

## St. John's at Worship Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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

\*Call to Worship From Psalm 34

Leader: We will bless the Lord at all times;  
God's praise shall continuously be in our mouths.

**People: My soul boasts in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt God's name together!

**People: I sought the Lord, and God answered me;  
God delivered me from all my fears.**

Leader: Look to God and be radiant,  
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

**People: This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord,  
and was saved from every trouble.**

Leader: O taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are those who take refuge in God.

**People: O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,  
for those who fear God have no want.**

Leader: In gratitude and hope, let us worship God!

\*Hymn 25 (GREEN), vss. 1, 3, 4 "Come, Worship God"

\*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

**Most holy Lord,  
as fallen humanity, we sin in word, thought, and deed.  
Because of the willfulness of our minds, we are in conflict,  
not only with each other, but within ourselves,  
against the directives that you give us for holy living.  
We routinely fall short of your glory.  
Nevertheless, we are each recipients of your grace.  
Despite our sinfulness, you desire our good.  
Reminds us, O Lord, that in Christ you have forgiven us,  
and help us, through the power of your Holy Spirit,  
to live out of your abundant grace in our daily lives,  
so that we might truly desire the good of others.**

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 4:25 – 5:2 (pg. 194) Judy Mileto

Children's Time Rev. Joyner

*As Pre-K–5<sup>th</sup> 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 408 "The Gift of Love"

Scripture Reading 2 Samuel 18:5 – 9, 15, 19 – 33 (pg. 292)

Sermon HARD CONVERSATIONS Rev. Marshall

\*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord**

**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.**

**He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father, Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church;**

**the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;**

**the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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 463, vss. 1, 3, 4, 5 "Lord, Speak to Me"

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

### ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Director of Music** *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

**Greeter** *Virginia Holt*

**Flowers** *Given by Linda Groves in memory of Michael Groves.*

**Refreshments** *Nancy Crawford*

### 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, 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!

### 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.

SUMMER SHARING SUPPER- SEPT 5<sup>TH</sup> 6:00PM-7:30PM

Our Senior High Youth Group went on TWO trips this summer: our mission trip to Brooklyn, NY and our youth conference in Montreat, NC. Come join us over dinner as we share photos, memories, and reflections from the places God led us this summer! (*Youth that attended these trips are asking to make arrangements to be at this event*)

### 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.

ST. JOHN'S FALL FESTIVAL – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

We will kick off the program year with our annual Fall Festival on Sunday, September 9 from 5–7 PM! There will be good food, live music, and games for the kids. It's a chance for everyone to come back together after the summer for fellowship, food, and fun! Be on the lookout for more details coming soon!

**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.



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

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

**FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Did you know that our teaching teams enable you to worship three times a month AND still serve God by teaching our kids about the love of God? Fulfill your baptismal vows and nurture the faith of the younger members of our church family by volunteering to teach Sunday School this year. If you are interested, email Pastor Ridgley!

**ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR**

<b>Sun, Aug 12</b>	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
<b>Mon, Aug 13</b>	7:00 pm	Stated Session Meeting
<b>Wed, Aug 15</b>	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
<b>Sun, Aug 19</b>	11:00 am	YAC Planning Retreat

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 484-604-0499.**



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

Prayer for the Week

Whatever we may face this day, Lord,  
may we face it with an awareness of your presence.  
When we face challenges,  
help us to respond in truth and love.  
When we encounter blessings,  
help us to respond with gratitude and joy.  
In all that we say and do,  
let our words and actions bear witness to your presence,  
sharing your grace and peace with others, in Christ. Amen.

**August 12, 2018**  
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