

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

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

\*Call to Worship From Psalm 84

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**People: Our souls long for the courts of the Lord;  
our hearts and our flesh sing for joy to the living God!**

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O Lord of hosts.

**People: Happy are those who live in your house,  
ever singing your praise!**

**Happy are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

Leader: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.  
For the Lord God is a sun and shield;  
God bestows favor and honor.

**People: No good thing does the Lord withhold  
from those who walk uprightly.**

**O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you!**

\*Hymn 110 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our 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

**There are deep divisions among us, Lord;  
powerful fears and anxieties at work in us  
that make us feel distant from each other and from you.**

**The power of sin is strong,  
in our individual lives and in our life together.**

**Our hope is that the power of your love is stronger.**

**Heal our fractured hearts and minds,  
our broken bodies and spirits,**

**our wounded world and relationships.**

**Fill us with the fullness of your love and presence,  
which we search for in so many other people and places.**

**May we find our true selves in you,  
letting go of all that is false and fearful,**

**so that we can be the people you call us to be, in Christ.**

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 6:10 – 20 (pg. 195) Nancy Davis

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

*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 393 "Spirit of the Living God"

Scripture Reading John 6:56 – 69 (pg. 98)

Sermon SPIRITED DISAGREEMENT Rev. Marshall

\*Affirmation of Faith John 6:68–69

**Lord, to whom else can we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**We have come to trust and know that you are the Holy One of God.**

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 562, vss. 1–5 "Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee"

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

**ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD**

**Guest Organist**

*Nancy Kimmons*

**Greeter**

*Virginia Holt*

**Ushers**

*Doug Moeller and John McClintick*

**Flowers**

*Given by Kelly & Steve Barnes in memory  
of Steve's mother, Caroline*

**Refreshments**

*Kelly Barnes*

**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!

**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 at [ejstarke@verizon.net](mailto:ejstarke@verizon.net) if you have one that you can donate. Thank you!

**CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

If you like to sing, we would love for you to share your gifts with the church as a part of our choir. You do not have to be a "professional," just someone who can make a joyful noise to the Lord! Join us in the sanctuary on Thursday, September 6 from 7:45–9 PM. You can check it out without committing to anything. Feel free to contact Iris 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.

**ST. JOHN'S FALL FESTIVAL – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 (5–7 PM)**

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! St. John's will provide burgers, hotdogs, drinks, and ice cream. Once again, we are asking for your help with sides and desserts. **If your last name begins with a letter A–M, please sign up to bring a side (potato/pasta salad, baked beans, chips, coleslaw). If N–Z, please sign up to bring a dessert (cake, pie, cookies).** Admission is \$5 per person, no more than \$15 for a family (guests are free!). You can sign up with Susanne Engheta after worship.

**FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 9!**

Sunday School begins on September 9, and we will be commissioning our teachers in worship! Please hold our teachers, children, and youth in prayer as they prepare for the Fall!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL/YOUTH GROUP REGISTRATION**

You can register your children for the 2018/19 Sunday School/Youth Group program year via the link on our website. There is important information in there that needs to be filled out even for those who are already participants in the youth and children's ministry at St. John's. Please register by September 5!

**SUMMER SHARING SUPPER – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 (5:00 PM)**

**\*Please note the change in date**

Our Senior High Youth Group went on two trips this summer: a mission trip to Brooklyn, NY and a youth conference in Montreat, NC. The whole church is invited to join us for dinner as we share photos, memories, and reflections from the places God led us this summer!



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!

The Youth Summer Sharing Supper has been rescheduled for Sunday September 23 at 5:00 PM. Youth should make arrangements to come at 4 PM to help set up and prepare for the supper. Middle School youth are invited as they will be serving the meal and working in the kitchen!

**THANK YOU, KATIE RIEK!**

We would like to extend a big THANK YOU to Katie Riek for taking care of our children in the nursery this summer! Katie served as a friendly face each Sunday for our kids over the summer while our nursery volunteers took a well-deserved Sabbath. She will return to Villanova this week to start her senior year of college. There will be a card in coffee hour to sign as a token of your appreciation. Thank you to *all* who help care for our little ones!

**ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR**

<b>Sun, Aug 26</b>	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
<b>Wed, Aug 29</b>	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
<b>Sun, Sept 2</b>	9:30 am	Family Worship & Communion
	11:00 am	Music Planning (Kean Room)
<b>Mon, Sept 3</b>	<b>Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day</b>	
<b>Wed, Sept 5</b>	6:00 pm	Summer Sharing Dinner

**Ridgley is out of the office this week but will be back next Sunday.**

Patrick 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 484-604-0499.**



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

Prayer for the Week

Lord, you are the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of life.  
In your Spirit we find life  
and are strengthened to stand firm  
in the face of sin and evil.  
Remind us that, whatever challenges we face,  
our struggle is not with enemies of flesh and blood,  
but with the power of evil in this world.  
And in Christ, we know that struggle has already been won.  
Let us look beyond the flesh  
to see your image and spirit in all people.  
Help us to love one another,  
especially those with whom we disagree,  
the way you love us, in Christ. Amen.

**August 26, 2018**  
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