

St. John's at Worship Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Introit "Change My Heart, O God" *Espinosa*

*Call to Worship

Leader: Many are your works, O Lord,
and you have made them all in wisdom.

**People: The earth is full of God's creatures,
as is the width and depth of the sea.**

Leader: The ships move on it, and leviathan swims beneath,
for in goodness God has created it.

**People: All creatures look to you, O Lord,
for you give them their food in due season.**

Leader: When you hide your face they are terrified;
when you take their breath they turn to dust.

**People: You send forth your spirit and they are created,
and so you renew the face of the earth.**

*Hymn (GREEN), vs. 1, 2, 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

**God, our potter,
You have crafted us from the beginning in your hands.
You molded us into beautiful images of you to shine your light to the
world, and you called us good, wonderfully and fearfully made.**

**We often think that it is *our* job to share the treasure you have given
to us, when actually *you* share it *through* us. Forgive us for thinking
we can do it all without you.**

**Enable us to receive your spirit of grace, so that your power may
work through us. (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 2 Corinthians 4:5–12 (pg. 180, NT)

Children's Time Mission Trip Commissioning

**People: We rejoice to recognize you as representatives of our church and
thank God for your dedication and your gift of service. We send you on
with our prayers and our support, and with you, we renew our
commitment to God and service in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We
pray God's blessings for you and the organizations you will be serving with.**

As Pre-K–12th grade leaves for Sunday School, we send them with this liturgy:

Pastor: Now we go our separate ways to worship and learn about God.

Congregation: May God be with you there.

Children: May God be with you here!

Anthem "I Hear a Call" *Arata*

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1 (pg.181, NT)

Sermon SO THAT Rev. Joyner

*Hymn 288 (INSERT) "Spirit of the Living God"

*Affirmation of Faith Brief Statement of Faith (1983)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of
life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept
ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all
believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith
and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word
proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread
of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all
ministries of the church. 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 "A Living Prayer" *Block*

*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 697 (INSERT) "Take My Life"

*Benediction

*Go now in peace, Go now in peace
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere you may go*

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Guest Organist *Nancy Kimmons*

Greeter *Alice Bell*

Ushers *Jeff & Susan Starke, Laurie Cato, Courtney Cato*

Flowers *Given by the Bellew family in celebration of their
children*

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 downstairs in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. Our greeter, Alice Bell, 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!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED!

Once again, the Outreach Committee is partnering with theVillage (formerly Presbyterian Children's Village) to assemble and deliver 48 backpacks filled with school supplies for the children they serve. We'll provide the backpacks, and we hope you will help by purchasing some supplies. We invite you to shop for items from the list and place them in the collection boxes in Fellowship Hall **no later than Sunday, June 24**. TheVillage has requested: **marble composition books, 2-pocket folders, sharpened pencils, large pencil erasers, crayons (packs of 24), colored pencils, glue sticks, pencil cases, rulers, and large boxes of tissues**. If you have questions or would like more information, contact Christine Markle or Nancy Higgins. To learn more about theVillage, please visit their website at village1877.org.

YOUTH, CHILDREN, AND FAMILIES LIBRARY: MEET THE SPACE!

On Sunday, June 24, drop in during coffee hour and see the new library in the Carriage House. This is a special place for kids, teens, and their parents to explore and checkout books that pertain to their journey of faith. Enter this link in your browser to see the books we need: <http://a.co/6f0EFRZ>

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS TODAY!

This summer we will have a Sunday School Class for PreK–5th grade, held in the cherub choir room beneath the Sanctuary. The rising 6th graders will serve as helpers for the teachers of this class. Youth (rising 7th through graduated 12th grade) will meet in the Carriage House! If you are interested in teaching even ONE class this summer, please contact Ridgley!

SUMMER NURSERY OPPORTUNITY

Fulfill your baptismal vows and nurture the faith of the youngest members of our church family by volunteering in the nursery this summer. If there are any Sundays you could help (even just ONE) we'd love to have you! Email Ridgley for more information.

END OF SCHOOL PARTY – TOMORROW – ALL AGES INVITED!

Meet us at Handel's Ice Cream on Monday, June 18 from 2–3 PM to celebrate the beginning of summer! This event is for all ages, bring a friend, and bring your cash for ice cream!

JUNE FELLOWSHIP DINNER & FAMILY GAME NIGHT – WEDNESDAY

Join us on Wednesday at 6 PM for our next monthly fellowship dinner. We will be having a Family Game Night and invite you to bring your favorite games to play. After dinner LET THE GAMES BEGIN! We will provide the main course, and we ask that you sign up to bring sides or dessert. You can sign up after worship in Fellowship Hall, or by contacting Virginia Holt.



Mission Trip Meeting Today (11:00 AM)

After worship, we will have a final informational meeting in the Youth Room at 11:00 AM.

Dwelling in the Word: Begins June 27 (5-7 PM)!

Join us throughout the summer as we eat pizza and dig into John 21:15-19 on Wednesdays, experiencing scripture through movies, games, art, mission and baking bread!



St. John's Kids

Story Hour with Ridgley – June 21 (10 AM)

Join us in the new children and families library in the Carriage House for music, fun, and reading a story! Children ages 0-4 are invited to this event. We encourage you to spread the word and bring a friend!

Young Families Lunch and Play – June 28 (11:30 AM)

Join us at the KOP Chick-fil-a (135 W DeKalb Pike) for fellowship, food, and fun! Ages 0-5th grade are invited to come along and “eat mor chikin!”

Vacation Bible School: July 16-20 (9 AM – Noon)

Children ages 4-10 are invited to discover God’s Word through drama, games, crafts, and songs! **Sign up online at stjohnsdevon.com!**

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

Sun, June 17	9:30 am	Worship Summer Sunday School Begins Mission Trip Commissioning
Mon, June 18	12:00 pm	Ryan’s Case for Smiles
Wed, June 20	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
	6:00 pm	Fellowship Dinner
Thurs, June 21	10:00am	Story Hour (Children’s Library)
Sun, June 24	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	11:00 am	Library Drop-in (Carriage House)
	12:00 pm	Mission Team Departs for NYC
Mon, June 25	10:00 am	Sewing Group

Please note: Patrick is in Pittsburgh this week, working on his doctorate. He will be back next Sunday.

Lara will be out of the office on Tuesday, June 19, and part of the day Wednesday June 20, as she recovers from a minor elbow surgery.

Ridgley is out of the office on Friday and Saturday. Lara is out on Saturday and Sunday. 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



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