

St. John's at Worship Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude "In Modo Religioso" *Glazounow*

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

Introit "March of the Priests" *Mozart*

Call to Worship

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into God's presence with singing.

People: With joy and thanksgiving, we come in the name of Jesus Christ to worship God and to bless God's holy name.

*Hymn 89 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*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

Loving God, we come today to worship you and to say we're sorry for our faults. We know that we are your children, but we often do not follow what you say. We are selfish even though we know you told us to think first of others. We want to win at all costs instead of making sure we play fair. We are very concerned about how we look, when we should be changing the way we act. Lord, forgive us and help us to be your loving people, always remembering your unfailing love for us.

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 Proverbs 3:1-10 (p. 585) Brian Bouvier

Children's Time Connor Feldman

(Pre-K – 12th grade leave for Sunday School until 10:45.)

Anthem "Morning has Broken" *Traditional Gaelic*

Scripture Reading Mark 9:30-37 (p. 45)

Sermon DO NICE GUYS REALLY FINISH LAST? Rev. Dick Ollinger

*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father, Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

Offertory "Adagio" *Domenico Scarlatti*

*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 430 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Into My Heart" *Clarke*

*Postlude "Trio #2" *Anton Reicha*

*All who are able, please stand

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*
Greeter *Andrea Zomber*
Ushers *Kathy & Kate Johnson, Lois Glaser, Barbara McClintick*
Coffee Service *Charlie and Janette Scott*
Flowers *Given by Sharlene Cirillio and Joel Pearson in honor of our parents.*
Devon Brass *Frank Mercurio and Jeff Estabrook (trumpets), Mark Ator (French horn) and Paul Steege (trombone)*
Guest Musician *Christina Fish (Oboe), Frank Mercurio (Trumpet)*

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, Andrea Zomber, 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!

ABOUT OUR GUEST PREACHER

Dick Ollinger is the President/CEO of Cornerstone Christian Academy in Philadelphia, an independent private faith-based school serving at-risk urban children. A Presbyterian minister, Dick previously served as Associate Pastor at The Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, Orchard Park, NY; as Senior Pastor/Head of Staff of Cross Roads Presbyterian Church, Monroeville, PA; and Senior Pastor/Head of Staff of Venice Presbyterian Church, Venice, FL. He and his wife, Nancy, worship regularly at St. John's and are parents to three children.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

If you have a child attending college this year, please see Kristi Thomson in the Fellowship Hall **today** during coffee hour to sign up for them to receive a care package!

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.

NOTES OF GRATITUDE

"A big thank you to the following members of St. John's who so generously contributed their time and efforts for our first Fall Festival: Jeff Wagner, John Lieberman, Gordon Wright, Jim Little, Ken and Mary Dilloway, John McClintick, John Lieberman, Seth Duncan, and Bruce Phillips. Also, Cathy Johnson, Annie and Harold Powell, Marianne and Skip McClennen, Alice Bell, Jennifer Roberts, Pat Churchill, Carla and Rich Scott, Sue Parsons, Jerry McVeigh, Betsy Miller, Nancy Kimmons, John Senior, Lauren Feldman, Linda Duncan, the Joy Messengers and other musicians, Tom Higgins and Dave Dalrymple for the stage donation. The food came from Countryview Barbecue located in the Wayne Farmer's Market. Please let them know if you enjoyed the dinner!" Gratefully- Nancy Phillips

"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 CALENDAR

Sun, Sept 18	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School Rev. Dick Ollinger preaching
	11:00 am	ALPHA Intro Class
Wed, Sept 21	5:15 pm	Cherub Choir
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's
Thurs, Sept 22	7:00 pm	Scout Leaders Orientation (Carriage House)

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.

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

Romans 12:9-18

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

Do no lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with one another;

do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly;

do not claim to be wiser than you are.

Do no repay anyone evil for evil,

but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

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