

St. John's at Worship Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Introit "Aria" *J.S. Bach*

*Call to Worship From Psalm 25

Leader: Good and upright is the Lord!
God instructs sinners in his way
and leads the humble in what is right.

**People: Make us to know your ways, O Lord;
lead us in your truth and teach us your paths,
for you are the God of our salvation.**

Leader: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

**People: To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls!
In you, O God, we trust!**

*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

**You speak to us in many ways, Lord –
through Christ and the Holy Spirit,
through the words of scripture and other people.
But so often we cannot hear you
because of the noisy busyness of our lives,
or we refuse to listen
because the word you speak is inconvenient or uncomfortable.
Open our ears – and our lives – to your Word.
Heal our selective listening,
that we may not only be *hearers* of your Word, but *doers*, in Christ.**

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 Luke 4:16 – 30 (p. 61) Susanne Engheta

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

Anthem "Hallowed by Thy Name" *Magatagan*

Scripture Reading 2 Timothy 3:10 – 17 (p. 213)

Sermon THE STORY WE FIND OURSELVES IN Rev. Marshall
Summer Sermon Series: *Living Worship*

*Affirmation of Faith *From A Declaration of Faith (PCUSA)*

**God moves in history with his people.
Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record.
The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history,
together with his people's response in faith.**

**It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the Church,
toward the kingdom of God,
his just and loving rule over all.**

**It is the story of the one God,
who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

**That story is still unfolding
and in faith we make it our own.**

It forms our memory and our hope.

It tells us who we are and what we are to do.

To retell it is to declare what we believe.

God is at work beyond our story.

**The story itself tells us God works his sovereign will
among all peoples of the earth.**

**We believe God works beyond our imagining
throughout the universe.**

We acknowledge no other God.

We must not set our ultimate reliance on any other help.

We must not yield unconditional obedience to any other power.

We must not love anyone or anything more than we love God.

We praise and enjoy God.

To worship God is highest joy.

To serve God is perfect freedom.

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

Offertory "Brother James Air" *James L. M. Bain*

*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 598, vss. 1, 3, 4 "O Word of God Incarnate"

*Benediction

*Postlude

*All who are able, please stand

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Jennifer Roberts*

Ushers *Tom and Nancy Higgins*

Coffee Service *Lisa Scolari*

Flowers *For all those who are caught in this world of human
trafficking, the most vulnerable being young children
nearby and afar.*

Guest Musicians *Patricia Turse (harp), Myanna Harvey (viola)*

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, Jennifer Roberts, 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!

MAKE AN ALPHA-BET!

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith that will be the focus of Supper at St. John's this fall. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Attended Alpha previously? This is a new, updated program that will build on your previous experience. Join us!

CHURCH-WIDE GLEANING TRIP!

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 3 (5:15-7:30)

Gleaning is the act of collecting leftover crops from farmers' fields after they have been commercially harvested. In Leviticus 23:22, God told the farmers "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest; you shall leave them for the poor." Please come join us for a trip to Pete's Produce Farm to benefit the Chester County Food Bank. Anyone age 8 and up is welcome to participate. Please RSVP by July 28th to Debbie Ealer.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

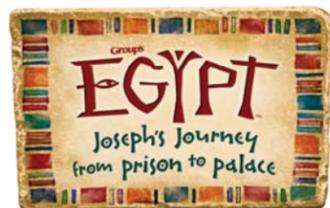
There are several open dates available to sponsor flowers for worship this summer and fall. Please consider beautifying our sanctuary by sharing this gift. Signups are available on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or email Lauren Feldman.

VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND CHECKS

According to state law, any adults working with children are required to complete three separate background checks, which are good for five years. If you have not completed your background checks or need to renew them, please contact Barbara McConnell for more information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS THIS WEEK!

Monday – Friday, 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 McClennen for more information.

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*. Thank you to everyone who signed up to "sponsor" a participant! Goodie bags can be turned in downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Next Sunday in worship, we will commission and bless the group before they leave. We hope you can be here to help send them off!

Summer Sunday School

This summer we are trying a new format that involves all grades from pre-K to Senior High. Each Sunday we will break down into age groups to have a Bible study where we will read Scripture and discuss what it means to us, followed by a group activity (like Bible baseball outside, games, or a service project), and then some sort of snack (like ice cream), and finish with a devotional. Jeff Ealer is leading this project, and needs help with teaching and running the activities. Please contact Jeff if you are interested in helping. Also, if your child has food allergies please let Jeff know (snacks will mostly be sherbet, ice cream, and maybe an occasional donut). Here is the schedule that is subject to change based on teacher availability:

Date	Pre-k/1st	2nd-4th	5th/7th	Senior High
7/17	Samuel and Hannah	Jesus's parables		
7/24	Psalm 23	Moses		
7/31	Jonah	Psalm 23		
8/7	David and Goliath	Unmerciful servant		
8/14	The Good Samaritan	Servanthood	Communion	
8/21	Zaccheus	Joseph		
8/28	The Sower and the Seed	Job		
9/4	Prodigal Son	Sermon on the Mount		

(Bible study classes for 2nd-4th, 5th-7th and Senior High meet separately)

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

July 18 – 22 9:00 am – Noon Vacation Bible School
Sun, July 24 9:30 am Worship
July 24 – 29 Senior High Mission Trip

A Reminder about Staff Days Off

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



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

"The Bible is very easy to understand. But we Christians are a bunch of scheming swindlers. We pretend to be unable to understand it because we know very well that the minute we understand, we are obliged to act accordingly."

– Soren Kierkegaard

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