

St. John's at Worship Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Introit

*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!

*Hymn 158 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

*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 Romans 7

I do not understand my own actions.

**For I do not do what I want,
but I do the very thing I hate.**

I can will what is right, but I cannot do it.

With my mind I love God,

but with my body I am captive to sin.

I do not do the good I want,

but the evil I do not want is what I do.

Who will rescue me from this body of death?

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 Galatians 5:16 – 25 (pg. 190) Jim Ryland

Blessing Our Students and Teachers Rev. Marshall

*As Pre-K through 12th 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!**

Anthem "Teach Me Your Way, O Lord" Larson

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 7:1 – 9 (pg. 169)

Sermon SELF(LESS)-CONTROL Rev. Marshall
Summer Sermon Series: The Fruit of the Spirit

*Affirmation of Faith from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1983)

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,**

**we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,

praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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 539, vss. 1, 3, 4 "O Spirit of the Living God"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Love Can Never End"

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music Iris Blanco-Urgelles

Greeter Alice Bell

Ushers Terry and Anton Belzer, and Susanne and Alex Engheta

Flowers Given by Ken & Mary Dilloway in honor of our parents

Coffee Servers Nancy and Tom Higgins

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!

FALL FESTIVAL – NEXT SUNDAY (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 (swleeholt@verizon.net).

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. Monday (tomorrow!) September 9th, will be the LAST DAY to sign up.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The first fall meeting of the Thursday morning Women's Bible study will resume on September 19th (10 to 11:30) in the Kean Room, and will be studying Samuel I & II. Bible study will meet every first and third Thursdays of the month. All are welcome! For more information, contact Nancy Davis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS TODAY!

We will kick off the Sunday School today year by blessing our students and teachers. We give thanks for the commitment of **Judy Mileto, Janette Scott, Wanda Odom, Jeff Starke, Amy Lord, Barbara McClintick, Dick Oliver, Ken Coradi, Betsy Friend, Beth Kephart, Dave Dalrymple, Jose Irizarry, Nancy Wolfe, Chrissy Bouvier, Chris Oliver, Shirley Hughes, and Cammy Wagner** to teach Sunday School this year. But this blessing is not just for Sunday School teachers; *all* teachers in the life of our church are invited to come forward! After the blessing, children and youth from Pre-K through 12th grade will go out to Sunday School.



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, and holds office hours **Tuesdays from 10:30–1:30** at Panera Bread (319 E. Lancaster Ave, Wayne). Everyone is welcome to drop in! 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.

REGISTRATION

If you have not yet registered your child(ren) for Sunday School and/or youth group, you may still do so using the link on our website. This is a chance to maintain up-to-date information and obtain photo/safety releases.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER/FLOATER TRAINING

If you are teaching Sunday School and missed 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.**

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) Join us for our first

PJ&MOVIE NIGHT

Friday Sept 13 from 5:30-7:30 for ages 4th grade and under, the cost is free! Invite a friend, bring a blanket pillow to enjoy the movie after yummy pizza! Please RSVP to Ridgley (rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com) by Wednesday 9/11!

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

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

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
Mon, Sept 9	7:00 pm	Session Meeting (Kean Room)
Wed, Sept 11	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
Sun, Sept 15	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	10:45 am	Try out bells in the music room!
	11:00 am	Confirmation Meeting
	5–7 pm	Fall Festival
Thurs, Sept 19	6:30 pm	Devon Chapel Bells rehearsal
Sunday Sept 22	11:00 am	Rejoicing Ringers rehearsal

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

“Ultimately, the only power to which man should aspire is that which he exercises over himself.”

– Elie Wiesel

“If you have control over yourself, you have no desire to control others.”

– Miya Yamanouchi

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