St. John's at Worship Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements (please pass the fellowship roll)

Introit "Come unto Me" Hays

*Call to Worship From Psalm 100

Pastor: The Lord be with you! **People:** And also with you!

Pastor: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come into God's presence with singing!

People: For the Lord is a gracious God,

and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

*Hymn **64** "Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

whose mercy is everlasting;

*Prayer of Invocation & 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

From the Book of Common Worship

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.

We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

We have not loved you with a pure heart,

nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We have not done justice, loved kindness,

or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.

In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation

and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

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 Psalm 34 (pg. 508) Rich Scott

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

As Pre-K through 12th graders leave for Sunday School, we send them with this liturgy:

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

Cong: May God be with you there! Children: May God be with you here!

Anthem "Angels Unaware" Choplin

Scripture Reading Luke 15:1 – 10 (pg. 78)

Sermon LOST AND FOUND Rev. Marshall

*Affirmation of Faith A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada We are not alone; we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

Offertory "Jesus Calls Us" Diemer

*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

*Hymn **378. vss. 1–4**

"Amazing Grace"

*Benediction

*Choral Response

"Love Can Never End"

*Postlude

"My God"

J.S. Bach

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music Iris Blanco-Urgelles

Greeter Lyn Strickler

Ushers Terry Belzer, Jim Netter, Jeff Wagner

Flowers Given by Chris & Judy Mileto, proud new grandparents

of June Margaret Mileto, born on August 2 to Randy & Lori (and big sister Isabelle!). Babies add color to our world. Thank you, Lord, for making our world more

colorful.

Coffee Servers *Chris & Judy Mileto*

We are in need of Sunday coffee servers. If you can volunteer, sign up at the coffee table after worship. It's fun and easy, and Women's Fellowship will help you with the details.

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 following worship. Our greeter, Lyn Strickler, 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!

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

Former St. John's member Edward "Skip" Lange died on August 29. Skip served on Session and sang in the choir before he and Marianne moved to Florida about 10 years ago.

FALL FESTIVAL – TODAY! (5–7 PM)

We will kick off the program year with our annual Fall Festival this evening from 5–7 PM. There will be good food, live music by "The Joy Messenger Big Band," games and crafts for the kids, and a chance for everyone to come back together and catch up after the summer! St. John's will provide ham, hotdogs, drinks, and ice cream, and we ask for your help with the rest. If your last name begins with a letter A–K, please sign up to bring a salad, those with L–R please bring a side dish, and those with S–Z bring a desert. Admission is \$5 per person, no more than \$15 for a family (guests are free). We also need volunteers to help, and there is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. We may need to borrow a few card tables, so please let us know if you can lend us one. Please contact Nancy Crawford to sign up/volunteer.

TREDYFFRIN HISTORIC HOUSE TOUR

On Saturday, September 28 (Noon to 5 PM), St. John's will be a part of the Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust's 15th Annual Historic House Tour! We are going to open our church building up to the community and share a little of our history. We are looking for volunteers from the congregation to help welcome people. If you are interested, please talk to John Senior. In preparation for the tour, we are looking for older pictures of the church and congregation to be included in a video shown in Fellowship Hall. If you have any older pictures of the church, please contact John Senior or Jeff Starke.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

On behalf of St. John's, Outreach has sent \$5,000 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Hurricane Dorian relief.

NORTH CAROLINA MISSION TRIPS (OCT. 13–19 AND 20–26)

There is still space to go on the mission trip to repair homes in North Carolina damaged last September by Hurricane Florence. Teams of 20 people (18 years and older) will travel by car to Wilmington, NC. For more information, see handouts in Fellowship Hall or contact Christine Markle.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHECK-IN/OUT PROCEDURES

If you have a child in 4th grade and under, you will need to sign them out and pick them up after Sunday School (10:45). Please take note of the check-in procedures for printed on the blue card in your pew. Classroom locations:

Nursery: Downstairs in main church building

PreK-2nd Grade: Downstairs in main church building across from nursery

3rd-4th Grade: Carriage House (building across parking lot) 2nd floor

5th–**7**th **Grade**: Carriage House 1st Floor **8**th–**12**th **Grade**: Carriage House 2nd Floor



If you are not already receiving Ridgley's weekly emails for youth and families, email her at **rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com**. Fall children and youth calendars are available at the back of the sanctuary!

RIDGLEY'S OFFICE HOURS

Ridgley is working remotely and holds office hours **Tuesdays from 10:30–1:30** at Panera Bread (319 E. Lancaster Ave, Wayne). Everyone is welcome to drop in! If you would like to set up a specific time to meet individually, or if you'd just like to get in touch with her, please call (864-417-8566) or email.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/YOUTH GROUP REGISTRATION

If you have not yet registered your child(ren) for Sunday School and/or youth group, you may still do so using the link on our website. This is a chance to maintain up-to-date information and obtain photo/safety releases.

CONFIRMATION CLASS INFORMATIONAL MEETING – TODAY (11 AM)

Join Ridgley under a tent in the parking lot at 11 AM to learn about this year's Confirmation Class. This is a class where we teach 8th and 9th graders (and any older youth who have not previously gone through Confirmation) what it means to be Christian and Presbyterian, and they are invited to become members of the church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER/FLOATER TRAINING

If you are teaching Sunday School and missed the August 25th teacher training, we ask that you please join us on Sunday, September 22 (11 to 12:30) in the Carriage House. <u>Teachers, your curriculum in now available</u> for pick up in the volunteer room.

YOUTH GROUP RETURNS NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT. 22 (4-6 PM)

All youth in grades 5–12 are invited to join us at the church for our annual youth kick-off! Please wear shoes and clothes that you can run in and don't mind getting dirty, and bring a friend!

SEPT. 29 YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Grades 5–7 meet from 4:00-5:15 PM; Grades 8–12 meet from 4:45-6 PM Join us at the Irizarry/Del Valle home for food, fellowship, and Bible study!

MIDDLE SCHOOL "LOCK-OUT" - OCTOBER 11 (6 PM TO 8 AM)

Youth in grades 5–7 are invited to join us for a "lock-in" with a twist! We will be spending the evening doing fun activities *outside* the church and spending the night in the Carriage House! Sign-ups begin Sept. 30!

NEW MEMBERS/INQUIRERS CLASS – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

If you are interested in joining St. John's or would like to learn more about what it means to be a member, we will be holding a class on **Sunday**, **September 29 at 11 AM** in the Carriage House. If you would like to attend or just have questions, please contact Virginia Holt.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday morning Women's Bible study resumes on September 19 (10–11:30 AM) in the Kean Room, and will be studying I & II Samuel. We meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month. All are welcome! For more information, contact Nancy Davis.

WOMEN'S SUNDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP

All women are invited to join us on Sunday mornings at 8 AM to discuss Barbara Brown Taylor's book *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others*. If you have any questions, please contact Libby Dalrymple.

St. John's Calendar

Sun, Sept 15 Wed, Sept 18 Thurs, Sept 19	9:30 am 10:45 am 11:00 am 11:00 am 5 – 7 pm 9:00 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Worship & Sunday School Try out bells in the music room! Confirmation Meeting Music Planning Meeting (Kean) Fall Festival Prayer Group (Kean Room) Supper at St. John's Begins! Devon Chapel Bells rehearsal Chair Palacarsal (Sanatures)
Sunday Sept 22	7:45 pm 9:30 am 11:00 am 4 – 6 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) Worship & Sunday School Rejoicing Ringers rehearsal Youth Group

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

"I Sought the Lord" By George W. Chadwick

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew He moved my soul to seek him, seeking me. It was not I that found, O Savior true; No, I was found of thee.

Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine enfold; I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea. 'Twas not so much that I on thee took hold, As thou, dear Lord, on me.

I find, I walk, I love, but oh, the whole Of love is but my answer, Lord, to thee! For thou wert long beforehand with my soul; Always thou lovedst me.