

St. John’s at Worship
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Introit “Adagio” J.S. Bach

*Call to Worship
Leader: When tears are our food,
People: God comes with a feast.
Leader: When fear is our path,
People: God leads us in love.
Leader: When sorrow is our companion,
People: God comforts us.
Leader: When all hope seems lost,
People: God is our rock and our redeemer.
Leader: So bring your longing, bring your hope.
People: God is with us here.
Leader: In the midst of your fears and your doubts,
People: Faith has called us here.
Leader: Pour out your soul in prayer and song.
People: We come to worship God!

*Hymn 428 “For the Healing of the Nations”

*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
As your child, I have sinned,
against you and against my neighbor,
thinking, speaking, and acting in ways
that do not honor your presence
in the world, in others, or even in myself.

As your people, we have sinned,
against you and against each other,
participating – consciously and unconsciously –
in systems of violence, injustice, and oppression.

Individually and collectively,
we have not been the people you created and call us to be.
Heal the wounds in our hearts, minds, and souls
that cause us to live in sin.
Heal the wounds that we inflict upon creation and one another
as a result of our sin.
Forgive us – again – and break the power of sin,
in this world and in our lives.

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.

Scripture Reading Psalm 32 (p. 506)

Children’s Time Rev. Marshall

Anthem "A Mighty Fortress is Our God” Martin Luther

Scripture Reading John 8:2 – 11 (p. 100)

Sermon THE TRUTH Rev. Marshall
Summer Sermon Series: *Living Worship*

*Affirmation of Faith From The Reformed Church of Australia
We believe in God,
who made the world and reaches out to it
with a love that is fierce and passionate, tender and kind.
We believe in Jesus the Christ;
God revealed in a human life.
He touched the untouchable, pardoned the unforgivable,
and unmasked the powers that enslave us.
In fear and arrogance we cast him, lifeless, into the grave,
and with him went our hopes of salvation.
Raised by God, he is parting the sea of evil and despair
and leading us across into the land of freedom and promise.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
God's mysterious presence with us,
whose breathing gives life;
whose fire purges and renews;
whose wisdom surprises, prompts, and questions,
awakening courage, humor, and hope.
We believe in ourselves,
made in the image of God and growing to wholeness in Christ.
Gathered by the Spirit, we have been baptized into a common life:
a life laid open to all, overflowing with love and mercy,
richer than mind can measure, but appearing foolish to the world.
And we trust that the foolishness of God
will prove wiser than the wisdom of the world,
and that the suffering of God will heal the earth
and fulfill our hopes of justice and peace.

Offering (Ushers will also collect blue prayer request cards at the time of the offering.)
Offertory “Air” J.S. Bach

*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 378, vss. 1 – 4 “Amazing Grace”

*Benediction

Postlude “This is My Father's World” Martin Luther

*All who are able, please stand

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music Iris Blanco-Urgelles
Greeter Carol Netter
Ushers Pat Churchill and Earline Eck
Coffee Service Sharlene Cirillo
Flowers In memory of our beloved fathers and grandfathers,
Kenneth Estabrook and Leonard Luckenbach
– The Estabrook Family
Guest Musicians C a s s i a H a r v e y, c e l l o

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 immediately following worship. Our greeter, Carol Netter, 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 COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE
We will be hosting a blood drive for the Red Cross here on **July 5th**. Did you know that every three seconds someone in the United States needs blood? That adds up to about 32,000 units of blood needed *every day*. Despite the size of the need, less than 4% of the population are currently active blood donors. Come out and donate on July 5th. A single donation can help save as many as three lives!

FOOD FOR YOUR SOUL – ALPHA NOURISHMENT
September 21 through November 30, excepting November 23
Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith that will be the focus of Supper at St. Johns this fall. Food has a way of bringing people together. Supper at St. Johns starts with food because it’s a great way to build community and deepen our relationships. Nourish Your Soul! Attended Alpha previously? This is a new, updated program that will build on your previous experience.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS
There are several open dates available to sponsor altar flowers this summer and fall. Please consider sharing this gift with our morning service. Sign-ups are available on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or email Lauren Feldman.



While Youth Group is officially over for this program year, we *will* be having some fun gatherings throughout the summer; times to get together, catch up, eat some pizza, and play some games. Be on the lookout for more information in emails and the bulletin. Have a great summer!

High School Mission Trip: July 24 – July 29
We have a group of 13 youth and 4 adult leaders traveling to Vienna, Virginia to work with *Week of Hope*. If you have any questions, please talk to Patrick.

“Adopt-a-Youth” for the Mission Trip!
In the past we have sent each of the mission trip participants off with a goodie bag of their favorite snacks. On Sunday, July 10, there will be sheets for each youth in the Fellowship Hall. You can sign up to “adopt” one and put together their goodie bag. Bags will be due back the following Sunday, July 17. Please contact Kristi Thomson with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE!



Vacation Bible School 2016
July 18 – 22, 9 AM to Noon
Egypt: Joseph’s Journey from Prison to Palace

Children ages 4 – 10 are invited to come and discover God’s Word through drama, games, crafts, and song! Contact Marianne McCledden for more information, or sign up on the website under “Quicklinks”

We are still in need of volunteers!

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

Sun, June 26	9:30 am	Worship Rev. Howard Friend preaching
Wed, June 29	6:00 pm	Dinner, Worship & Bible charades!
Sun, July 3	9:30 am	Worship & Communion (Intinction) Rev. Michael Wilson preaching
Mon, July 4	Independence Day - Office will be closed	
Sun, July 10	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship
Mon, July 11	7:00 pm	Session Meeting

A Reminder about Staff Days Off

Patrick will be on vacation starting tomorrow (June 20) through Tuesday, July 5. Please direct any pastoral care calls to Lara at the church office.

In his absence the Rev. Dr. Howard Friend will be leading worship next Sunday, June 26. Leading worship and serving communion on Sunday, July 3 will be the Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson, Stated Clerk of Donegal Presbytery.

Lara is out on Saturdays and Sundays.
If you email or call on those days, you may not get a response until she is back in the office. Thank you for understanding!



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

“The gospel is good news for sick people and is disturbing for those who think they’ve got it all together. Some of us have been told our whole lives that we are wretched, but the gospel reminds us that we are beautiful. Others of us have been told our whole lives that we are beautiful, but the gospel reminds us that we are also wretched. **The Church is a place where we can stand up and say we are wretched, and everyone will nod and agree and remind us that we are also beautiful.**”

- Shane Claiborne, *The Irresistible Revolution*

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