

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

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

Introit "Chante" *McMichael*

Call to Worship From Psalm 19

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God!  
The whole world proclaims God's handiwork!

**People: They speak no words,  
and yet their praises resound throughout all the earth!**

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

**People: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.**

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

**People: The commandment of the Lord is clear,  
enlightening the eyes.**

Leader: The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**People: They are more desirable than gold and sweeter than honey.**

**All: Let the words of our mouths  
and the meditation of our hearts  
be acceptable to you, O Lord,  
our rock and our redeemer.**

\*Hymn 11 (GREEN) "Be Still, for the Presence"

\*Calling upon God's Healing Presence (ending with 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.**

\*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 20:1 – 4, 7 – 9, 12 – 20 (pg. 66) Nancy Davis

Children's Time Rev. Joyner  
*Pre-K – 12<sup>th</sup> grade may leave for Sunday School until 10:45.*

Anthem "Rejoice in God" *Schutz*

Scripture Reading Philippians 3:4b – 14 (pg. 198)

Sermon BACK TO THE BASICS Rev. Marshall  
*At the end of the sermon, we will have a moment of silent reflection and prayer.*

\*Affirmation of Faith

**God keeps his promises and gives us hope.  
In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God kept his promises.  
All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ.  
But the work of God in Christ is not over.  
God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.  
The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence  
that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.  
In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth,  
certainty of victory over death,  
assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.  
This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.  
We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom.  
But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil  
that are possible now in the world, the church,  
and our individual lives.  
Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition,  
however invincible it may seem,  
for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming.  
Jesus is Lord!  
He has been Lord from the beginning.  
He will be Lord at the end.  
Even now, he is Lord.**

Declaration of Faith

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

Offertory "If You Love Me" *Beck*

\*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 178, vss. 1, 2, 4, 5 "Hope of the World"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "O Worship the Lord"

\*Postlude "Badinerie" *Bach*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

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

**Greeter** *Sandie Puckett*

**Ushers** *Gordon and Mimi Wright, Nancy and Lindsey Phillips*

**Flowers** *Given by Marie Cantafio in memory of my beloved  
husband, Ralph, and my beloved daughter, Gemma.*

**Refreshments** *Sharon and John Griffin*

**Guest Musician** *Julia Petters, Frank Mercurio, Jeff Estabrook,  
Miyuki Hashimoto*

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!

LOWER LEVEL RENOVATION UPDATE

Walls are being painted, cabinets and fixtures are being installed, and we have an elevator! 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 further notice.

VIETNAM DISCUSSION – TODAY, 11:00 AM

Join us at 11:00 AM in the Kean Room as we discuss Ken Burns' documentary series on *The Vietnam War* and share our own experiences of the war fifty years later. Whether you served in the war, experienced it from home, or have only experienced it through history, we will be discussing the ways in which we are still feeling the effects of that war, particularly as it relates to our faith and the Church.

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES

Our next monthly concert will be next Sunday, **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!

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S – WEDNESDAYS AT 6 PM

Join us on Wednesdays at 6 PM for dinner followed by your choice of two classes. We are gathering in the Carriage House and keeping dinner simple (sandwiches, etc.) until the Fellowship Hall renovation is finished. But once the kitchen is open, we will resume our delicious homemade meals! We are offering two classes: a Bible study on the people closest to Jesus in Luke's gospel (and what we can learn from them), and a lecture-based discussion led by the Rev. Nicole Duran on different views of the afterlife. Classes conclude at 8 PM.

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. to help ensure greater food security, 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. Contact Mimi Wright with any questions.

### CONSECRATION SUNDAY – SAVE THE DATE!

Consecration Sunday is November 12! We will gather for worship with a special guest preacher at 9:30 AM to dedicate our pledges for the upcoming year. Immediately following worship, we will celebrate with a delicious catered brunch in our newly renovated Fellowship Hall. Please save the date on your calendar and be on the lookout for more information coming your way soon!



#### TONIGHT (5 – 7 PM)

Join us in the Carriage House for dinner, games, and a Bible study!

#### Sunday, October 15 (5 – 7 PM)

We will be doing a mission project for Ryan's Case for Smiles. Bring a friend for an evening of fun and service!

**Parents of High School students: \$65 deposit for the Reality Retreat is due tomorrow! Please see Ridgley with any questions.**



Trunk or Treat will take place on Sunday, October 29 from 6–7:30 PM in the parking lot. If you have never been, the idea behind Trunk or Treat is simple:

1. Park your car/truck/van/SUV in the church parking lot.
2. Decorate your trunk in a spooky or silly way.
3. Hand out candy to kids as they go from car to car

**Bring your kids, grandkids, neighbors...everyone is invited!** Even if you don't have kids involved, just come and decorate your trunk. To be sure we have enough cars, please let us know you will participate by please let us know you will participate by contacting the office, or signing up at coffee hour today.

#### 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. Our October gathering is now full. The next available event is a brunch at Liz and Mark Ward's home on **Sunday, November 19 at 1 PM**. If you are interested in attending, please contact Barbara McConnell.

#### 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

<b>Sun, Oct 8</b>	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	11:00 am	Vietnam Discussion
	5:00 pm	Youth Group (Carriage House)
<b>Mon, Oct 9</b>	7:00 pm	Stated Session Meeting (Kean Room)
<b>Wed, Oct 11</b>	5:30 pm	Cherub Choir
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's
<b>Thurs, Oct 12</b>	7:00 pm	Women's Fellowship

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

We, the church, are people who think grace  
Implies God does not tell us what to do.  
And yet these words are one more classic case  
Revealing One whose passion still breaks through.

For these "commandments" simply say what's true  
About a way of life that's good for all;  
It's mostly common sense that's so construed  
By holy writ, in hopes it might forestall  
Our self-destructive acts which jeopardize  
Community! Because deep down, God yearns  
Such rules might save this human enterprise,  
'Till love for all, from God, we might discern.

From "Ten Little Words"  
By Scott Barton

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