

St. John's at Worship Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude "Toccata" *Helman*

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

Introit "The Lord Is in His Holy Temple" *Wagner*

*Call to Worship From Psalm 30

Leader: We will praise you, O God, for you have lifted us up
and given our enemies no cause to rejoice.

**People: O Lord our God, we cried to you for help,
and you have healed us.
You lifted up our souls and restored our lives.**

Leader: Let all God's faithful people sing praises,
and give thanks to God's holy name.

**People: Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.**

Leader: You have turned our mourning into dancing,
so that our souls may praise you and not be silent.

People: O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever!

*Hymn 400 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*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

**Gracious and Holy God, you are shrouded in mystery,
and yet before you, none of us is hidden.**

**You are steadfast in your faithfulness and love toward us,
But when find ourselves in the mystery of life,
we are not always so faithful.**

We question you.

We doubt your ability to provide.

We seek to impose our own will in place of yours.

**Forgive us, O Lord,
and remind us once more that we are *seen and known and loved.***

**Let *your* faithfulness and love stir *us* to greater faithfulness and love,
toward you and toward each other.**

Teach us to count our days, that we may gain a wise heart.

**Satisfy us with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

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 23:1 – 9, 16 – 17 (pg. 471) Laurie Cato

A Second for Stewardship Ellen Moeller

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 "Great God, Your Love Has Called Us" *Busarow*

Scripture Reading Hebrews 4:12 – 16 (pg. 220)

Sermon WITH FRIENDS LIKE THESE... Rev. Marshall

*Affirmation of Faith

Hymn 526 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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 557 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Virginia Holt*

Ushers *Gordon & Mimi Wright, John & Sharon Griffin*

Flowers *Given by Marie Cantafio in memory of her beloved
husband, Ralph, and her beloved daughter, Gemma.*

Refreshments *Nancy & Bruce Phillips*

Rejoicing Ringers *Rowan Bellew, Brigitte Belzer, Courtney Cato, Ryan Crill,
Cat Duncan, Sarah Duncan, Nathan Geiger, Sarah Geiger,
Avery Hillier, Andrew Ward*

Devon Chapel Bells *Susan Bain, Sue Chudy, Christina Fish, Sue Hardin,
Sue Johnson, Susan Starke, Jim Tiede, Elizabeth Unger*

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 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!

CARRIAGE CLUB – TOMORROW (NOON)

Carriage Club will meet tomorrow 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 is available, 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.) You can still RSVP 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!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – OCTOBER 28

On Sunday, October 28 we will observe All Saints' Day, a time when we give thanks to God for the faithful members of the church who have died in the past year. If there is anyone – not just a member of St. John's – who helped shape your faith who has died since last November 1, and you would like their name to be included in our remembrance, please pass it along to Lara in the church office.

COMMUNION IN NOVEMBER

The early church referred to communion as the "Eucharist," a Greek word meaning, "thanksgiving." Next month, we will be celebrating the Eucharist on November 18 to coincide with the Thanksgiving holiday.

COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP (FEBRUARY 16–23, 2019)

This trip is in partnership with Wayne United Methodist Church and Costa Rica Mission Projects. It is an opportunity to serve and to show God's love through building and repairing churches and community buildings in Costa Rica. The **estimated cost is \$2,100**, to which St. John's will contribute \$400. A **\$100 deposit** is requested by **10/31**. For more information, please take one of the handouts on the table below the Outreach bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or see Christine Markle during coffee hour or at cbmarkle6@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Building on last year's success, St. John's is having another **Christmas bazaar** on **Sunday, November 18** in **Fellowship Hall** during **coffee hour**. **All proceeds will go to people hurt by Hurricane Florence and Michael**. This is a great opportunity for you to get in some early holiday shopping. For the bazaar to be a success, we need you to share your creative talents. Please consider donating your baked goods, art, jewelry, knitted, woven, and other handmade items to the bazaar. Items can be given to Lara in the church office. Questions, contact Christine Markle

ALL-CHURCH APPLE PICKING TODAY!

Join us at Linvilla Orchards **today 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!

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 14 – All-church Apple Picking at Linvilla Orchards (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!**

October 21 – Youth Fellowship (5-7th grade, 4–5:15) (8-12th grade, 4:45–6)

October 28 – Trunk or Treat and Grog! 6–7:30 PM (NOTE TIME)

November 2–4 – Middle School Retreat

Youth in grades 5–7 are invited to join us for a fun weekend at Camp Kirkwood in Stroudsburg. Cost is \$100 per person. Ask Ridgley for more details, and **please sign up by October 25!**



Trunk or Treat will take place on **Sunday, October 28** from **6–7:30 PM** in the parking lot. If you have never been, the idea behind Trunk or Treat is simple:

1. Park your car/truck/van/SUV in the church parking lot.
2. Decorate your trunk in a spooky or silly way.
3. Hand out candy to kids as they go from car to car

Bring your kids, grandkids, neighbors, or just yourself! Everyone is invited! Even if you don't have kids involved, just come and decorate your trunk. To be sure we have enough cars, please let us know you will participate by please let us know you will participate by contacting the office or signing up at coffee hour today. If you would like to donate candy, there is a grocery bag to drop donations outside of Ridgley's office.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Oct 14	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
Wed, Oct 17	Patrick's 40th Birthday!	
	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
	5:30 pm	Cherub Choir (classroom behind the kitchen) Story Hour (ages 3 and under)
Fri, Oct 19	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's
	6:45 am	Men's Breakfast (Fell. Hall)

Patrick will be on vacation this week, returning on October 22.

Ridgley 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

Merciful and gracious God,
you are with us, not just in times of joy and blessing,
but in all the difficulties of life.
Whatever this day brings, may we know you to be present.

You see us as we are – in our beauty and our pain –
and you are steadfast in your love for us.
Whatever this day brings, may we know that we are loved.

Help us to be so present and loving with each other –
to laugh with those who are laughing
and weep with those who are weeping.
To *see* those who are in need, as you see *us*,
and bear witness to your loving, life-giving presence,
as we have experienced it in Jesus Christ. Amen.

October 14, 2018
World Communion Sunday
For the latest information and news about St. John's:
www.stjohnsdevon.com