

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

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

Introit "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*Call to Worship from 1 Chronicles 16

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord and call on God's name!

People: Sing praises to the Lord and tell of God's wonderful works!

Pastor: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

**People: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!
God's steadfast love endures forever!**

Pastor: Gather us, O God of our salvation,
that we may give thanks to your holy name
and glory in your praise.

People: Blessed be the Lord, from everlasting to everlasting!

Children: Let us worship God!

*Hymn 139, vss. 1, 2, 5 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*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 strive to be good stewards, Lord;

to faithfully use the gifts that you give us in ways that glorify you.

We want to live in ways that show gratitude.

But we don't always get it right.

We fall short of your glory in our words and thoughts,

in how we treat others,

in how we use our time,

our money,

our abilities,

our forgiveness,

and our love.

We want to be the people you created us to be.

So remind us what it means to live with you,

and set our feet firmly on your righteous path,

that we might not stray from it

as we have done so many times in the past.

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 42:1 – 6, 10 – 17 (pg. 488)

Cherub Choir

"Jump into the Light"

Jana Alayra

Debbie Ealer, Director

Presentation of Bibles to 2nd and 3rd Graders

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

"Now We Offer"

Traditional

Scripture Reading

John 21:15 – 19 (pg. 116)

Sermon

CALLED TO FAITHFULNESS

Rev. Marshall

*Affirmation of Faith

From A Declaration of Faith (PCUSA)

Pastor: Jesus lived with a constant sense of God's presence.

He put God's claim on his life above all else.

He joined others in God's worship and praise.

He drew strength from the Scriptures.

He prayed and taught his disciples to pray.

**People: We believe Christ gives us and demands of us
personal lives that are centered in God
and open to God's reality and rule.**

Pastor: Christ teaches us to put obedience to God

above the interests of self, family, race, or nation;

to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time.

**People: We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture,
relying on the Word to tell us who God is,
to press God's present claim upon us,
and to assure us of God's grace and comfort.**

**All: Life in God's presence issues in life for others,
for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see,
we cannot love God whom we do not see.**

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

Offertory "With All I Am"

*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 140, vss. 1, 3

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

*Postlude

"Day by Day"

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Alice Bell*

Flowers *Given by the McClinticks in remembrance of John's
father, Robert, and Barbara's parents, Thomas and
Elizabeth.*

Refreshments *Kathy Johnson*

Cherub Choir *James Adams, Luke Ealer, Ellie Fisher,
Brandon Marshall, Emily Marshall, Ryan Marshall,
Abigail Marvin*

Guest Musicians *Miyuki Hashimoto, Cassia 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 following worship. Our greeter, Alice Bell, 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!

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES – TONIGHT, 5 PM

Our next monthly concert will take place **tonight 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. Bring a friend and join us for an evening of amazing music! **Please note: Because of Trunk or Treat, concert guests are asked to enter through the exit driveway and park in the lower lot (or along the street).**

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.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – NOVEMBER 18

St. John's Christmas bazaar is on **Sunday, November 18** in **Fellowship Hall** during coffee hour. All proceeds from the bazaar will go to **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to aid 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. Please contact Christine Markle with any questions.

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

The Deacons are looking for people willing to use their gifts to care for their church family by providing rides to worship for church members who are not able to drive! If you are interested in this opportunity for service and fellowship, please contact Kristi Thomson. If you live in or close to the Royersford, West Chester, and Valley Forge area, your help is especially needed.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS NEXT SUNDAY!

Next Sunday we will gather for worship at 9:30 AM to dedicate our pledges for the upcoming year. Immediately following worship, we will celebrate with a delicious catered brunch in Fellowship Hall. Our guest preacher for the morning will be the Rev. Dr. Graham Standish. You may turn in brunch RSVP cards in the envelope on the church office door, or on our website (www.stjohnsdevon.com) by clicking the "Consecration Sunday Celebration Brunch Reservations" link.

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S THIS WEEK

While we are not meeting for supper this Wednesday, Joe Modica's class will still meet at 7:00 PM in the Carriage House. Join us as we continue our look at Jesus' farewell address in John's gospel.

RYAN'S CASE FOR SMILES – TOMORROW!

We will be sewing pillowcases on Monday, October 29, from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Bring friends (and a sewing machine, if you have one, but not required). We will also be cutting fabric, ironing, and bagging cases for delivery. Bring a brown bag lunch and join us! Coffee and tea will be provided. Contact Ellen Moeller or Marianne McClennen with any questions.

ST. JOHN'S DANCING WITH THE STARS, SEASON 1

St. John's will be hosting a four-week adult dance class, starting shortly after the New Year and meeting every Saturday at 11:00 AM. A professional instructor will teach at least one ballroom dance and one folk dance per class. A quick and easy lunch will be served after the class, and we will be done by 1:00 PM. Space for this class is limited, so please contact Susanne Engheta if you are interested.



October 28 – Trunk or Treat and Grog! 6–8:00 PM

Join us for our church family's monthly intergenerational event, Trunk or Treat, and then meet Pastor Ridgley in the Carriage House at 7:00pm for an hour of GROG!

November 4 – Youth Fellowship (Combined) 4:00 PM- 6:00 PM



Trunk or Treat will take place tonight from 6–7:30 PM in the parking lot.

In the case of inclement weather, a congregational email will be sent out by 2 PM cancelling the event.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Oct. 28	8:00 am	Women's Biblical Reflections (Carriage House)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	11:00 am	Nominating Committee (Kean Room)
	5:00 pm	St. John's Concert Series
	6:00 pm	Trunk or Treat
	7:00 pm	Youth Grog (Carriage House)
Mon, Oct. 29	6:00 pm	Leadership Dinner (Fell. Hall)
Wed, Oct 31	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
	5:30 pm	NO CHERUB CHOIR
	6:00 pm	NO SUPPER
	7:00 pm	Joe Modica's Class (Carr. House)
Thurs, Nov 1	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Fri, Nov 2	6:45 am	Men's Breakfast (Fell. Hall)
Sun, Nov 4		Consecration Sunday
	8:00 am	Deacons Meeting (Carr. House)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Celebration Brunch (Fell. Hall)

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

O Lord our God,
We do not know where we are going.
We do not see the road ahead of us,
and we cannot know for certain where it will end.
Nor do we really know ourselves,
and the fact that we *think* we are following your will
does not mean that we are actually *doing* so.
But we believe that the *desire* to please you
does, in fact, please you.
And we hope to have that desire in all that we do.
We hope that we will never do anything apart from that desire.
And we know that if we do this, you will lead us by the right road,
though we may know nothing about it.
Therefore we will trust you always,
though we may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.
We will not fear, for you are ever with us,
and you will never leave us to face our perils alone.

– Adapted from a prayer by Thomas Merton

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