

St. John's at Worship World Communion Sunday

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

Introit **328 (INSERT)** "Praise God, All You Nations"
*The choir will sing through once,
and then the congregation will join in the second time.*

*Call to Worship Psalm 8

Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
**People: You have set your glory above the heavens!
Out of the mouths of babes and infants,
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

Leader: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established,
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?

**People: Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor!**

Leader: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

**People: O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Children: Let us worship God!

*Hymn **548** "In Christ There Is No East or West"

*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

**Lord of all creation,
on this day when we celebrate that we are a part of something
so much bigger than ourselves,
we also confess that we spend our time and energy and money
as if we were the only ones who matter in this world.
We throw away food, while our neighbor starves.
We buy more things we don't need,
while our neighbor lacks the basics of life.
We pursue our own pleasure,
while our neighbor is hurting and lonely.
Forgive us and draw us out of ourselves,
so that we can tend to the needs of our neighbors.
Because we cannot live in harmony with you
if we are not living in harmony with *each other*.**

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 Job 1:1, 2:1 – 10 (pg. 453) Nancy Higgins

Children's Time Rev. Joyner

As Pre-K-4th 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!**

Scripture Reading Hebrews 1:1 – 4, 2:5 – 12 (pg. 218)

Sermon THE QUESTION OF SUFFERING Rev. Marshall

Anthem "Somos Uno (We Are One)" *Hayes*

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Intinction)

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

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 **294 (GREEN)** "Go to the World!"

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Debbie Ealer*

Ushers *Mimi & Gordon Wright, Don & Virginia Black*

Flowers *Given by John and Barbara Alexander, in memory of
Barbara's mother.*

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!

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 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.

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.

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES – OCTOBER 28 (5 PM)

Our next monthly concert will take place on **Sunday, October 28 at 5 PM**, with a return to "Music at the Movies!" 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!

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Today is World Communion Sunday, when Christians all around the world celebrate the Lord's Supper together! This morning we will be sharing communion by intinction. You will be invited to come forward by the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and return to your pew by the outside aisles. (There is a gluten free station in front of the pulpit on the left.) At St. John's, communion is never just for Presbyterians or members of the church. Everyone who comes seeking the goodness of God is welcome to share in this meal! We are especially grateful to Darien Irizarry, who has used his artistic talents to "set the table" and help draw us into the presence of God this morning! **Please note that in November, communion will be celebrated on Sunday, November 18.**

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.

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.



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!

October 14 – All-church Apple Picking at Linvilla (5–7 PM)

Come for a fun night of apple picking, corn mazes, a hay ride, games, and food with the whole church!

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

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Oct 7

World Communion Sunday

- 8:00 am Women's Biblical Reflections (Carriage House)
 - 8:00 am Deacons Meeting (Carr. House)
 - 9:30 am Worship & Sunday School Communion (Intinction)
 - 11:00 am Session/Trustees Joint Conversation (Carriage House)
 - 11:30 am Nominating Committee (Kean)
 - 4:00 pm Youth Fellowship
- Mon, Oct 8**
Wed, Oct 10
- 7:00 pm Stated Session Meeting (Kean)
 - 9:00 am Prayer Group (Kean Room)
 - 5:30 pm Cherub Choir (classroom behind the kitchen)
- Fri, Oct 12**
Sun, Oct 14
- 6:00 pm Supper at St. John's
 - 6:45 am Men's Breakfast (Fell. Hall)
 - 8:00 am Trustees Meeting (Kean)
 - 8:00 am Women's Biblical Reflections (Carriage House)
 - 9:30 am Worship & Sunday School
 - 5:00 pm Church-wide Apple Picking at Linvilla Orchards

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

Ever-faithful God, whatever we face this day –
whether good news or bad,
celebration or suffering,
tears of joy or sadness,
life or death –
let us face it all with an abiding faith in you,
holding onto you, even as you hold onto us.
And through it all, may we come to a deeper awareness
of your presence with us,
until we come, at last, into your glory,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

October 7, 2018
World Communion Sunday
For the latest information and news about St. John's:
www.stjohnsdevon.com