

St. John's at Worship
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

*Call to Worship Based on Micah 6:6–8

Leader: With what shall we come before the Lord,
and bow ourselves before God on high?

**People: Shall we come before God with offerings of gold and silver?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of songs?
With ten thousand prayers?**

Leader: God has told us what is good, and what is required of us.

People: To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

Leader: If that is what we strive for, then let us worship God.

*Hymn 175 (INSERT) “Seek Ye First”

*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

**You call us to be holy, as *you* are holy,
and reflect a different way of living and being in the world:
to care for the poor and the hungry, the sick and the suffering;
to make a place for those who do not belong;
to stand up against injustice and oppression,
and speak up for those who have no voices;
to be compassionate in the face of indifference,
and merciful in the face of judgment;
to forgive as we have been forgiven and love as we are loved.
And we do...sometimes...when it is easy or convenient.
For the times that we fall short, we seek your forgiveness,
that your grace would lead us to greater love for our neighbor,
because when we fail to love our neighbor, we fail to love you.**

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 Mark 9:30 – 37 (pg. 45)

Children's Time Rev. Joyner

As Pre-K–12th 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 “Walk by Faith”

Raney

Scripture Reading James 3:13 – 4:3, 7 – 8a (pg. 230)

Sermon ASKING RIGHTLY Rev. Marshall

*Affirmation of Faith From The Reformed Church of Australia

**We believe in God,
who made the world and reaches out to it
with a love that is fierce and passionate, tender and kind.**

**We believe in Jesus the Christ;
God revealed in a human life.
He touched the untouchable, pardoned the unforgivable,
and unmasked the powers that enslave us.
In fear and arrogance, we cast him, lifeless, into the grave,
and with him went our hopes of salvation.
Raised by God, he is parting the sea of evil and despair
and leading us across into the land of freedom and promise.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
God's mysterious presence with us,
whose breathing gives life;
whose fire purges and renews;
whose wisdom surprises, prompts, and questions,
awakening courage, humor, and hope.**

**Gathered by the Spirit, we have been baptized into a common life:
a life laid open to all, overflowing with love and mercy,
richer than mind can measure, but appearing foolish to the world.
We trust that the foolishness of God
will prove wiser than the wisdom of the world,
and that the suffering of God will heal the earth
and fulfill our hopes of justice and peace.**

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 434 (INSERT), vss. 1, 3, 4

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction “May the Peace of God”

Larson

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Mimi Wright*

Ushers *Bruce & Nancy Phillips, Nancy Davis, Alice Bell*

Flowers *Given by Sharlene Cirillo & Joel Pearson*

Refreshments *Tom & Nancy Higgins*

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, Mimi Wright, 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:

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. St. John's will contribute \$400. 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.

SUMMER SHARING SUPPER – TODAY, 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!

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.

ALL-CHURCH APPLE PICKING – SAVE THE DATE!

Join us at Linvilla Orchards on **Sunday, October 14 at 5 PM** for a fun-filled time of apple picking, corn mazes, and games! We will have a church wide wagon ride with a bonfire and s'mores starting at 6 PM! Everyone is welcome to join us!



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

Sun, Sept 23	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	10:45 am	Outreach Meeting (Kean Room)
	3:00 pm	Youth Advisory Council
	5:00 pm	All-Church Spaghetti Dinner
Mon, Sept 24	10:00 am	Sewing Group
Wed, Sept 26	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)
Sun, Sept 30	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	4:00 pm	All-Youth Fellowship Kick Off
	5:00 pm	St. John's Concert Series

Lara will be out of the office on Thursday and Friday. Any information for the bulletin needs to be in to her by Noon on Wednesday.

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

Lord Jesus Christ,
you came not to *be* served, but *to* serve;
to give your life for the salvation of the world.
Help us, as your followers, to seek not our own wellbeing,
but the wellbeing of others,
especially those who are weak and vulnerable.
In serving *them*, we serve *you*.
May we do so in ways that lead to healing and peace,
in Jesus' name. Amen.

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