

## St. John's at Worship Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Introit

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, you who are joyful  
and have experienced God's blessings!

**People: Let us give thanks to the Lord  
and celebrate God's wonderful works!**

Leader: Come, you who are burdened and in need of God's help.

**People: Let us call out to the Lord,  
trusting that God hears our cries  
and provides for our needs.**

Leader: Whatever has drawn us here today –  
whether your joy or your sorrow,  
your gratitude or your need –  
God welcomes us and receives us with love.  
So let us give ourselves to God in worship!

\*Hymn **139, vss. 1, 2, 4, 5** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

\*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

**Life is a gift from you, O Lord.  
But we confess that we do not always live in ways  
that show gratitude for the gifts you give.  
You give us time, and we waste it.  
You give us abilities, and we let them go unused.  
You give us resources, and we squander them.  
You give us love, and we place conditions on it.  
You give us forgiveness, and we do not extend it to others.  
We fall short of your glory in our words and our thoughts,  
in how we treat creation, and how we treat each other.  
Lord, in your mercy, cleanse us from our sin.  
Remind us that each *day*, each *breath*, each *relationship*  
is a gift from you,  
and help us to live in ways that say, “Thank you.”**

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.**

Scripture Reading Exodus 16:2 – 15 (pg. 62) Sharlene Cirillo

The Sacrament of Baptism

William Robert Crean  
Son of Mark & Abby (Williams) Crean

*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 – 12<sup>th</sup> grade leave for Sunday School until 10:45.)*

Anthem “For All That You Are” *Koerts*

Scripture Reading Matthew 20:1 – 16 (pg. 21)

Sermon FRENCH FRIES, PENCILS, Rev. Marshall  
AND THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

*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

\*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 **127, vss. 1, 3** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response “O God We Worship Thee”

\*Postlude “Flying Leaves” *Koelling*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Director of Music** *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

**Greeter** *Andrea Zomber*

**Ushers** *Nancy Davis, Shirley Hughes, Bob & Sue Chudy*

**Flowers** *Given by the Bellew Family in celebration of our children.*

**Refreshments** *Ellen Moeller*

**Guest Musician** *Arthur Hu*

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, Andrea Zomber, 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 up, the flooring is down, and construction should be completed in the next few weeks! **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.

SANDY RELIEF TRIP

This December the Sandy Relief Team will celebrate its fifth anniversary of serving. In that time we have made 50 trips to the Jersey shore over a total of 150 days. And reportedly 6,000 families still await assistance! There are four trips scheduled this fall: **October 3-5, October 24-26, November 14-16, and December 12-14.** Join us for all three days, or just for one or two! No matter what your skill level, there will be work for you to do. Contact Howard Friend to sign up or ask questions.

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 at with any questions.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

#### RIDGLEY'S INSTALLATION SERVICE

Join us next Sunday, October 1, at 3:00 PM as we officially install Ridgley as our Associate Pastor for Youth and Family Ministry! This will be a separate worship service (in addition to our regular morning service), featuring a guest preacher (the Rev. Dr. Mark Douglas, Professor of Christian Ethics at Columbia Theological Seminary) and members of Presbytery. There will be a reception following in the Carriage House. Come help us celebrate Ridgley!

#### ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES

Our next monthly concert will be **October 15 from 5-6 PM**, and will focus on the music of the Beatles! 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!

#### 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.



#### TONIGHT – Linvilla Orchards

We will be leaving from the church at 3 PM and carpooling to Linvilla Orchards for a corn maze, hay ride, apple slingshots, and other fall fun! Please bring \$10 per youth.

#### Sunday, October 1 – Ridgley's Installation (3 PM)

Join us for a celebration of Ridgley, as she is formally installed as our Associate Pastor!

#### 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. The next available events are a cook-out at Lisa and Jeff Estabrook's home in Paoli on **Saturday, October 21 at 1 PM** and a brunch at Liz and Mark Ward's home on **Sunday, November 19 at 1 PM**. If you are interested, please contact Barbara McConnell.

#### ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

<b>Sun, Sept 24</b>	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School The Sacrament of Baptism
	3:00 pm	Youth Group trip to Linvilla Orchards (meet at church to carpool)
<b>Mon, Sept 25</b>	10:00 am	Sewing Group
<b>Wed, Sept 27</b>	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's begins
<b>Fri, Sept 29</b>	5:00 pm	Ator-Farrell Wedding Rehearsal
<b>Sat, Sept 30</b>	4:30 pm	Ator-Farrell Wedding
<b>Sun, Oct 1</b>		<b>World Communion Sunday</b>
	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. **Please note that both Patrick and Ridgley will be out of the office on Monday and Tuesday of this week.** If you are in need of pastoral care, please call 610-764-6436.



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

Every bone in me belongs to others;  
and maybe I robbed them.  
I came to take something for myself that maybe  
was meant for some other man;  
and I start thinking that, if I had not been born,  
another poor man could have drunk this coffee.  
I feel like a dirty thief...Where will I end?

I wish I could beat on all the doors  
and beg pardon from someone,  
and make bits of fresh bread for him  
here, in the oven of my heart...!

From the poem "Our Daily Bread"  
by Cesar Vallejo

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