

## St. John's at Worship Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, you whose hearts are full of joy,  
grateful for the blessings that God has poured out!

**People: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!**

Leader: Come, you whose hearts are heavy with sadness, pain, or fear,  
searching for the blessings of God.

**People: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!**

Leader: Come, you who are old and you who are young,  
you who are strong and you who are weak,  
you who are full and you who are empty;  
look to the Lord our God,  
the source of all goodness and life.

**People: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!**

**Children: Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn 158 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

\*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

Leader: For the ways we do not have it all together,  
and for the ways we *act* like we *do*...

**People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

Leader: For the ways we fail to see your presence in others...

**People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

Leader: For the ways we fail to care for your creation...

**People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

Leader: For the ways we hurt others,  
and the ways we have *been* hurt...

**People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

Leader: For the forgiveness we fail to extend or to seek...

**People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

Leader: For the ways we ignore pain and suffering in the world  
to make our lives easier...

**People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

Leader: For all that we *are*, all that we have failed to be,  
and all that you can make us still...

**All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

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 Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23 (pg. 42) Jeff Wagner

Blessing Our Students and Teachers Rev. Joyner

Scripture Reading James 1:17–27 (pg. 229) Ryan Marshall

Sermon SPIRITUAL HYGIENE Rev. Marshall

\*Hymn 216 (GREEN) "Give Thanks"

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** (Traditional)

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

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

Offertory

\*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 369 (INSERT) "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

**ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD**

**Director of Music** *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

**Greeter** *Alice Bell*

**Ushers** *Laurie Cato and Pat Churchill*

**Flowers** *Given by Bruce & Nancy Phillips, in celebration of our granddaughter, Greta, on her fifth birthday.*

**Refreshments** *Earline Eck*

**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 greeter, Virginia Holt, 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!

**FOLDABLE WHEELCHAIR DONATION REQUEST**

St. John's Safety and Security Team is looking for a foldable wheelchair to keep at St. John's for emergency medical needs. Please contact Jeff Starke if you have one that you can donate. Thank you!

**CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

If you like to sing, we would love for you to share your gifts with the church as a part of our choir. You do not have to be a "professional," just someone who can make a joyful noise to the Lord! Join us in the sanctuary on Thursday, September 6 from 7:45–9 PM. You can check it out without committing to anything. Feel free to contact Iris with any questions.

**MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITIES**

The Outreach Committee would like to invite you to participate in two upcoming mission trips:

**Houston, TX (October 28 – November 3).** This is the fourth trip in partnership with area churches (and the first trip in partnership with the Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders) to repair homes damaged by Hurricane Harvey. The **cost is airfare plus a \$100 registration fee.**

**Costa Rica (February 16–23, 2019).** This trip is in partnership with Wayne United Methodist. It is their seventh trip working with Costa Rica Mission Projects, building and repairing churches and community buildings in Costa Rica. The estimated **cost is \$1,800.**

**St. John's will contribute \$400** towards the cost of each St. John's participant in both trips. Neither trip requires construction skills, as there are knowledgeable people to guide you. For more information, please take one of the handouts on the table below the Outreach bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. While there, look at the bulletin board as it tells the story of the six St. John's members who went on the June mission trip to Houston. Contact Christine Markle with any questions.

**ST. JOHN'S FALL FESTIVAL – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 (5–7 PM)**

We will kick off the program year with our annual Fall Festival on Sunday, September 9 from 5–7 PM! There will be good food, live music by the Joy Messengers Big Band, 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. Once again, we are asking for your help with sides and desserts. **If your last name begins with a letter A–M, please sign up to bring a side (potato/pasta salad, baked beans, chips, coleslaw). If N–Z, please sign up to bring a dessert (cake, pie, cookies).** Admission is \$5 per person, no more than \$15 for a family (guests are free!). Volunteers are needed to help with this event. We also need to borrow a few card tables; let us know if you can lend one. You can sign up with Susanne Engheta after worship.

**FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY!**

Sunday School begins on September 9, and we will be commissioning our teachers in worship! Please hold our teachers, children, and youth in prayer as they prepare for the Fall!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL/YOUTH GROUP REGISTRATION**

You can register your children for the 2018/19 Sunday School/Youth Group program year via the link on our website. There is important information in there that needs to be filled out even for those who are already participants in the youth and children's ministry at St. John's. Please register by September 5!

**SUMMER SHARING SUPPER – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 (5:00 PM)**

**\*Please note the change in date**

Our Senior High Youth Group went on two trips this summer: a mission trip to Brooklyn, NY and a youth conference in Montreat, NC. The whole church is invited to join us for dinner as we share photos, memories, and reflections from the places God led us this summer!



**September 9 – Fall Festival (5–7 PM)**

Join our church family for food and games at the annual Fall Festival!

**September 16 – No Youth Fellowship**

**September 23 – All-Church Spaghetti Supper (5 PM)**

Youth should arrive at 4 PM, as they are the hosts of the program!

**September 30 – Youth Fellowship Kick Off!**

All youth will meet from 4–6 PM for fun and games to kick off the year!

**ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR**

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| <b>Sun, Sept 2</b>  | 9:30 am   | Family Worship & Communion                       |
|                     | 11:00 am  | Music Planning (Kean Room)                       |
| <b>Mon, Sept 3</b>  | <b>Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day</b> |  |
| <b>Wed, Sept 5</b>  | 9:00 am   | Prayer Group (Kean Room)                         |
| <b>Sun, Sept 9</b>  | 8:00 am   | Deacons Meeting (Carr. House)                    |
|                     | 8:00 am   | Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)                     |
|                     | 9:30 am   | Worship & Sunday School<br>Welcoming New Members |
|                     | 5:00 pm   | Fall Festival                                    |
| <b>Mon, Sept 10</b> | 7:00 pm   | Stated Session Meeting (Kean)                    |
| <b>Wed, Sept 12</b> | 9:00 am   | Prayer Group (Kean Room)                         |
|                     | 6:00 pm   | Supper at St. John's (Fell. Hall)                |
| <b>Fri, Sept 14</b> | 5:30 pm   | Shore/Eck Wedding Rehearsal                      |
| <b>Sat, Sept 15</b> | 3:30 pm   | Shore/Eck Wedding                                |

Patrick is out of the office on Friday and Saturday. 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. **If you have a pastoral emergency after hours or on a Saturday, you can call 484-604-0499.**



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

Prayer for the Week

Ever-faithful God,  
all that *we have*, all that *we are*, is a gift from you,  
that you have given for the blessing of the world.  
You have implanted your word in our hearts.  
Help us to *hear* it  
over the constant clamor of our lives,  
and to *do* what we hear,  
in faithful obedience to you.  
May we look, not to ourselves,  
but to you and to our neighbors,  
speaking and acting in ways that bear witness  
to your great love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

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