

St. John's at Worship Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Introit "Shenandoah"

*Call to Worship From Psalm 19

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

People: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

People: The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.

Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

People: The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

Leader: They are more to be desired than gold;
in keeping them there is great reward.

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

Children: Let us worship God!

*Hymn 126, vss. 1–3 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

*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

Leader: Holy God, three in one, separate yet united, our world is full of
disjointedness. Our lives are littered with distractions. Our
attention is spread thin, and we find ourselves drawn in many
directions. We admit that our focus is not always on you, or the
evidence of your providence.

People: Turn our hearts to you, O Lord.

Reorient us, so that our focus is on you alone.

Leader: We admit that we often lose our hope. We confuse the hope you
give us with the promises of the world, the promises of the
economy, the promises of things seen rather than *unseen*.

People: Turn our hearts to you, O Lord.

Reorient us, so that our focus is on you alone.

Leader: We admit that in the midst of a disorienting world, we turn a
blind eye to that which is painful to see, a deaf ear to that which
is too hurtful to hear, and remain quiet when your gospel of
justice must be proclaimed.

People: Turn our hearts to you, O Lord.

Reorient us, so that our focus is on you alone.

Leader: Inspire us to go forth as people of your grace – forgiven and sent
to forgive, loved and sent to love, claimed and sent to claim. Turn
our hearts to you and to each other, that we might possess your
hope and promise and peace, your kingdom here on earth.

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 9:38 – 50 (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 "Shepherd Me, O God" *Hayes*

Scripture Reading James 5:13 – 20 (pg. 231)

Sermon HOLDING IT ALL TOGETHER Rev. Marshall

*Affirmation of Faith from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1983)

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,

whom alone we worship and serve.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,

praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Offering (Ushers will also collect blue prayer request cards at the time of the offering.)

Offertory "Intermezzo" *Mascagni*

*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 753 (INSERT) "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction "May the Peace of God" *Larson*

*Postlude "Down to the River to Pray"

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Mimi Wright*

Ushers *Scott & Cynthia Schumacher, Wanda Odom, Amy Lord*

Flowers *Given by Mark & Elizabeth Ator in memory of our
parents, Donald Dew and Norma Dew, and Donald &
Martha Ator. The roses are in honor of our children,
Matt & Sarah Ator, and Laura Ator & Brian Farrell on
the occasion of their first anniversary.*

Refreshments *Richard & Claire Hangen*

Guest Musicians *Cassia Harvey, Myanna Harvey*

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! You can check it out without committing to anything...just join us in the sanctuary on Thursdays from 7:45–9 PM. Feel free to contact Iris (ipianistica@yahoo.com) with any questions.

DAY OF SERVICE – CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

One of our long-term mission partners, Cornerstone Christian Academy in southwest Philadelphia, will be holding a volunteer day of service on **Saturday, October 13, from 9 AM to Noon**. They will be cleaning up the grounds and classrooms, painting, and improving the landscaping. To register as a volunteer or make a contribution toward supplies, please contact Maria Arrington at marrington@cornerstonephiladelphia.org.

COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP (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**, to which St. John's will contribute \$400. Construction skills are not required, 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.

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES – TODAY- 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!

FALL FAMILY FUN DAY- ALL-CHURCH APPLE PICKING

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! RSVP with Ridgley to reserve your spot on the wagon!

CARRIAGE CLUB – OCTOBER 15 (NOON)

Carriage Club will meet on Monday, October 15 at Noon for lunch, followed by a presentation by St. Johns' own John Senior, who is President of the Tredyffrin Easttown Historical Society. Along with several colleagues, John will share information about the history of Devon, including some familiar subjects, as well as lesser-known and perhaps surprising stories and photographs. Please join us to learn more about our remarkable community. Childcare will be available with seven days' notice, and all who have time for lunch are invited to join us. (If your schedule does not allow you to be present for the entire program, feel free to come and go as you must.) Reservations are greatly appreciated and may be made by contacting Virginia Holt. If you are able to bring either a salad or dessert, please indicate that in your response.

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.



September 30 – Youth Fellowship Kick Off!

Middle and High School youth will meet together from 4–6 PM in the Carriage House for a photo scavenger hunt! Bring a friend and get entered into our Fall Drawing!

October 7 – Youth Fellowship (MS @ 4 PM; HS @ 4:45 PM)

Join us for food, fun and fellowship as we unpack this year's youth fellowship theme!

***Email Ridgley your t-shirt size by October 15!**

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Sept 30	8:00 am	Women's Biblical Reflections
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	11:00 am	Nominating Committee Meeting (Kean Room)
Mon, Oct 1	4:00 pm	All-Youth Fellowship Kick Off
	5:00 pm	St. John's Concert Series
	7:00 pm	C&Y Christian Ed (Kean)
Tues, Oct 2	8:00 pm	Scout Parent Meeting (Kean)
Wed, Oct 3	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
	5:30 pm	Cherub Choir (classroom behind the kitchen)
Thurs, Oct 4	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's
	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study (Kean)
Fri, Oct 5	6:45 am	Men's Breakfast (Fell. Hall)
	6:00 pm	PJ & Movie Night (Fell. Hall)
Sun, Oct 7	8:00 am	Women's Biblical Reflections (Carriage House)
	8:00 am	Deacons Meeting (Carr. House)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	4:00 pm	Youth Fellowship

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

Almighty God,
Life so often feels disjointed, chaotic, and confusing. We are surrounded each day by pain and suffering, divisions borne out of disagreement, and it can cause us to feel distant from each other and from you. Remind us that *in you* all things hold together and are imbued with meaning and purpose. As Christ's followers, help us to direct our lives – our words and thoughts and actions, our joys and our concerns – to you. As we hold on to *you*, may we hold on to *each other*, and in doing so, find wholeness and peace, in Christ. Amen.

September 30, 2018
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