

## St. John's at Worship Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Introit “Surely the Presence of the Lord” (Hymn #328)

\*Call to Worship Psalm 46

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in times of trouble.

**People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
and the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**People: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved.  
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

Leader: The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter.  
God utters his voice; the earth melts.

**People: The Lord of hosts is with us.  
The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Leader: Be still and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations.  
I am exalted in the earth.

**People: The Lord of hosts is with us;  
The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

\*Hymn 64 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

\*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.**

Song of Confession “Our Father, We Have Wandered” (INSERT)

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 Jeremiah 8:4 – 22 (p. 708) Rich Scott

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

Presentation of Bibles to 3rd Graders

Blessing of Sunday School Teachers and Students  
*(Pre-K – 12<sup>th</sup> grade leave for Sunday School until 10:45.)*

Scripture Reading John 2:13 – 22 (p. 93)

Sermon RISING UP Rev. Marshall

\*Affirmation of Faith

**God keeps his promises and gives us hope.  
In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God kept his promises.  
All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ.  
But the work of God in Christ is not over.  
God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.  
The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence  
that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.  
In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth,  
certainty of victory over death,  
assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.  
This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.  
We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom.  
But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil  
that are possible now in the world, the church,  
and our individual lives.  
Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition,  
however invincible it may seem,  
for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming.  
Jesus is Lord!  
He has been Lord from the beginning.  
He will be Lord at the end.  
Even now, he is Lord.**

Declaration of Faith

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

Offertory “The Love of God” *Frederick M. Lehman*

\*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 577 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response “God Be with You till We Meet Again” (Hymn #672)

*God be with you till we meet again;  
by his counsels guide, uphold you,  
With his sheep securely fold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.*

\*Postlude

\*All who are able, please stand

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Director of Music** *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

**Greeter** *Jennifer Roberts*

**Ushers** *Liz & Mark Ward, and Jeff & Sue Starke*

**Coffee Service** *Jim & Carol Netter*

**Flowers** *Given by Kathy Johnson, Nancy Rich, and Judy Mileto in  
loving memory of our parents, Henry & Virginia Aikens.*

**Guest Musician** *Mami Suetsugu (Clarinet)*

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, Debbie Ealer, 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 OUTREACH

Once a month during our Sunday services we spotlight one of our mission partners in order to pray for them and raise awareness about the work that they do. This month our focus is on YoungLives, an organization that ministers to teenage mothers through mentoring and fellowship. The Outreach Committee has written a letter of encouragement and thanks to YoungLives for the work that they do in service to Jesus Christ, and we would love for all of you to sign it! Charlie Krueger has the letter available for you to sign in Fellowship Hall (it will also be available at the Fall Festival this evening).

CARRIAGE CLUB BEGINS OCTOBER 10TH

On **Monday, October 10 at Noon**, Carriage Club will hold its first luncheon of the season. Our program promises to be exciting. Our guest will be Don Trachte Jr., whose father was a well-known cartoonist, editor, and long time friend of Norman Rockwell. Mr. Trachte will be sharing a story of intrigue that had the art world and national press abuzz. We do REQUIRE reservations for this luncheon, with a deadline of October 3. Please RSVP with Virginia Holt. Childcare will be available if requested at time of reservation.

A PRAYER REQUEST

Patrick will be leaving tomorrow for Richmond, VA where he will be attending the *CREDO* conference, an 8-day retreat for pastors organized by the denomination. This conference examines every aspect of a pastor's life (their spiritual, vocational, physical, social, and financial well-being) as a way of helping pastors assess their gifts and areas for growth, as well as cultivating their leadership potential. We ask that you please hold Patrick in prayer throughout this week for safe travels and a transformative experience.

A NOTE OF THANKS

“Only with God's grace and our St. John's family sustaining prayers am I recovering from the perforated esophagus that I experienced during our Baltic Sea Cruise. We are so very grateful to our church family for all your prayers, your cards with the most wonderful inspiring messages, the many caring and supportive visitors, the abundant tasty meals provided for my assembled family, and your outpouring of Christian love and concern. On behalf of Betsy, our family, and myself, thank you from the bottom of our hearts!” – Bob Miller

## ST. JOHN'S FALL FESTIVAL – 5 PM TODAY!

Join us today from 5 – 7 PM as we kick off the program year with St. John's Fall Festival! The menu will include barbeque pork, baked beans, macaroni & cheese, and coleslaw. There will be ice cream, music from the Joy Messengers, and (as always) a bounce house for the kids. It's a chance for everyone to come back together after the summer for fellowship, food, and fun! Bring a friend!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS TODAY!

We are so grateful to everyone who has volunteered to teach this year:

Nursery: Chrissy Bouvier, Nancy Wolfe, Cindy Wilson,  
Cammy Wagner, Shirley Hughes  
K to 1st: Judy Mileto, Kassie D'Onofrio, Ardath Belzer  
2nd to 4th: Ken Coradi, Betsy Friend, Sue Hardin  
5th to 7th: Dick Oliver, Lauren Feldman, Bruce Phillips  
8th to 12th: Dave Dalrymple, Ellen Moeller, Jim Little

Substitutes: Sylvia Louise Ryland, Michael Whalen, Nancy Higgins

If you want to get involved in our Sunday School program please talk to Jeff Ealer, Sam Hillier, or Betsy Friend. We are always looking for more substitute teachers and can work around your schedule!

### ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, FALL 2016

The focus of Supper at St John's this fall will be the Alpha Course. Classes run from **Sept. 21 through Dec. 14, with no class on Nov. 23.**

Alpha is built around three ideas: Food, a series of Talks, and Discussion.

**Food:** We will begin each session at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall with a delicious "church-cooked" meal and fellowship.

**A Series of Talks:** At 6:50 PM we will watch a 30-minute video lecture, presented by author and priest Nicky Gumbel. Each talk looks at a different question of the Christian faith, including "Who is Jesus?" "How can we have faith?" "How does God Guide Us?" "Does God Heal Today?" If you have attended Alpha previously, this is a new, updated program that will build on your previous experience.

**Discussion:** At the end of the talk, we will break into small groups for discussion. Each participant will be assigned to a group for the entire 12 weeks. The purpose of the small group is to discuss the talk and questions arising from it. These discussions will be around 30 minutes, concluding promptly at 8:00 PM.

We are hoping that everyone attending dinner will be able to participate, therefore we are providing activities for youth and child care for children so that parents can attend.

### ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

<b>Sun, Sept 11</b>	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	11:00 am	APNC Meeting (Kean Room)
	11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
	5:00 pm	<b>St. John's Fall Festival!</b>
<b>Thurs, Sept 15</b>	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
<b>Sun, Sept 18</b>	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School Rev. Dick Ollinger preaching
	11:00 am	ALPHA Intro Class
<b>Wed, Sept 21</b>	5:15 pm	Cherub Choir
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's

### **A Reminder about Staff Days Off**

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. Thank you for understanding!



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

"If there is to be peace in the world,  
there must be peace in the nations.  
If there is to be peace in the nations,  
there must be peace in the cities.  
If there is to be peace in the cities,  
there must be peace between neighbors.  
If there is to be peace between neighbors,  
there must be peace in the home.  
If there is to be peace in the home,  
there must be peace in the heart."

- Lao Tzu (6<sup>th</sup> Century B.C.)

**September 11, 2016**  
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