St. John's at Worship Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements (please pass the fellowship roll)

Introit

Call to Worship From Philippians 4

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always! Again, I say, rejoice! **People:** Let your gentleness be known to everyone.

The Lord is near!

Leader: Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and

supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made

known to God.

People: And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,

will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Leader: Set your heart on what is true and honorable and just, whatever

is worthy of praise.

People: And the God of peace will be with us!

Leader: Let us worship God.

*Hymn **21** (**GREEN**) "We Will Glorify"

*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

Gracious God, you call us to have no other gods before you,

but there are many other people and things that we worship.

We bow down at the altars of money and materialism,

pride and power,

status and security,

sports and celebrity;

any god that is more convenient, less demanding,

and instantly gratifying.

We do not always love you with all our heart,

and soul, and mind, and strength.

Break the lure of all the other gods in our lives.

Remind us that we are forgiven and loved,

so that with thankful hearts

we might give ourselves wholly to you, as you gave yourself wholly to us, in Jesus.

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 32:1 – 14 (pg. 78) Matt McClintick

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

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

Anthem "The Divine Image" Adams

Scripture Reading Matthew 22:1 – 14 (pg. 24)

Sermon DRESSED APPROPRIATELY Rev. Marshall At the end of the sermon, we will have a moment of silent reflection and prayer.

Welcoming New Members and Reaffirming the Baptismal Covenant

Richard & Claire Hangen Jake & Lisa Pool Sandra Puckett Mildred del Valle

As a part of reaffirming the baptismal covenant, we will profess our faith together using the Apostles' Creed:

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Saint-Saens

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.)

*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.

"Ave Maria"

*Prayer of Dedication (If you need to sit for the prayer, please feel free.)

*Hymn 267 (GREEN), vss. 1, 2, 4, 5

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

*Benediction

Offertory

*Choral Response "O Worship the Lord"

*Postlude "Are You my All in All" Jernigan

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of MusicIris Blanco-UrgellesGreeterAndrea Zomber

Ushers Gordon & Mimi Wright, John & Sharon Griffin
Flowers Given by Charlie & Janette Scott in memory of

Janette's parents, Joseph & Agnes Guarisco, on their wedding anniversary (married Oct. 15, 1949).

Refreshments Anne Swift, Gloria Recchi **Guest Musician** Miyuki Hashimoto, Yi Hajeong

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

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.

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES

Our next monthly concert will be **today 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.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

We have had a terrific response to college care package signups, with 17 students signed up so far! Due to the high number of signups, we find ourselves in need of more supplies! Specifically, we need **fruit snacks**, **single serving cereal boxes**, **single serving bags of snacks** (Cheezits, **pretzels**, **chips**, **etc.**), **granola bars**, **Ramen**, **microwave popcorn**, **and Tasty Kakes**. Items can be dropped off in the Carriage House entryway. If you have questions, please contact Kristi Thomson.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS COMING!

Consecration Sunday is **November 12**! We will gather for worship 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. Our guest preacher for the morning will be the Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson, the Stated Clerk of Donegal Presbytery. If you have not already turned in a reservation card, please fill out the one in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate, so that we can have an accurate count for food. You can also RSVP on our website (www.stjohnsdevon.com) by clicking the "Consecration Sunday Celebration Brunch Reservations" link.



Tonight, 4 – 6 PM (NOTE TIME CHANGE)

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

Sunday, October 22 (4 – 6 PM)

Join us for a fun night of games and fellowship as we also help pack college care packages.

Sunday, October 29 – Trunk or Treat & Zombie Grog

Come and decorate a car for Trunk or Treat at 6 PM, and then stay for Zombie Grog in the Carriage House when the sun goes down!

Other Upcoming Events:

Reality Retreat (High School)

Please turn in your final payment and release forms to Ridgley by Oct. 20.

David Crowder Concert – Friday, November 10 (7 – 9 PM)

Bring a friend and come rock out to some awesome music at Eastern University. Tickets are \$25, and we only have 15 spots left!

Star Wars: The Last Jedi – Friday, December 15 (6:30 – 9:30 PM)

We will be joining some other youth groups who have rented out two theaters at UA King of Prussia for the premiere of the new Star Wars movie, *The Last Jedi*! We will meet at the theater at 6:30 PM, with the movie starting at 7 (ending around 9:30). Tickets are \$17. We have 21 tickets available, so please let Ridgley know as soon as possible if you want to go.

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.



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.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Oct 15	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	4:00 pm	Youth Group (Carriage House)
	5:00 pm	St. John's Concert Series
Wed, Oct 18	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's (Carriage House)
		NO CONFIRMATION CLASS
Thurs, Oct 19	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study (Kean Room)
Sun, Oct 22	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
Mon, Oct 23	10:00 am	Sewing Group

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK

Patrick will be out of the office on vacation this week, and Ridgley is at a denominational event. **Rev. Elisabeth Hartwell**, the pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Berwyn, will be available for any pastoral care emergencies, and she can be reached on the pastoral care phone: **610-764-6436**.



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

In Christ there is no other.

No them.

No Jew or Gentile.

Only us.

Only we.

Not their children.

Ours.

Not *that* crisis.

Mine.

Can't build fences in someone else's Kingdom.

Can't lock doors you don't hold keys to.

Can't make guest lists for someone else's table.

Be astonished at your own invitation.

By Nichole Nordeman