

**St. John's at Worship**  
**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

Introit "I Vow to Thee My Country" *Holst*

\*Call to Worship Psalm 111

Leader: Praise the Lord!  
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**People: Great are the works of the Lord,  
studied by all who delight in them.**

Leader: Full of honor and majesty is God's work,  
and God's righteousness endures forever.

**People: God has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;  
the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

Leader: God provides food for those who fear him;  
God is ever mindful of his covenant.

**People: God has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

Leader: The work of God's hands are faithful and just;  
all God's precepts are trustworthy.

**People: They are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

Leader: God sent redemption to his people;  
God has commanded his covenant forever.  
Holy and awesome is God's name.

**People: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
God's praise endures forever!**

\*Hymn 103, vss. 1, 3, 4 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

\*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.**

Litany of Confession from *The Didache* (†see note after Postlude)

Leader: There are two ways, the way of life and the way of death,  
and there is a great difference between the two ways.

**People: The way of life is this:  
First, you shall love God who made you.  
And second, love your neighbor as yourself.  
Do not do to another what you would not want done to you.  
This is the way of life.**

Leader: The way of death is the way of those who persecute the good,  
hate the truth, love lies,  
and do not understand the reward for righteousness.

**People: They do not watch for what is good, but for what is evil.  
They are strangers to meekness and patience,  
loving vanities, pursuing revenge,  
without pity for the needy and oppressed.  
They turn away from those in need,**

**making matters worse for those who are distressed.  
The way of death is full of those who are steeped in sin.**

Leader: *Both* of these ways exist within us.

**People: Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of death.  
Forgive us when we stumble, and lead us in the way of life.**

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 1 Kings 2:10 – 12, 3:3 – 14 (pg. 304)

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 405 "Seek Ye First"

Scripture Reading Ephesians 5:15 – 20 (pg. 194)

Sermon PRACTICING WISDOM 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 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

\*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 577, vss. 1, 2, 4 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

\*Benediction

\*Postlude "Song 14 from Hymnes and Song for Church" *Gibbons*

† The *Didache* (*pronounced DID-ah-kay*) is a first century Christian text, the title coming from the Greek word for "teaching." It is one of the earliest Christian texts we have, and it outlines how the first Christian communities followed the teachings of Jesus.

**ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD**

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

**Greeter** *Debbie Ealer*

**Flowers** *Given by Iris Blanco in memory of her  
grandmother, Aurora Castillo, with love.*

**Refreshments** *Judy Mileto*

**Devon Brass** *Joe Lorini, Frank Mercurio, Mark Ator,  
Paul Steege, Jeff Estabrook*

**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, Debbie Ealer, 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**

Carol Claypoole, coordinator at the Great Valley Food Cupboard, would like to extend her sincere gratitude to St. John's for the generous donations these past few weeks! During the summer months they receive fewer food donations, and still currently have 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.

**FOLDABLE WHEELCHAIR DONATION REQUEST**

St. John's Safety and Security Team is looking for a foldable wheelchair to keep at St. John's for emergency medical needs. Please contact Jeff Starke if you have one that you can donate. Thank you!

**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.

**SUMMER SHARING SUPPER – SEPTEMBER 5 (6:00 – 7:30 PM)**

Our Senior High Youth Group went on two trips this summer: a mission trip to Brooklyn, NY and a 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 asked to make arrangements to be at this event*)

**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!



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 19</b>	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	11:00 am	YAC Planning Retreat
<b>Wed, Aug 22</b>	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
<b>Sun, Aug 26</b>	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School

**Please Note: Patrick and Ridgley will be out of the office tomorrow on a planning retreat. Lara will be joining them in the afternoon, but there will be someone in the office answering the phone.**

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

O Lord our God, as we strive to walk before you in faithfulness, righteousness, and uprightness of heart, give us understanding hearts and minds, able to discern between good and evil. Grant us wisdom, so that we might *know* and *do* your will. In all that we *do*, all that we *are*, may we live close to you, giving thanks to you at all times and for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**August 19, 2018**  
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