

St. John's at Worship Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Introit "Around You, O Lord Jesus" *Dina*

*Call to Worship

Leader: We come to God now because God first came to us!

People: In Jesus Christ God became one of us, living life with us, so that the whole world could know God.

Leader: We love God now because God first loved us!

People: Jesus Christ died on a cross, giving up his life for us, so that the whole world could know God's love.

Leader: Worship is our grateful response to the goodness and glory of God!

People: For who God is and all that God has done, let us worship God!

*Hymn **430 (INSERT)** "Come Sing, O Church in Joy!"

*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

Gracious God, you call us to love one another as you love us.

We confess that love can be *hard*, and we have often failed at it.

In our hearts are vengeful attitudes and hardened prejudices.

In our mouths are harsh words of judgment and criticism.

In our hands are gifts that we have withheld out of fear and selfishness.

In our lives are regrets, unresolved conflict, and forgiveness yet to be sought or offered.

We come to you in search of healing;

that we might live in your grace, and share it freely,

as you share it with us, 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 Romans 13:8 – 14 (pg. 162) John McClintick

Children's Time Rev. Joyner

Presentation of Bibles to 3rd Graders

Blessing of Sunday School Teachers and Students

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

Anthem "For All the Blessing of the Year" *Larson*

Scripture Reading Matthew 18:15 – 20 (pg. 20)

Sermon LIVING IN LOVE Rev. Marshall

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

*Affirmation of Faith from 1 John 4

Love is from God.

Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

God's love was revealed among us in this way:

God sent his only son into the world

so that we might live through him.

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that God loved us

and sent his son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

No one has ever *seen* God;

if we love one another, God lives in us,

and his love is perfected in us.

We have seen and do testify

that the Father sent his son as the savior of the world.

So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God,

and God abides in them.

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

Offertory "The Call" *Scott*

*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 **408** "The Gift of Love"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "O God We Worship Thee"

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Jim Netter*

Ushers *Liz & Mark Ward, Jeff & Cammy Wagner*

Flowers *Given by Bruce & Nancy Phillips in celebration of the*

fourth birthday of our precious granddaughter,

Greta W. Smith, a true gift from God.

Refreshments *The Belzer Family*

Guest Musician *Miyuki Hashimoto*

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, Jim Netter, 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!

PASTORAL CARE NEEDS

St. John's has a phone number specifically for pastoral care emergencies. If you (or someone you know) are in need of pastoral care when the church office is closed, please call 610-764-6436. Be sure to leave a message, and a pastor will return your call immediately.

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 until October. We are looking to sell a large deep freezer. It is 21 cubic feet and essentially brand new (purchased three years ago). If you or someone you know would be interested in buying it, please contact Lara by Thursday. Inquiries will be first-come, first-serve.

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES RETURNS!

Our monthly concert series returns on **September 17 (5–6 PM)** featuring Musical Forms: Nocturnes, Tangos, and Ragtime! These concerts are free of charge and open to the community. Each month's concert will focus on a different theme, style of music, or composer, along with different instruments and vocalists. Please bring a friend and join us for an evening of amazing music!

HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF

The Outreach Committee has approved sending \$5,000 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) for Hurricane Harvey relief in Texas. Many of you have asked how you can help, so we want to open this opportunity up to you, too. If you would like to give a financial gift to this relief effort, please make out a check to St. John's with "Harvey Relief" in the memo line. (You can either put your check in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.) **The deadline for gifts is today.** Presbyterian Disaster Assistance gives 100% of the funds they receive directly to relief work on the ground. If you would like to learn more about PDA, please visit their website: <http://pda.pcusa.org>

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S

Supper at St. John's kicks off on Wednesday, September 27 and runs through November 15. Due to the work being done in the kitchen and fellowship hall, dinners will be in the Carriage House until renovations are complete. We begin each week at 6 PM with dinner. Since we will not have a kitchen at first, we will be serving foods like pizza, sandwiches, or casseroles. Classes will start at 6:45, and conclude promptly at 8:00. We are offering two 8-week classes this fall. Look for sign-ups during coffee fellowship after worship, or contact Carla Chieffo.

ST. JOHN'S FALL FESTIVAL – TODAY (5–7 PM)

We will kick off the program year with our annual Fall Festival this evening from 5 to 7 PM! There will be good food, 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! St. John's will provide burgers, hotdogs, drinks, and ice cream. Admission is \$5 per person, no more than \$15 for a family (guests are free!). This year, we are asking for your help with sides and desserts. You can still sign up with Nancy Phillips after worship.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

If you have a child attending college this year, please see Kristi Thomson to sign up for them to receive a care package! We are also looking for volunteers to bring in certain items and help put the care packages together. You can talk to Kristi after worship today, or email her.



Sunday, September 10 (5–7 PM)

Join us for Giant Jenga, 9-Square-in-the-Air, and Cornhole at the Fall Festival.

Sunday, September 17 – Confirmation Class Parents Meeting (11 AM)

If your child is in 8th grade (or has not gone through Confirmation Class before), we invite you to join us in the Kean Room to go over the details of this year's class. Confirmation Class will be held on Wednesday nights (beginning October 4), concurrent with Supper at St. John's. A letter to prospective students will be arriving in the mail soon.

Sunday, September 17 (5–7 PM)

Join us for our first Youth Group of the year! We will meet in the Carriage House at 5 PM for dinner, fellowship, and fun while we learn about God and the upcoming year. Bring a friend!

Please talk to Ridgley if you have any questions about either of these.

WELCOMING RIDGLEY AND WILL

We will be continuing to host a series of get-togethers over the next few months so that Ridgley and Will can get to know their church family a little better. We are limiting these gathering to 12–14 people so that Ridgley and Will get a chance to talk to everyone. Thanks to our enthusiastic St. John's family, the September gathering is already full! The next available event will be a cook-out at Lisa and Jeff Estabrook's home in Paoli on Saturday, October 21 at 1 PM. If you are interested in attending (or hosting an event in November), please contact Barbara McConnell.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

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| Sun, Sept 10 | 8:00 am | Trustees Meeting |
| | 9:30 am | Worship & Sunday School |
| | 5:00 pm | Fall Festival |
| Mon, Sept 11 | 7:00 pm | Session Meeting |

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 after hours or on a Saturday, you can call 610-764-6436.



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

From the song "Love" by Chris Tomlin

When our hope is hard to find,
And our faith is in decline,
We need a cause to stand behind – love.
We all want the way it feels.
Time it comes and time it steals.
What remains, what is real – love.

It heals the sick,
Comforts the weak,
Breaks the proud,
Raises the meek.
In this life, no guarantees,
But there is love.

There is love;
There is forgiveness;
There is love in times of need.
When life is cold there is a promise
You will never go without...
There is love.

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