# St. John's at Worship Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements (please pass the fellowship roll)

Second for Service Fall Clean-Up Day Jim Little & Liz Ward

Introit "I Love to Tell The Story" W. Fischer

\*Call to Worship Psalm 121

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills;

from where will my help come?

People: My help comes from the LORD,

who made heaven and earth.

Leader: He will not let your foot be moved;

he who keeps you will not slumber. **People:** He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;

the Lord is our keeper!

Leader: Yes, the Lord is our keeper –

let us worship him in spirit and truth.

\*Hymn **496** 

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

\*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

Most gracious and most merciful God, we confess to you and to one another that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to your grace. We have lifted our hands to you in praise, but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil. We have rehearsed your commandments but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor. We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith and pardon our acts of injustice. Grant us the healing that comes from your presence and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

Genesis 32:22 – 31 (p. 30)

Brian Bouvier

Children's Time

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Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade may go to Sunday School after the children's time. Sunday School ends at 10:45.

Anthem "My Hope Is Built" Highben

Scripture Reading Luke 18:1 – 8 (p. 81)

Sermon PRAYER Steve Barnes

\*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 "Hear My Cry O Lord"

C. Franck

\*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 404

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude

\*All who are able, please stand

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Director of Music** Iris Blanco-Urgelles

**Greeter** *Lyn Strickler* 

Ushers

**Coffee Service** *Earline and Kermit Eck* 

**Flowers** Given by the Birmingham family in loving memory of our

parents/grandparents, Lillian, Joseph, Florence, and Ed.

Guest Musicians Miyuki Hashimoto (Soprano)

#### 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, Lyn Strickler, 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!

#### SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S

Join us Wednesday at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall as we share a delicious dinner and explore session 6 of Alpha: "Why and How Should I Read the Bible?" Even if you haven't come to the previous sessions, you can still join in the conversation without missing a beat! There are activities for youth and child care for younger children. We are always looking for volunteers to set tables, help prepare meals, and bring desserts. Contact Carla Chieffo to help with set-up or dessert, or Betsy Miller to help with preparing the meals.

### SANDY RELIEF MISSION TEAM

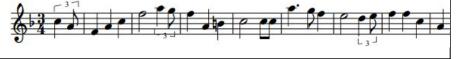
The Sandy Relief Mission Team works to help those still struggling to rebuild homes and lives in the wake of 2012's Superstorm Sandy. If you would like to join them for one or all three days of the next planned trips (Nov 1–3, and Nov 29–Dec 1), please contact Howard Friend or Joe Birmingham for more information.

#### CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY – OCTOBER 23

The Trustees will be leading a church clean up day **next Sunday**, immediately following worship. There will be work for all ages and abilities, and lunch for everyone who helps! If you can give an hour to help spruce up our facilities, please contact Jim Little or Liz Ward. Remember to wear your work clothes to church that day!

#### ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES

Our Director of Music, Iris Blanco, is starting a monthly concert series on Sunday evenings in the sanctuary. These concerts will be free of charge and open to the community, as a way of inviting people in to hear wonderful music. There will be different themes each month, focusing on different styles of music or different composers, along with different instruments and vocalists. The first concert is on **October 23 from 5 – 6 PM**, and will feature compositions in the Romantic style. Please bring a friend and join us for an evening of amazing music!



#### CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS COMING!

Consecration Sunday is October 30! We will gather for worship at 9:30 AM to dedicate our pledges for the upcoming year. Immediately following worship, we will celebrate with a delicious catered brunch in Fellowship Hall. Our guest preacher for the morning will be Dr. Robert Duffett, President of Eastern University. If you have not already turned in a reservation card, please fill out the one in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate, so that we can have an accurate count for food. You can also RSVP on our website (www.stjohnsdevon.com) by clicking the "Consecration Sunday Celebration Brunch Reservations" link.

### ANNUAL THANK SGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Deacons are once again sponsoring a Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Great Valley Food Cupboard. Starting next Sunday, signup sheets with suggested food donations will be available in Fellowship Hall. Deadline for returning your donation is November 13. For more information, please contact Cindy Wilson.



# **Today – College Care Packages**

Come help Kristi Thomson pack care packages for our college students! 4:30 - 6 PM.

# Sunday, October 23 – Corn Maze!

We will leave from the church at 3 PM to drive to Hurricane Hill Farm in Coatesville for their 5-acre corn maze!

#### Sunday, October 30 – Trunk or Treat & Zombie Grog!

You can dress up, decorate your car, or just come and hang out for Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot. The fun will start at 6 PM, with our annual Halloween game of ZOMBIE GROG starting at 7 PM!



Trunk Or Treat will take place on Sunday, October 30 from 6–7:30 PM in the parking lot. If you have never been, the idea behind Trunk or Treat is simple:

- 1. Park your car/truck/van/SUV in the church parking lot.
- 2. Decorate your trunk in a spooky or silly way.
- 3. Hand out candy to kids as they go from car to car

Bring your kids, grandkids, neighbors...everyone is invited! Even if you don't have kids involved, just come and decorate your trunk. To be sure we have enough cars, please let us know you will participate by please let us know you will participate by contacting the office, or signing up at coffee hour today.

# ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

| Sun, Oct 16   | 8:00 am  | Women's Biblical Reflections      |
|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|
|               | 9:30 am  | Worship and Sunday School         |
| Wed, Oct 19   | 5:15 pm  | Cherub Choir                      |
|               | 6:00 pm  | Supper at St. John's              |
| Thurs, Oct 20 | 10:00 am | Women's Bible Study               |
|               | 7:45pm   | Chancel Choir Rehearsal           |
| Fri, Oct 14   | 6:30 am  | Men's Prayer Breakfast in         |
|               |          | Carriage House (until 7:45)       |
| Sat, Oct 15   | 8:30 am  | Interfaith Group                  |
| Sun, Oct 23   | 8:00 am  | Women's Biblical Reflections      |
|               | 9:30 am  | Worship and Sunday School         |
|               | 11:00 am | Church Work Day                   |
|               | 5:00 pm  | St. John's Concert Series Premier |

# A Reminder about Staff Days Off

Patrick is on vacation this week. He will be back in the office next Sunday. Please contact the church office with any pastoral emergencies.

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

Oh, good gigantic smile o' the brown old earth, This autumn morning! How he sets his bones To bask i' the sun, and thrusts out knees and feet For the ripple to run over in its mirth; Listening the while, where on the heap of stones The white breast of the sea-lark twitters sweet.

That is the doctrine, simple, ancient, true; Such is life's trial, as old earth smiles and knows. If you loved only what were worth your love, Love were clear gain, and wholly well for you: Make the low nature better by your throes! Give earth yourself, go up for gain above!

> -Robert Browning "Among the Rocks"

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