# St. John's at Worship **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Welcome and Announcements (please pass the fellowship roll)

"All Who Are Thirsty" \*Sung Call to Worship

Let all who are thirsty All who are weak Come to the fountain Dip your heart in the stream of life Let the pain and the sorrow Be washed away In the wave of God's mercy As deep cries out to deep, we sing

Come, Lord Jesus, come

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(Repeat all)

\*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** 

All:

Lord, you are the bread of life.

All too often, we serve *ourselves* first, eating our fill, while so many around us go hungry.

We have more than we need.

Open our hearts to those who need more than they have. Set us free from the fear that we will go hungry,

and we aren't just talking about food.

Children: Lord, forgive us and hear our prayers...

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

John 6:24 – 35 (pg. 98)

Laurie Cato

Children's Time

Rev. Joyner

Rev. Marshall

Sermon

BREAD FROM HEAVEN

\*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.

\*Hymn **246** (**GREEN**), vss. 1–4 "As Your Family, Lord"

## **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

\*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 **246** (GREEN), vs. 5 "As Your Family, Lord"

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

# ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Guest Organist** Nancy Kimmons Greeter Alice Bell

Ushers Ellen & Doug Moeller, Ryan Crill, Sarah Crill **Flowers** Given by Marie Cantafio in memory of her beloved husband, Ralph, and her beloved daughter, Gemma

Refreshments Cammy Wagner

#### 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!

## FAMILY WORSHIP TODAY!

There will be no Sunday School today, as our church family will worship together intergenerationally. Communion will be served (by intinction), and the kids are invited to come forward to share in the experience, even if they do not fully understand what it means yet (one of the ways we learn is by doing!). The Nursery is still open for ages 0–4.

## FOOD CUPBOARD NEEDS

During the summer months our neighbors at Great Valley Food Cupboard receive fewer food donations. If you would like to help, there is currently a need for: juice (bottle and juice boxes), mayonnaise, crackers, cooking oil, olive oil, pancake mix and syrup, cereal, and personal care items such as toothpaste and tooth brushes, soap, and shampoo. Any donation is appreciated and can be placed in the Deacons Food Box in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your continued generosity.

#### 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.

## MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Outreach Committee would like to invite you to participate in two upcoming mission trips:

Houston, TX (October 28 – November 3). This is the fourth trip in partnership with area churches and First Presbyterian of Houston to repair homes damaged by Hurricane Harvey. The estimated cost is \$700-\$800. Sign-up deadline is September 14.

Costa Rica (February 16–23, 2019). This trip is in partnership with Wayne United Methodist. It is their seventh trip working with Costa Rica Mission Projects, building and repairing churches and community buildings in Costa Rica. The estimated **cost is \$1,800**.

St. John's will contribute \$400 towards the cost of each St. John's participant in both trips. Neither trip requires construction skills, as there are knowledgeable people to guide you. For more information, please take one of the handouts on the table below the Outreach bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. While there, look at the bulletin board as it tells the story of the six St. John's members who went on the June mission trip to Houston. Contact Christine Markle with any questions.

#### THANK YOU TO WES THOMAS!

It is with sadness that we announce the departure of St. John's Sexton, Wes Thomas. Wes has served as our part-time Sexton since 2014. In that time he has taken care of not just the *building*, but also the *people* of the church. He has been a faithful steward of this facility, maintaining a sacred space where we can gather to worship and share in fellowship. Wes was recently hired into a full-time position that made it impossible for him to continue in his role here. So, while we celebrate this new opportunity with him, we will definitely miss him!



The Youth Fellowship is on break until September. Be on the lookout for popup ice cream dates, and join us at the Fall Festival on September 9!

August 19 (11 AM) – Youth Advisory Committee Fall Planning Retreat



St. John's Kids

## 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. Bring a friend!

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

This summer we will have a Sunday School Class for PreK–5<sup>th</sup> grade, held in the cherub choir room beneath the Sanctuary. The rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders will serve as helpers for the teachers of this class. Youth (rising 7<sup>th</sup> through graduated 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

## ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Aug 5	9:30 am	Worship & Communion
Wed, Aug 8	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
Sun, Aug 12	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
Mon, Aug 13	7:00 pm	Stated Session Meeting

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

Ever-faithful God,
You are the giver and sustainer of life.
In you we find all that we need to live.
We thank you for the life that you have given us this day.
Whatever challenges we face or needs we encounter,
Help us to trust in you and your ability to provide.
Let us live out of that trust in every aspect of our lives,
Showing goodness and mercy to others
As you have shown it to us,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.