

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

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

\*Call to Worship Based on Psalm 19

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God!  
The whole world proclaims God's handiwork!

**People: They speak no words,  
and yet their voices sing out through all the earth!**

Leader: We join that chorus now,  
that our voices and our very being  
might sing out songs of praise to God!

**People: Let the words of our mouths  
and the meditation of all our hearts  
be acceptable to you, O Lord,  
our rock and our redeemer.**

**Children: Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn 466 (INSERT) "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

\*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

**We are humbled into silence for the times that we have said far more  
than we should have.**

*Silent Confession*

**We break our silence to ask forgiveness for the times that we should  
have spoken out, but said nothing.**

**Our words – spoken and unspoken – have wounded.**

**By your Word made flesh,  
heal the wounds we have received and caused,  
and put a new word in our hearts.**

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 8:27 – 38 (pg. 43) Paul Steege

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

*As Pre-K–12<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.

Cong: **May God be with you there!**

Children: **May God be with you here!**

Anthem "Bless the Lord" Larson

Scripture Reading James 3:1 – 12 (pg. 230)

Sermon HOLDING OUR TONGUES Rev. Marshall

Welcoming New Members and Reaffirming the Baptismal Covenant

*Peter & Nancy Crawford*

*As a part of reaffirming the baptismal covenant, we will profess our faith together  
using the 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 371 (INSERT), vss. 1, 2, 4 "Lift High the Cross"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction "May The Peace of God" Larson

\*Postlude

### ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Director of Music** Iris Blanco-Urgelles

**Greeter** Mary K. DaRin

**Ushers** Bruce & Nancy Phillips, John & Sharon Griffin

**Flowers** The flowers are given by Kathy Johnson, Nancy Rich, and  
Judy Mileto in loving memory of their parents, Henry &  
Virginia Aikens

**Refreshments** Barbara & John McClintick

### 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, Mary K. DaRin, 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!

### CHOIR REHEARSALS – THURSDAYS AT 7:45 PM

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 Thursdays from 7:45–9 PM. They just started back this past week, so it's a perfect time for new people to come, and you can check it out without committing to anything. Feel free to contact Iris (ipianistica@yahoo.com) with any questions.

### ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES – SEPTEMBER 30 (5 PM)

The St. John's Concert Series returns on **Sunday, September 30 at 5 PM**. This month's theme is "Where Pop Meets Jazz." From Gershwin to Glenn Miller to Van Morrison and the music of *LaLa Land*, this concert brings to life the glamour and jazzy rhythms of some of the most beautiful pop music of the past decades. These concerts are free of charge and open to the community. Each month's concert focuses on a different theme, style of music, or composer, along with different instruments and vocalists. Please bring a friend and join us for an evening of amazing music!

### 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 the first trip in partnership with the Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders) to repair homes damaged by Hurricane Harvey. The cost is airfare plus a \$100 registration fee.

**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. Contact Christine Markle with any questions.

### COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

If you have a child attending college this year, please contact Kristi Thomson to sign up for them to receive a care package! We are also looking for volunteers to bring in certain items and help put the care packages together. Kristi will be in the Fellowship Hall after worship to answer any questions.

### WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

In August the Session received Peter and Nancy Crawford into active membership, and this morning we will formally welcome them by renewing their baptismal covenants. The Crawfords both grew up in the area – Nancy went to Radnor High School, and Peter went to Episcopal. Nancy worked as a freshman English teacher at various local colleges and as a writing tutor for high school students through an office at Bryn Mawr College. Peter worked for Verizon as Head of Investor Relations and is now happily retired. They like to play pickle ball, tennis, and golf, and enjoy watching British mysteries. They love to travel, especially to visit their grandchildren in Albuquerque! Welcome, Peter and Nancy!

### ST. JOHN'S FALL FESTIVAL – THANK YOU!

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped with various jobs – small and large – to make our annual Fall Festival last Sunday a huge success! Each of you made the day easy and fun. We have amazing people in our small church!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL/YOUTH GROUP REGISTRATION

If you have not registered your child(ren) for the 2018/19 Sunday School/Youth Group program year, you can do so 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.

### SUMMER SHARING SUPPER – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 (5:00 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. 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!

### ALL-CHURCH APPLE PICKING – SAVE THE DATE!

Join us on Sunday, October 14 (time t.b.d.) at Linvilla Orchards for a fun-filled time of apple picking! Kids, parents, grandparents...everyone is welcome to join us! Talk to Ridgley for more details.



**Today – No Youth Fellowship**

**September 23 – All-Church Spaghetti Supper (5 PM)**

Youth should arrive at 4 PM, as they are the hosts of the program!

**September 30 – Youth Fellowship Kick Off!**

All youth will meet from 4–6 PM for fun and games to kick off the year!

### ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

<b>Sun, Sept 16</b>	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School Welcoming New Members
	1:00 pm	Strickhouser Memorial Service
<b>Mon, Sept 17</b>	12-4 pm	Ryan's Case for Smiles Fellowship Hall
<b>Tues, Sept 18</b>	7:00 pm	Outreach Committee Meeting (Kean Room)
<b>Wed, Sept 19</b>	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
	5:30 pm	Cherub Choir (classroom behind the kitchen)
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's (Fell. Hall)
<b>Sun, Sept 23</b>	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	5:00 pm	All-Church Spaghetti Dinner

**Ridgley is away at a denominational pastor's retreat. She will be back in the office on Wednesday.**

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

In Christ, you have called us to deny ourselves,  
take up our cross, and follow you.  
May we be wise enough to know  
when to listen and when to speak,  
when to be patient and when to act.  
May we be humble enough  
to admit what we don't know,  
ask questions,  
and learn.  
In all that we do, help us to set our minds  
not on our own will, but on *yours*,  
speaking and acting in ways  
that show the world who you are.  
Amen.

**September 16, 2018**  
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