

St. John's at Worship
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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

*Call to Worship From Psalm 118

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Let us worship God!

*Hymn 139, vss. 1, 2, 5 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*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.

Scripture Reading 2 Samuel 7:1–14a (pg. 281)

Unison Prayer of Confession

**You are the Good Shepherd
who would lead us in paths of righteousness,
if we would only follow.**

**But we try to make our own way, listening, not to *your* voice,
but to the voices of power and pride,
of fear and insecurity,
that are within us and around us.**

Like sheep, we wander – from you and from each other.

**We pray that we have not wandered too far;
that you would seek us out;
that we could hear your voice calling to us;
that we would be brought back into your fold;
that we might know we are forgiven and live in your grace.**

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 Mark 6:30–34, 53–56 (pg. 41) Wanda Odom

Children's Time Rev. Joyner

As Pre-K–5th 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!

*Hymn 339 (INSERT) "Be Thou My Vision"

Scripture Reading Ephesians 2:11–22 (pg. 192)

Sermon DISCERNING GOD'S WILL Rev. Marshall

*Affirmation of Faith From The Theological Declaration of Barmen (1934)

Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way, and with the same seriousness, is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

We reject the false doctrine that there are areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords – areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

As the Church of pardoned sinners, we have to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with our faith as with our obedience, with our message as with our order, that we are solely his property, and that we live and want to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.

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

Offertory

*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 127 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*Benediction

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music Iris Blanco-Urgelles

Greeter Jennifer Roberts

Ushers Bob & Betsy Miller

Flowers Given by a grateful congregation, in loving memory of Irene A. McElreavy and her parents.

Refreshments Judy Mileto

CONTAINERS NEEDED FOR FLOWERS

We are again in need of quart-sized containers for flowers to be transported in. Do you eat large containers of yogurt, pre-made soups, or soups from Chinese takeout? Save your containers and leave them in the kitchen!

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, Jennifer Roberts, 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!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

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.

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP DINNER – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1 (6 PM)

Join us on Wednesday, August 1 at 6 PM for our final summer fellowship dinner. We will provide the main course, and we ask that you sign up to bring sides or dessert. Signups are available after worship in Fellowship Hall or by contacting Virginia Holt.

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S FALL PROGRAM – SAVE THE DATE!

Our Adult Education program will be held on Wednesdays this Fall, September 12 through November 14. We begin at 6:00 PM with a delicious church-cooked meal, followed by a study of "The Farewell Discourse" in John's gospel (John 14–17), facilitated by Dr. Joe Modica from Eastern University. Be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks. Please contact Libby Dalrymple with any questions.

ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

We will be hosting a blood drive for the Red Cross on **July 25, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM**. Did you know that every three seconds someone in the United States needs blood? A single donation can help save as many as three lives! Visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment.



THANK YOU!

We had a wonderful week of Vacation Bible School this past week, welcoming about 12 children each day. They sang songs, played games, ate delicious snacks, made crafts, and learned Bible stories.

We could not have done this without the hard work of our dedicated volunteers: **Ellen Moeller, Judy Mileto, Kathy Johnson, Linda Duncan, Cat Duncan, Sarah Duncan, Darien Irizarry, Abi Irizarry, Yuyza Irizarry, Andrew Ealer, and Courtney Cato**. Thank you all *so much* for the time and energy you put into making this a fantastic week for the kids and helping them learn about God's love by *modeling* it to them!



Dwelling in the Word: July 25 (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!

Montreat Youth Conference Informational Meeting—July 22, 11:00 AM

Join us in the Kean Room after church July 22 to get more details on our trip at the end of the month!

Hershey Park Day Trip: August 8, \$75 per kid (\$150 family max)

Join us as we ride our day away on roller coasters at Hershey Park! This event is open to rising 6th graders through graduated 12th graders. **We must know by August 1 if you are coming to Hershey Park. Sign up by dropping a check in the box next to Ridgley's office.**



St. John's Kids

Coffee in the Park – Tuesday July 24 (9 AM):

Young Families are invited to join us at Bo Connor Park (590 S. Devon Ave) for free coffee, donut holes, and some time to play in the park!

PJ & Movie Night – July 28 (6-8 PM)

Kids ages 5 (potty trained) through 5th grade are invited to join us at PJ & Movie Night! The cost is \$5 per kid – don't forget to bring your favorite sleeping bag/pillow/blanket! **Please RSVP to Stephanie Crill (sacrill@yahoo.com) by July 25.**

KOP CFA Lunch & Play – August 2 (11:30 AM)

Join us for a lunch and some time to play at the Chick-Fil-A located on Dekalb Pike in King of Prussia.

Story Hour – August 7 (10 AM)

Join us for music, a snack and some stories in our new children's library in the Carriage House. Invite a friend!

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.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, July 22	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	11:00 am	Youth Trip Meeting
Mon, July 23	10:00 am	Sewing Group
Tues, July 24	9:00 am	Coffee in the Park
Wed, July 25	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
	11 – 4	Red Cross Blood Drive
	5:00 pm	Dwelling in the Word (Youth)
Sat, July 28	6:00 pm	PJ & Movie night
Sun, July 29	9:30 am	Worship and Sunday School

Patrick and Ridgley are 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

Prayer for the Week

Gracious God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit –
Open our hearts and minds to your sacred voice.
Help us to know what you are calling us to do.
In all that we do, let us be humble,
seeking your will above our own.
Guided by your Holy Spirit,
may we walk in your way,
so that no matter what transpires,
we would have peace, in Christ. Amen.

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