

St. John's at Worship Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Introit **431** "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

*Call to Worship From Psalm 119:105 – 108

Leader: You word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

People: Give us life, O Lord, according to your word.

Accept our offerings of praise, and teach us your way.

Leader: Let us worship God!

*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

Your word is a lamp to our feet,

illuminating the path that you would have us follow.

But we confess, O Lord, that we do not always *listen* to your word.

Sometimes we only hear what we *want* you to say.

We do not always see you for who you *are*,

but for who we *want* you to be.

We who are made in your image have, in turn, made *you* in *ours*.

And because we have a distorted understanding of you,

every other aspect of our lives is distorted:

How we think, speak, and act;

How we treat each other;

How we treat creation;

Forgive us and heal us, O Lord.

Continue to shine the light of your word upon our path,

that we might *see* and *hear* and *follow*,

leading us to a right relationship with you and with each other,

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 Isaiah 55:10 – 13 (pg. 686) Yuyza Del Valle-Irizarry

Children's Time Rev. Joyner

Pre-K through 12th grade may go to Sunday School after the children's time.

Anthem "Ride On, King Jesus" *Johnston*

Scripture Reading Matthew 13:1 – 9, 18 – 23 (pg. 13)

Sermon FERTILE SOIL Rev. Marshall

At the end of the sermon, we will have a moment of silent reflection and prayer.

Welcoming New Members and Reaffirming the Baptismal Covenant

Alice Bell

Anne Swift

Matt & Stephanie Crill

Jim & Sue Tiede

Gloria Recchi

As a part of reaffirming the baptismal covenant, we will profess our faith together using the Apostles' Creed:

*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

"Give Me Jesus"

Spiritual

*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 (If you need to sit for the prayer, please feel free.)

*Hymn **601** "Thy Word Is a Lamp"

*Benediction

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Sandie Puckett*

Ushers *Ellen Moeller and John McClintick*

Flowers *Today's flowers are given by Sylvia Louise & Jim*

Ryland in memory of their parents, John & Virginia

Royce Richardson and Robert & Betsy Johnson Ryland

Refreshments *Sylvia Louise Ryland*

Guest Musician *Crystal Charles (Mezzo)*

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 in the Carriage House immediately following worship. Our greeter, Sandie Puckett, 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!

LOWER LEVEL RENOVATION UPDATE

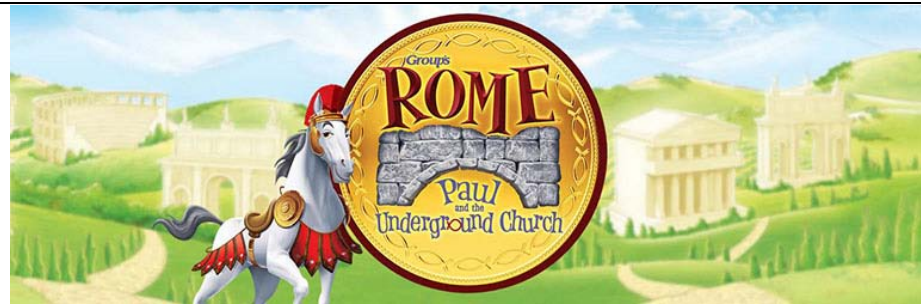
We are hoping to be able to provide you with an update on the renovation project in this coming week. **The entire lower level is a construction zone and thus not available for passage or use of any kind.** Restrooms are available in the Carriage House. Nursery care and coffee fellowship have also been moved to the Carriage House for the duration of the summer.

SUMMER COMMUNION

Due to renovations and the loss of kitchen/preparation space downstairs, the Session has voted to celebrate communion by Intinction (come forward, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup of juice) for the remainder of the summer. We celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month (August 6 and September 3). St. John's communion is not just for members or Presbyterians. Anyone who places their faith in Jesus Christ and seeks his nourishment is encouraged to share this meal with us!

NURSERY HELPERS NEEDED

In order to give our wonderful nursery volunteers a break during the summer, we need people to fill in on Sunday mornings during the months of July and August. This would be a great chance for college students home for the summer to make some extra money. Clearances are required, and we can help you with that process if you do not already have them. Please contact Stephanie Crill for more details.



**Vacation Bible School 2017:
Rome: Paul and the Underground Church!**

July 24 – 28, 9 AM to Noon

Children ages 4–10 are invited to discover God’s Word through drama, games, crafts, and songs! Explore a crowded Roman marketplace, tiptoe past watchful Roman guards, race chariots, encourage first-century Christians who meet in a dark cave, and visit Paul for daily discoveries about God’s love. If you can volunteer to help with crafts, games, or snacks, please contact Laurie Cato.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2017

We are still looking for volunteers to help teach summer Sunday School. If you can give one or two Sunday mornings to help our children learn about God’s love, please email Ellen Moeller. This year Summer Sunday school will have 3 classes: Kindergarten–4th, 5th–7th, and 8th–12th. Each Sunday will begin with prayer, devotion, and a Bible story, followed by a craft or outside activity. If you would like to help, the CE committee has teaching material you may use, or you can bring your own ideas!

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

Sun, July 16	9:30 am	Worship
Mon, July 17	7:00 pm	Adult Christian Ed. Committee Meeting
	7:30 pm	Youth Christian Ed. Committee Meeting
Sun, July 23	9:30 am	Worship
July 24-28	9:00 am - Noon	Vacation Bible School

Patrick and Ridgley are 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. If you have a pastoral emergency on a Saturday, you may call (610) 608-2568.



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

O deepen me where I am thin and shallow,
Uproot in me the thistle and the thorn,
Keep far from me that swiftly snatching shadow,
That seizes on your seed to mock and scorn.

O break me open, Jesus, set me free,
Then find and keep your own good ground in me.

From “Good Ground”
by Malcolm Guite

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