

St. John's at Worship Pentecost Sunday

Prelude "Jubilance" *McChesney*

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

Scripture Reading Acts 2:1 – 13 (pg.119, NT) Courtney Cato

Introit "A Spirited Fanfare" *Mazzatenta*

*Call to Worship Darien Irizarry

Leader: We gather in this place, some empty, some filled,
some whole, some broken:

People: Yearning for the Holy Spirit to fill us.

Leader: We come, with these ordinary people,
who have shown us the way:

People: Trusting that God will continue to illumine our hearts.

Leader: We surround the Table of Grace,
so we might be fed by the bread of life:

**People: That graced, we may serve others;
that healed, we may bring hope to the world!**

Leader: Let us worship God!

*Hymn **203 (INSERT)** "On Pentecost They Gathered"

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer Andrew Ealer

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.

Call to Confession Courtney Cato

Unison Prayer of Confession Sarah Duncan

**Loving God, we know that in every generation
you call forth prophets to proclaim your word.**

We give you thanks that you are speaking still, even today.

**Your Spirit inspires the young to see visions of a new creation
and elders to dream of a time not yet known.**

**Yet we confess that we fail to hear your voice
when it comes in an unexpected place.**

**Convinced that we are right,
we miss the good news of your reconciling love.**

Forgive us, God.

**Restore us with humility and awaken us anew
to your presence and your promise.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon Sarah Duncan

Leader: Hear the Good News! God's Spirit has been poured out upon all of us, and we have been made one. We are no longer scattered or divided, but gathered together to build up the kingdom on this earth!

People: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri "Glory to God" Nik Pearson
Connor Feldman

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen (x2)
Congregation joins in on second time

Children's Time Dominic Coradi and Ryan Crill

As Pre-K-4th grade leaves for Sunday School, we send them with this liturgy:

Pastor: Now we go our separate ways to worship and learn about God.

Congregation: **May God be with you there.**

Children: **May God be with you here!**

Anthem "Spirit of the Living God" *Iverson*
Cat Duncan, soloist

Scripture Reading Acts 2:14 – 21 (pg. 119, NT)

Sermon Christin Ealer
Matt McClintick

*Affirmation of Faith Brief Statement of Faith (1983)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Offertory "When Love Came Down" *Kari Jobe*
Christine Scolari, soloist

*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 Andrew Ward

*Hymn **584** "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

*Benediction Cat Duncan

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Amy Lord and Jenni Ealer*

Ushers *Rowan Bellew, Michael Coradi, Andrew Ealer, Ryan Crill*

Flowers *Given by the Parsons and Suski families in loving memory of Robert Parsons*

Handbell Choir *Brigitte Belzer, Cat Duncan, Sarah Duncan, Connor Feldman, Christina Fish, Nathan Geiger, Sarah Geiger, Susan Starke, Jim Tiede, Andrew Ward*

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 in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. Our greeters, Amy Lord and Jenni Ealer, 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!

CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

Congratulations to all our graduates! We are so proud of your accomplishments and pray for your continued success in the future!

Christin Ealer	Conestoga HS	Dartmouth College
Connor Feldman	Conestoga HS	Hamilton College
Matthew McClintick	Conestoga HS	Penn State University
Niklas Pearson	Conestoga HS	Northeastern University
Christine Scolari	Del. Valley Friends School	University of the Arts
Sue Choi	Cornell University	B.S. in Human Dev. & Biology
Blake Thomson	Ursinus College	B.A. in Int'l. Relations & Theatre
Mary Caroline Ward	University of Pittsburgh	Masters in Education
Lauren Feldman	Villanova University	Certificate in Accountancy

HORSE SHOW PARKING SIGNUPS

We need your help! There are still MANY open shifts for horse show parking! From **Thursday, May 24 through Saturday, June 2**, we will be parking cars on the church grounds from 9 AM to 9 PM. Any youth who are participating in the mission trip this year are required to sign up for 3 shifts. We ask that any youth who are not attending the trip sign up for 2 shifts. We also need the help of adults and parents with shifts. Each shift is 3 hours. Signups are available on our website: www.stjohnsdevon.com (under "Quick Links") or you may contact Lara in the office.

RYAN'S CASE FOR SMILES

We will be sewing, ironing, and bagging cheery pillowcases tomorrow, May 21, from Noon to 4 PM, in Fellowship Hall. Come for an hour, or all afternoon! We'll share a few smiles while we make smiles for children (and their families) who are hospitalized with life-altering illness. Contact Ellen Moeller or Marianne McClennen for more information.

UPCOMING ADULT ED CLASS – TODAY (11 AM)

On May 6 we started a two-part discussion entitled *The Holy Spirit and an Invitation to Contemplation*, led by Nancy Arico. The second session will be held **today at 11:00 AM** in the Carriage House. We will discuss what scripture and our Book of Confessions tells us about who the Holy Spirit is and explore some practices that help us be attentive to the Spirit's presence. Even if you could not attend the first session, you can absolutely join us for part two!

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES – TONIGHT (5 PM)

The St. John's Concert Series will end the season next week with an exciting concert of Americana. From Scott Joplin to Paul Simon, these composers wrote music that evokes the true American spirit. Join us tonight at 5 PM in the sanctuary for a free performance celebrating the beauty and the buoyant energy of the music of our country in this final concert of the season!

CYCLING FELLOWSHIP – TODAY (3 PM)

Join us this afternoon for an easy 10-mile bike ride from the Valley Forge Park Visitors Center to Frosty Falls Ice Cream in Bridgeport and back. We will meet in the lower parking lot at 3:00 PM. We will travel on the bike path at an easy pace and no hills! For more information contact Gavin Kerr

PROGRESSIVE DINNER – JUNE 9 (6 PM)

St. John's Annual Progressive Dinner will take place on **Saturday, June 9**. We will all start at one home with appetizers, drinks, and conversation. Then we will split into small groups for dinner and dessert in individual homes. It's a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones! You can sign up by contacting Susanne Engheta. Please consider hosting a dinner where we will supply the recipes for the entrée, and the guests supply the rest, including drinks. The cost is \$5 per person or \$10 per couple (no fee for hosts). We look forward to seeing you on June 9!



Today (4–6 PM) – END OF YEAR PARTY!

All youth are invited to join us at the Irizarry home for fellowship and fun as we play games and eat delicious food. Please bring a nut free appetizer or dessert to share! Don't forget to RSVP to Ridgley if you haven't yet! This event will mark the closing of Youth Fellowship until the Summer! (Note: Please wear white clothes that you do not mind getting dirty!)

Save the Date: June 15 (3–5 PM)

SCHOOL IS OUT FOR SUMMER! Join us for a frosty treat and fun games at the church! (Grades K–12 are invited to this intergenerational event!)

Dwelling in the Word: Begins June 27 (5–7 PM)!

Join us throughout the summer as we eat pizza and dig into John 21:15–19 on Wednesdays, experiencing scripture through movies, games, art, mission, and baking bread!



“Let Your Light Shine!”

July 16–20, 9 AM to Noon

Children ages 4–10 are invited to discover God's Word through drama, games, crafts, and songs!

The curriculum is being created by St. John's members.

If you are interested in designing it with us (or helping in any way), please contact Ridgley!

Sign up online starting June 1!

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR	
Sun, May 20	Pentecost & Youth Sunday
	9:30 am Worship led by Youth
	10:30 am Senior Celebration Coffee Hour
	11:00 am Adult Ed class in Carriage House
	3:00 pm Cycling Fellowship
	4 – 6 pm Youth Group Party @ Irizarry's (18 Sturbridge Lane)
	5:00 pm St. John's Concert Series
Mon, May 21	12:00 pm Ryan's Case for Smiles
	7:00 pm Called Session Meeting
Wed, May 23	2 – 9 pm Make-up Picture Day
Thurs, May 24	9:00 am Horse Show Begins
Sun, May 27	9:30 am Worship & Sunday School
Mon, May 28	Office closed for Memorial Day

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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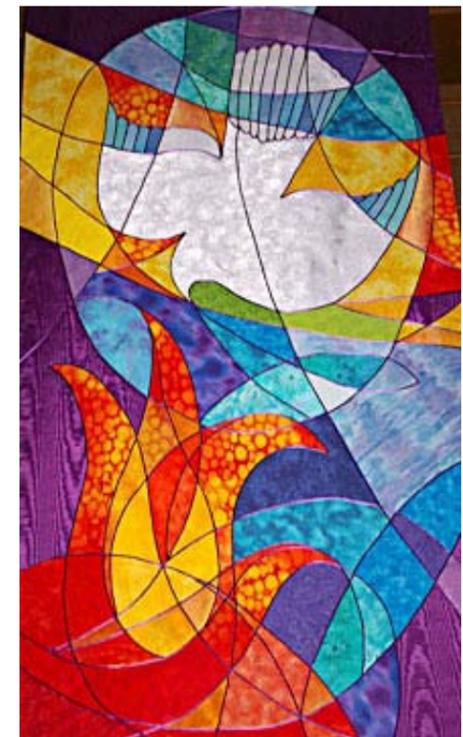
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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



“When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them.”

Acts 2:1-3

May 20, 2018 – Youth Sunday
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