

St. John's at Worship
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

*Call to Worship

Leader: Why are we gathered together?

People: Because we experience God's unconditional love in Jesus Christ, and together, we strive to love God, our neighbors, and ourselves in return.

Leader: As an expression of that love, let us worship God together!

*Hymn **8 (GREEN), vss. 1, 3, 4** "Gather Us In"

*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

**Come into our lives, Lord,
 and where there is fear and pain,
 sin and shame,
 bring healing and wholeness.
 Come into our life *together*,
 and where there are conflict and grudges,
 injustice and oppression,
 or silence that allows such things to continue,
 bring healing and wholeness.
 Remind us that we are forgiven,
 so that we can live in love with you,
 with each other, and with ourselves, in Christ.**

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 Ephesians 1:3 – 14 (pg. 192) Sue Chudy

*At this time Pre-K – 4th grade leave for Sunday School until 10:45.
 Grades 5 – 12 stay for communion.*

Anthem "Be Strong in the Lord" *Fettke*

Sermon THE STATE OF OUR UNION Rev. Marshall
At the end of the sermon, we will have a moment of silent reflection and prayer.

*Hymn **620, vss. 1, 2** "One Bread, One Body"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Intinction)

Invitation to the Table
 Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
 Communion of the People
 Prayer after Communion

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

Offertory "Nearer My God to Thee"

*Doxology

**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 **545, vss. 1, 2, 4** "The Church's One Foundation"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Believe" *Hopson*

ANNUAL MEETING – TODAY
 The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of St. John's will begin immediately following worship for the purpose of:
 Distribution of the Annual Report
 Presentation of the Approved 2018 Budget
 Approval of Pastors' Terms of Call for 2018
 Election of Elders, Deacons, and Trustees

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*
Ushers *Sophie Slater, Michael Coradi, Matthew Loftus*
 Darien Irizarry, Abi Irizarry

Greeter *Virginia Holt*
Flowers *Given by Steve & Kelly Barnes*
Refreshments *Ellen Moeller*
Guest Musicians *Heather McConnell, Frank Mercurio*

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!

ASH WEDNESDAY LENTEN LUNCHEON & COMMUNION SERVICE

On Wednesday, February 14 (Ash Wednesday), the women of St. John's will gather to mark the beginning of the Lenten Season. The Lenten Luncheon is an annual tradition where we gather in friendship, share a delicious lunch, hear a thought provoking message, and celebrate the Lord's Supper. This year the message will be provided by our own Rev. Ridgley Joyner! We will begin at 11:30 AM and conclude around 1:00. We encourage you to offer an invitation to your sister, mother, friend, neighbor, or co-worker. All are welcome! Childcare will be provided upon request. You can sign up at coffee hour, or contact Nancy Crawford or Kathy Johnson.

ALL-CHURCH ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

All members of the church are invited to join us in the sanctuary for worship from **5:30–6 PM on Ash Wednesday (February 14)**. This will be a time to center ourselves for the season of Lent, preparing our hearts and minds for the death and resurrection of Christ. What does it mean for *us* to die and be reborn with him? You are encouraged to bring a friend and then stay for dinner at Supper at St. John's at 6 PM.

BLANKET DRIVE

Please consider a contribution to the annual Women's Fellowship Blankets+ drive for Church World Service. Donations will be taken using the envelope included in your bulletin during the offering in worship, or at coffee hour. All around the world, Church World Services helps impoverished communities with the basic tools they need to sustain their families. Your gifts provide warm blankets, hygiene kits, clean-up buckets, seeds and tools for farming, and food for those in need. Checks may be made payable to St. John's, with "Women's Fellowship" in the memo.

MILITARY CARE PACKAGES

We are putting together care packages for two troops connected to our congregation. A list of requested items will be coming soon. The collection will run through the end of the month. Tables will be set up for writing notes/valentines in the coming weeks. The youth will be packing the boxes on February 25, and we will mail them by the beginning of March. Thank you in advance for your generous contributions!

2018 FLOWER SIGN-UPS

The 2018 Flower sign-up calendar is now on display in Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to sign up for any open date and complete one of the order forms in the folder next to the calendar. The price remains \$48, which covers two arrangements, and they are yours to keep after worship or give to someone in need of a little cheer. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Marshall.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

The Outreach committee is selling Eric Hagen's jazz CD, "Real You, Real Me" during coffee hour today. Eric is the son of new members Claire and Richard Hagen. The CD costs \$15, with all proceeds (and any donations) going to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Puerto Rico. Eric is a professional jazz pianist and his music reflects his love for the people and culture of Puerto Rico.

AN UPDATE ON PATRICK'S DOCTORAL WORK – NEXT SUNDAY!

Last month Patrick started working on a Doctor of Ministry (DMin) in Missional Leadership at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Join us in the Carriage House next Sunday after worship (11 AM) to learn more about what he studied in those first two weeks, what the rest of the program looks like, and how we can be a part of this process with him!

CHILDREN'S MOVIE NIGHT – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9 (6–8 PM)

Children in grades K–5 are invited to bring a friend and a pillow/blanket to the Fellowship Hall for pizza, snacks, and a viewing of *The Croods!* The cost is \$5 per child, not to exceed \$10 per family. To RSVP, contact Stephanie Crill.



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Join our Parents Facebook Group: "St. John's Devon Youth"

**IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR THE SKI TRIP!
TALK TO RIDGLEY TODAY.**

February 4 – No Youth Group Tonight

Rather than having a Super Bowl party, the Youth Ministry invites each youth to watch the Eagles beat the Patriots at home with your family.

GO EAGLES! See you on February 11!

February 11 – Summer Trips Meeting for Youth & Parents (11 AM)

If you are interested in going on the Mission Trip and/or the Montreat Youth Conference, please attend this meeting **in the Youth Room after worship** to learn more!

February 11 – Youth Group

Middle School youth will gather from 4:00–5:15 PM.

High School youth will gather from 4:45–6 PM.

February 17 – All Youth Ski Trip!

We will be meet at the church at 8 AM to spend the day at Blue Mountain Ski Resort. If you can't ski (or just don't like to), don't worry...you can still come and have a lot of fun! The cost is \$150 per person (\$120 if you are not renting ski equipment). The final payment is due on February 14.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Feb 4	8:00 am	Deacon's Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School Communion (Intinction)
Wed, Feb 7	10:30 am	Congregational Meeting
	5:30 pm	Cherub Choir Practice (Room behind kitchen)
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class
Fri, Feb 9	6:00 pm	Kids PJ & Movie Night
Sun, Feb 11	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
Mon, Feb 12	7:00 pm	Session Meeting (Kean Room)
Wed, Feb 14	11:30 am	Women's Lenten Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
	5:30 pm	Cherub Choir Practice (Room behind kitchen)
	5:30 pm	Ash Wednesday worship (Sanctuary)
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class

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

St. John's Mission Statement:

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February 4, 2018
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