

St. John's at Worship Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

Introit "Blessed Be the Name"

*Call to Worship Based on Lamentations 3

Pastor: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God's mercies never come to an end.

**People: They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness!**

Pastor: "The Lord is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore, I will hope in God."

**People: You are good to those who wait for you,
to the soul that seeks you.**

Pastor: Let us test and examine our ways and return to the Lord.

**People: Let us lift up our hearts as well as our voices
to God in worship!**

*Hymn 66, vss. 1, 2, 4 "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"

*Prayer of Invocation & 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 from *The Book of Common Prayer*

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in word, thought, and deed,
by what we have said and done,
and by what we have left *unsaid* and *undone*.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart,
and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**May our confession lead to true repentance,
turning away from sin
and turning back to you.**

**Have mercy on us and remind us of your forgiveness;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

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 Psalm 89:1 – 4, 21 – 37 (pg. 545)

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

*As Pre-K through rising 3rd graders leave for Summer 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!**

*Hymn 190 (GREEN) "Trust in the Lord"

Scripture Reading Ephesians 4:1 – 3, 14 – 25; 5:1 – 2 (pg. 193)

Sermon KEEPING FAITH Rev. Marshall

Summer Sermon Series: The Fruit of the Spirit

*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.
He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father, Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

Offertory "My Savior's Love"

*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

*Hymn 140, vss. 1, 3 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*Benediction

*Postlude "Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Virginia Holt*

Ushers *Peter & Nancy Crawford*

Flowers *Given by Kelly & Steve Barnes in memory of Steve's
mother, Caroline.*

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!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

After the Children's Time, children in Pre-K through rising 3rd graders are invited to leave worship to watch a faith-based video. Parents can pick them up downstairs after worship, in the classroom across from the nursery.

FALL FESTIVAL – SEPTEMBER 15 (5–7 PM)

We will kick off the program year with our annual Fall Festival on Sunday, September 15 from 5 to 7 PM. There will be good food, live music by "The Joy Messenger Big Band," games and crafts for the kids, and a chance for everyone to come back together and catch up after the summer! St. John's will provide ham, hotdogs, drinks, and ice cream, and we ask for your help with the variety of sides, salads, and desserts. **If your last name begins with a letter A–K, please sign up to bring a salad, those with L–R please bring a side dish, and those with S–Z bring a desert.** Admission is \$5 per person, no more than \$15 for a family (guests are free). We also need volunteers to help, and there is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. We may need to borrow a few card tables, so please let us know if you can lend us one. Please contact Nancy Crawford to sign up/volunteer.

TREDYFFRIN HISTORIC HOUSE TOUR

On Saturday, September 28 (Noon to 5 PM), St. John's will be a part of the Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust's 15th Annual Historic House Tour! We are going to open our church building up to the community and share a little of our history. We are looking for volunteers from the congregation to help welcome people. If you are interested, please talk to John Senior.

GINNY KOCH MEMORIAL SERVICE

We shared last Sunday that longtime St. John's member Virginia (Ginny) Koch died on July 30. Ginny had been living in Massachusetts for the past 3 years but remained a beloved part of our church family. A memorial service will be held here on October 19 at 10:00 AM.

NORTH CAROLINA MISSION TRIPS (OCT. 13–19 AND 20–26)

In partnership with Central Presbyterian of Downingtown, we have been invited to join with other area churches in two mission trips to repair homes in North Carolina damaged last September by Hurricane Florence. Teams of 20 people (18 years and older) will travel by car to Wilmington, NC. Housing will be provided by First Presbyterian at \$20/night. Work projects will be managed by Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry (WARM), and no experience is necessary. For more information, see handouts in Fellowship Hall or contact Christine Markle.

FAMILY WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

There will not be Summer Sunday School next Sunday, as all children and youth will remain in the sanctuary, and we will worship together as one big family! There will be activity packs to help engage the kids in worship, and as always, there will be nursery care for children 4 and under.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS SEPTEMBER 8!

We will kick off the Sunday School year by blessing our students and teachers in worship on Sunday, September 8. This is not just for Sunday School teachers, but for *all* the teachers in the life of our church! After the blessing, children and youth from Pre-K through 12th grade will go out to Sunday School.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/YOUTH GROUP REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2019/20 Sunday School/Youth Group program year is now open! This is a chance to maintain up-to-date information about your kids, as well as obtain photo/safety releases. Please register your child(ren) for Sunday School and/or Youth Group **by September 8**, using the link on our website.



If you are not already receiving Ridgley's weekly emails for youth and families, email her at rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com to stay up to date on upcoming events!

RIDGLEY'S OFFICE HOURS

Ridgley is working remotely right now and holds office hours on **Tuesdays from 10:30–1:30** at Panera Bread (319 E. Lancaster Ave, Wayne). Everyone is welcome to drop in and catch up! If you would like to set up a specific time to meet individually, or if you'd just like to get in touch with her, please call (864-417-8566) or email.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING

There will be two chances for Sunday School teachers to receive training:
Sunday, August 25 (11:00–12:30) in the parking lot
Sunday, September 22 (11:00–12:30) in the Carriage House

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL PLANNING RETREAT – TODAY (1–3 PM)

A reminder to all YAC members that we will be meeting for a retreat this afternoon at the Dalrymples' home.

CONFIRMATION CLASS INFORMATIONAL MEETING – SEPT. 15 (11:00 AM)

Join Ridgley under a tent in the parking lot on Sunday, September 15 to learn about this year's Confirmation Class. This is a class where we teach 8th and 9th graders (and any older youth who have not previously gone through Confirmation) what it means to be Christian and Presbyterian, and they are invited to become members of the church.

YOUTH GROUP RETURNS – SEPTEMBER 22 (4–6 PM)

Youth in grades 5–12 are invited to kick off the Youth Group year with games, food, and fun! (Location to be determined)

Please contact Ridgley if you have questions about any of these events.

ST. JOHN'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's monthly e-newsletter goes out this week. If you are not already receiving it and would like to, please email Lara in the church office (lara.kennedy@stjohnsdevon.com) to be added to the list.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Aug 25	9:30 am	Worship & Summer Sunday School
	11:00 am	Sunday School teacher training
Wed, Aug 28	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
Sun, Sept 1	9:30 am	Family Worship & Communion No Summer Sunday School
Mon, Sept 2		Office Closed for Labor Day

Patrick 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

From "At the Dawn"
by Walter Brueggemann

Our first glimpse of reality this day – every day – is your fidelity.
We are dazzled by the ways you remain constant among us,
in season, out of season,
for better, for worse,
in sickness and in health.
We ask only that your faithfulness
permeate every troubled place we are able to name,
that your mercy
move against the hurts to make new,
that your steadfastness
hold firmly what is too fragile on its own.

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