

St. John's at Worship Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Introit

*Call to Worship From Psalm 119

Pastor: Blessed are those who seek the Lord with their whole heart and walk in God's ways.

People: We will praise God with an upright heart! With my whole heart, I will seek you!

Pastor: Blessed are you, O Lord!
We treasure your Word in our hearts and fix our eyes on your way.

People: Revive us according to your Word. Teach us your way and let us cling to you.

Pastor: Let us worship God!

*Hymn **596** "Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word"

*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 God, heal the wounds in our hearts and minds that open us to sin.

Where we have strayed from you and lived in ways that are selfish, controlling, or fearful;

where we have treated our bodies, our resources, our neighbors, and this world unlovingly,

we are ready to be healed.

May your faithfulness to us stir up our faithfulness to you, and by your grace, may we live in love, because you are love, and we want to live with you.

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 Deuteronomy 30:15–20 (pg. 186) Pat Marshall

Children's Time Rev. Joyner

As Pre-K–7th graders leave 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 "My Lord, What a Morning"

Benson

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:21–37 (pg. 4)

Sermon EXCEEDING RIGHTEOUSNESS Rev. Marshall

*Affirmation of Faith A Modern Affirmation

Pastor: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

People: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all His works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ,

Son of God and Son of man,

the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,

the ground of our hope,

and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit

as the divine presence in our lives,

whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance

of the truth of Christ,

and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself

in the service of love

as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,

to the end

that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.

Amen.

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

Offertory

*Doxology

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 **408** "The Gift of Love"

*Benediction

Choral Response

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeters *Virginia Holt*

Ushers *Dave Dalrymple, Nancy and Tom Higgins*

Flowers *Given by Betsy & Bob Miller in loving memory of our parents, Robert & Eleanor Miller, and James & Alice Gillespie.*

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!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER – THANK YOU!

We want to thank everyone who took part in last week's *Rise Against Hunger* event. We packed 10,152 meals that will be used to fight hunger around the world. Special thanks to John Shaw, who organized this event on behalf of the Outreach Committee. Be on the lookout for another *Rise Against Hunger* event next February!

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING – TUESDAY NIGHTS (7:30 PM)

St. John's hosts an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting in our Fellowship Hall every Tuesday night at 7:30 PM. This is an open meeting, so anyone who feels that they have a problem with alcohol is welcome.

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S – WEDNESDAYS AT 6 PM

Join us every Wednesday through March 25 for Supper at St. John's! We begin at 6:00 PM with a delicious church-cooked meal, followed by a choice of classes from 7–8 PM. Childcare is available.

MONTHLY CONCERT SERIES

Our next monthly concert will be **Sunday, February 23 from 5–6 PM** with a focus on Broadway music. These concerts are free of charge and open to the community. Please bring a friend and join us for an evening of amazing music!

MILITARY CARE PACKAGES

Thank you for helping us build our trove for the military care packages. As a reminder, items are ***due back by next Sunday, February 23***. Please stop by downstairs to check out the wish list, do a little shopping and help make the lives of deployed troops just a bit more livable. Thanks again from the Deacons!

LENTEN LUNCHEON

On **Wednesday, February 26 from 11:30 AM to 1 PM**, the women of St. John's will gather for the Lenten Luncheon to hear a thought-provoking message and share communion. Our guest speaker will be Ellie Stratton, who will share a message on "Holy Listening." We hope you will join us and bring your friends or co-workers! Sign up at coffee hour or contact Nancy Arico or Lee Walsh.



If you are not already receiving Ridgley's weekly emails for youth and families, email her at rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com.

RIDGLEY'S OFFICE HOURS

Ridgley is still holding office hours **Tuesdays from 10:30–1:30 at Terrain** (138 Lancaster Ave, in Devon Yard). Everyone is welcome to drop in! If you would like to set up a specific time to meet with her, or if you'd just like to get in touch, please call (864-417-8566) or email.

YOUTH GROUP & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth Fellowship will now gather from 4-5:30 PM, ages 5th–12th grade, unless otherwise specified in our advertisements. Additionally, Senior High Youth (8th–12th grade) will gather for Sunday School on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month to discuss the previous week's sermon and scripture.

YOUTH AT SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S

Middle and High School youth are invited to join Ridgley in her office from 6–7 PM on Wednesdays for a meal and Bible study during Supper at St. John's.

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

The YAC will meet today from 10:45–11:15 AM in Ridgley's office.

MISSION MADNESS DAY OF SERVICE – TOMORROW!

On Monday, Feb. 17, youth in grades 5-12 are invited to join Ridgley for a day of service with the Philadelphia Project. The cost is \$30 per person.

MISSION TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

All high school students interested in going on this summer's mission trip are invited to meet Ridgley in her office on **Sunday, Feb. 23 at 10:30 AM** (right after worship) to learn more about this year's trip!

SNOW TUBING – NEXT SUNDAY!

Youth in grades 5–12 are invited to go snow tubing on Sunday, Feb. 23. We will leave the church at Noon and come back around 5 PM. The cost \$20/person, plus money for lunch.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Feb 16	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
Mon, Feb 17		Office closed for President's Day
Tues, Feb 18	7:30 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Wed, Feb 19	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
	5:30 pm	Children's Choir
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's
Thurs, Feb 20	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Adult Handbell Rehearsal
	7:45 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sun, Feb 23	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	11:00 am	Nominating Committee (Kean)
	5:00 pm	Monthly Concert (Sanctuary)

Patrick and Ridgley are off on Friday and Saturday. Lara is off 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 when the office is closed or on a Saturday, you can call 484-604-0499.**



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

“The virtue that is celebrated in scripture is so elusive we struggle to find words to capture its spirit. And so we codify. We legislate. We grow so attached to our rules that they long outlive their purpose. We cling to the *letter* because the *spirit* is so much harder to master.”

– Rachel Held Evans, *A Year of Biblical Womanhood*

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