

St. John's at Worship Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

Introit “Minuet from the Royal Fireworks” *arr. Andrew Balent*

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come and worship, all you who love and serve the Lord-
outsiders and insiders,
old-timers and new-comers,
the young, old and the in-between.
Come as you are,
for this is God's house—a house of prayer for all people,
and God welcomes each one who comes.

**People: Come Let us worship God,
rejoicing in God's loving care for us.
We bring all our differences
and yet we worship together in unity.**

Leader: God is merciful to all. And through God, all things are made.

People: Let us worship God!

*Hymn 140 “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

*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

**Almighty God,
We gratefully acknowledge
That you have not dealt with us
According to what we deserve,
But according to your mercy.
Yet we have forgotten your great mercy to us,
And have taken for granted your many blessings.**

**By that same mercy,
Forgive our ingratitude,
And extend again your kindness toward us.
Fill us with your Spirit,
So that in all our words and actions
We may glorify you,
Fully enjoying your goodness
And sharing that goodness with the world around us,
To the glory and honor of 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 45:1-28 (pg. 42) Seth Duncan

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

Anthem “Somewhere Over the Rainbow” *arr. Calvin Custer*

New Testament Reading Romans 11:1-2a; 29-32 (pg. 160)

Sermon REUNITED Rev. Joyner

*Hymn 121 “There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”

*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 “Whistle While You Work” *arr. Eric Osterling*

*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 445 “Happy the Home When God is There”

*Benediction

*Postlude “Bagatelle” *arr. Andrew Balent*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Greeter *Sandie Puckett*
Ushers *Betsy Miller and Alice Bell*
Flowers *Flowers this week are given by Given by Barbara and John Alexander for the blessings of our church family.*

The flowers on the communion table last week were given in honor of Bruce and Nancy Phillips' 50th wedding anniversary (married August 9, 1967) by their daughters, Rachel, Lindsay and Brooke (Phillips) and Tobias Smith, and their granddaughter, Greta.

Refreshments *Kathy Johnson*
Guest Musicians *Julia Petters, Prisha Chakraborty, Cat Duncan, Linda Duncan, Lauren Hino, Jess Schury, Maggie Shirk, Katie Sweenie*

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

Construction downstairs is in full swing and is still scheduled to be completed by the end of September! **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. We have decided to replace our Hobart brand commercial dishwasher, and are currently looking for a home for the old one. If you know of a good cause, such as a community center or non profit, that would be able to make use of a donated commercial dishwasher, please email Lara at lara.kennedy@stjohnsdevon.com for more details.

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 will celebrate the Lord's Supper again on 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!

ST. JOHN'S FALL FESTIVAL – SAVE THE DATE!

Our annual Fall Festival will take place on Sunday, September 10 from 5–7 PM! We will kick off the program year with burgers and hotdogs, live music from the Joy Messengers, and games for the kids. It's a chance for everyone to come back together after the summer for fellowship, food, and fun! Be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks.

PASTORAL CARE NEEDS

Patrick is on vacation and will be back in the office tomorrow. If you are in need of pastoral care today, you can contact Ridgley on the pastoral care phone at 610-764-6436. (Please note that this number is for emergencies only – hospitalization, death, crisis situations. All non-emergency calls can be directed to the church office.)

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

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!

WELCOMING RIDGLEY AND WILL

Ridgley and Will are looking for your recommendations to help them get to know the area better. If you have any suggestions for restaurants, activities, doctors, etc, please write them down and drop them off in the bin in Lara's office. In addition, we will be hosting a series of get-togethers over the next few months so that they can get to know their church family a little better. The next get-together will be a Back-to-School Barbecue at Laurie Cato's home in Malvern on **Sunday, August 27 from 5-7 PM**. These gatherings are being limited to 14-15 people, so that Ridgley and Will get a chance to talk to everyone. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Barbara McConnell to sign-up. There will be more events to come in the fall!

SAVE THE DATE

Parents of children 6th grade and up are invited to join Ridgley in the Youth room September 6th at 6:00pm for an introductory Parent Meeting for the 2017-2018 Calendar year. Check your inbox this week for more details!

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Aug 20	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
Mon, Aug 21	6:00 pm	CE Committee Retreat (Kean Room)
Wed, Aug 23	6:00 pm	Sunday School Teacher Training
Sun, Aug 27	8:00 am	Deacons Meeting (Carriage House)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School

Patrick will be on vacation until Monday, August 21. Ridgley 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. If you have a pastoral emergency after hours or on a Saturday, you can call 610-764-6436.



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