

St. John's at Worship Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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

A Second for Stewardship John McClintick

Call to Worship

Leader: In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst

People: come, worship a God who feeds the hungry.

Leader: In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed

People: come, worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.

Leader: In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumor of war

People: come, worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.

Leader: In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness

People: come, worship a God who gives life meaning.

Leader: Come, worship a God whose grace and love know no end.

*Hymn 98 "To God be the Glory"

*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

One: ...Lord, be merciful:

All: forgive us our sin.

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive us our sins,
open our eyes to God's truth,
strengthen us to do God's will
and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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 33:12-23 (pg. 80)

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

Anthem "The Greater Glory of God" *Alonso*

Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (pg. 203)

Sermon SHOW ME THE GLORY! Rev. Joyner
At the end of the sermon, we will have a moment of silent reflection and prayer.

*Affirmation of Faith From A Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Offertory "I Will Magnify Thee, O God" *Mosenthal*

*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 284 GREEN "Go My Children with my Blessing"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "O Worship the Lord"

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD
Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*
Greeter *Carol Netter*
Ushers *Gordon & Mimi Wright, Skip & Marianne McClennen*
Flowers *Given by Nancy Kimmons and John Senior in honor
of our families; grateful for the love of our church family.*
Refreshments *Nancy and Tom Higgins*
Guest Musician *Yi Hajeong amd Miyuki Hashimoto*

Chancel Flowers: Deacons are in need of quart containers for the Chancel flowers! Please bring your clean, empty containers to the church and either give them to Pat Marshall or place them in the entry to the Carriage House.

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, Carol Netter, 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.

CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY – NOVEMBER 5TH!

Help us prepare to move back into fellowship hall! Following worship on Sunday, November 5th, we will be cleaning out the carriage house nursery, reorganizing storage areas, and disposing of unneeded items. You can wear your work clothes to worship, and lunch will be provided for all who help.

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 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.

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES

Our next monthly concert will be **Sunday, November 12 from 5–6 PM**, and will focus on Music from the Movies! 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!

ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH PARTNER – PHILABUNDANCE

Each month we highlight one of our mission partners and pray for the work that they do. This month the Outreach Committee has written a letter of encouragement and thanks to Philabundance. Founded in 1984, Philabundance provides food to approximately 90,000 people in the greater Philadelphia area each week. It is the region's largest hunger relief organization, providing both perishable and nonperishable food items that promote healthy living. You can learn more about them at www.philabundance.org. Charlie Krueger has the letter available for you to sign at Coffee Hour. If you would like to offer a word of encouragement and thanks for their work, **please sign the letter.**

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St. John's is having a mini Christmas bazaar on **Sunday, November 19 in Fellowship Hall** during coffee hour. We're raising money for victims of the hurricane in Puerto Rico and the earthquake in Mexico. We need artwork and other items for a silent auction; baked goods; jewelry; knitted, crocheted and woven items; and more. Please share your creative talents for a cause. The event is being organized by Darien Irizarry and Christian Outreach. More information to follow.

HANDBELL REHEARSAL

Handbell rehearsals are starting again! Adult ringers will meet on Thursday, Oct 26 from 6:30 to 7:45. Rejoicing Ringers will meet on Sunday, Oct 29 from 11:00 to 12:00. If you would like more information, contact Betsy Miller.

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.



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. 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.

CARRIAGE CLUB

Monday, November 6 at 12:00. (Please note that this is the **FIRST** Monday in November.) Following a light lunch, our new Associate Pastor, Rev. Ridgley Beckett Joyner, will make a presentation to let us get to know her a bit better. Babysitting will be available with seven days notice. If your schedule does not allow you to be present for the entire program, feel free to come and go as you must. Reservations are **GREATLY** appreciated and may be made by contacting Virginia Holt.



Sunday, October 29 (6 – 7:30 PM)

Trunk or Treat will take place next Sunday 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 22	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	4:00 pm	Youth Group (Carriage House)
Mon, Oct 23	10:00 am	Sewing Group
Wed, Oct 25	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class (Youth Room)
Thurs, Oct 26	6:30 pm	Adult Handbell Rehearsal
Sun, Oct 29	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	11:00 am	Rejoicing Ringers
	6:00 pm	Trunk or Treat

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

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

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