6 PM) – Linvilla Orchards

Meet at the church at 4 PM as we carpool to Linvilla Orchards for a corn maze, hay ride, apple slingshots, and other fall fun! Please bring \$10 per youth. If you are interested in carpooling/driving, please contact Ridgley.

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. Each gathering is limited to 12–14 people so that Ridgley and Will get a chance to talk to everyone. The next 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 contact Barbara McConnell.

CHESTER COUNTY FAMILY ACADEMY FOOD DRIVE

Chester County Family Academy is a public charter school in West Chester that nurtures 110 underprivileged students from K through 2nd grade. Most of the students receive free breakfast and lunch at school, but when they go home on the weekends, those meals are not guaranteed. Because of this, the school sends each child home with a backpack full of food on Friday, so they won't go without over the weekend. The Deacons are organizing a food drive to help the school fill those backpacks! More details are coming, and the drive will begin in October. Contact Mimi Wright with any questions.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

If you have a child attending college this year, please contact Kristi Thomson to sign up for them to receive a care package! We are also looking for volunteers to bring in certain items and help put the care packages together.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

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| Sun, Sept 17 | 9:30 am | Worship & Sunday School The Sacrament of Baptism |
| | 11:00 am | Confirmation Class Parents Meeting (in Kean Room) |
| | 5:00 pm | Youth Group (Carriage House) |
| Mon, Sept 11 | 7:00 pm | Adult Christian Education Meeting |
| Sun, Sept 24 | 9:30 am | Worship & Sunday School The Sacrament of Baptism |
| | 4:00 pm | Youth Group trip to Linvilla Orchards (meet at church to carpool) |
| Fri, Sept 29 | 5:00 pm | Ator-Farrell Wedding Rehearsal |
| Sat, Sept 30 | 4:30 pm | Ator-Farrell Wedding |
| Sun, Oct 1 | | World Communion Sunday |
| | 8:00 am | Deacons Meeting (Carriage House) |
| | 9:30 am | Worship & Sunday School Communion (Intinction) |
| | 3:00 pm | Ridgley's Installation Service |

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

“If you pour a handful of salt into a cup of water, the water becomes undrinkable. But if you pour the salt into a river, people can continue to draw the water to cook, wash, and drink. The river is immense, and it has the capacity to receive, embrace, and transform.”

In the same way, when our hearts are small, our understanding and compassion are limited, and we suffer. We can't accept or tolerate others and their shortcomings, and we demand that they change. But when our hearts expand, these same things don't make us suffer anymore. We have a lot of understanding and compassion and can embrace others. We accept others as they are, and then they have a chance to transform.”

– Thich Nhat Hanh

September 17, 2017
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