

St. John's at Worship Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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

*Musical Call to Worship “All Who Are Thirsty”

**Let all who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the wave of God's mercy
As deep cries out to deep, we sing**

**Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come, Lord Jesus, come**

(Repeat all)

*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

**We confess, Lord, that in so many little ways,
we try to *earn* your love and blessing.
And we try to make *others* earn *ours*.
Forgive us for the ways that we make each other think
we have to be good enough to love;
the ways that we burden each other with expectations.
Help us to lay aside all our conditions,
so that we can *receive* and *dwell* in a love that is *unconditional*;
the love you have shown us so beautifully in Jesus.**

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 Matthew 11:28 – 30; 12:1 – 14 (pg. 12) Nancy Wolfe

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

Sermon A GENTLER YOKE Rev. Marshall
Summer Sermon Series: The Fruit of the Spirit

*Hymn **347 (with refrain)** “Spirit Song”

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Traditional)

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

*Hymn **191** “Jesus Loves Me”

*Benediction

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*
Greeter *Barbara Alexander & Virginia Holt*
Ushers *Mike & Judy Simmons, Herb Thal, John McClintick*
Flowers *Given by Nancy Kimmons & John Senior in memory
of family members departed and in honor of family
September birthdays: Sara, John, and Sabi.*

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 greeters, Barbara Alexander and 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!

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

Hunter and Debi Thomson and family would like to extend their gratitude to the Tiedes, the Lynams, and the Dilloways for the meals they provided recently, and also to the extended St. John's family for all the support and prayers they have received.

COMMUNION SUNDAY

On the first Sunday of every month, St. John's shares the Lord's Supper. This meal reminds us of Christ's sacrifice for us – his body broken and his blood shed – so that we might be nourished in our faith to live for him. This is not just for Presbyterians or members of St. John's. Everyone who seeks to know and love Jesus Christ is welcome to share in this meal! When the trays are passed, take a piece of bread and a cup of juice and hold on to it; you will be invited to eat/drink when everyone has one.

FALL FESTIVAL – SEPTEMBER 15 (5–7 PM)

We will kick off the program year with our annual Fall Festival on Sunday, September 15 from 5–7 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.

NEW MEMBERS/INQUIRERS CLASS – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

If you are interested in joining St. John's or would like to learn more about what it means to be a member, we will be holding a class on **Sunday, September 29 at 11 AM** in the Carriage House. If you would like to attend or just have questions, please contact Virginia Holt.

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.

ST. JOHN'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

If you are not already receiving our monthly e-newsletter and would like to, please email Lara in the church office (lara.kennedy@stjohnsdevon.com) to be added to the list.

FAMILY WORSHIP TODAY!

There will be no Sunday School today, as our children will remain in the sanctuary, and we will worship together as one big church family. The kids are invited to share in communion, even if they do not fully understand what it means yet (one of the ways we learn is by doing!). The Nursery is still open for ages 0-4.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS 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 1st**, 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

If you are teaching Sunday School this year and were not at the Aug. 25 teacher training, we ask that you please join us on **Sunday, September 22 (11:00-12:30)** in the Carriage House. **Teachers, your curriculum is now available for pickup in the Volunteer Room.**

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 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
Sun, Sept 8	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	8:00 am	Deacons Meeting (Tiede's home)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School Blessing of Teachers/Students

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

“The *Other* Serenity Prayer”
– Eleanor Brownn

God, grant me the serenity to stop beating myself up for not doing things perfectly, the courage to forgive myself because I'm working on doing better, and the wisdom to know that you already love me just the way I am.

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