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

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

Introit

*Call to Worship
Pastor: We come to worship God as we are,
**People: Bringing with us the needs of the world**
Pastor: We come to God, who comes to us in Jesus,
**People: And who knows the experience of what human life is like.**
Pastor: We come with our faith and with our doubts,
**People: we come with our hopes and with our fears**
Pastor: We come as we are because it is God who invites us to come,
**People: And God promised never to turn us away, for we are His.**

*Hymn **110** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*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
**God of Grace, and Source of our personal reformations**
**Our faults are too heavy to carry, too real to hide,**
**and too deep to undo.**
**Forgive what our lips tremble to name,**
**what our hearts can no longer bear.**
**Set us free from a past we cannot change.**
**Open to us a future in which we can be changed.**
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 Isaiah 43:1-7 (pg. 672) Nancy Arico

Children's Time
*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

Scripture Reading Mark 8:27-38 (pg. 43)

Sermon ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS Rev. Dr. Jose Irizarry

*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
*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 **529** "How Firm a Foundation"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "The Lord Now Send Us Forth"

*Postlude

**ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD**

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| **Director of Music** | *Iris Blanco-Urgelles* |
| **Greeter** | *Jennifer Roberts* |
| **Ushers** | *Bob & Sue Chudy, Alice Bell, Pete Crawford* |
| **Coffee Servers** | *Mike & Judy Simmons* |
| **Flowers** | *Given by the Bellew Family* |

**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, Jennifer Roberts, 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 VACATION & GUEST PREACHER**
Patrick is on vacation and will be back in the office on Tuesday. Ridgley is available for any pastoral care needs. Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Jose Irizarry as our guest preacher. The Rev. Dr. José R. Irizarry serves as Vice President of Education at the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Before this appointment, Irizarry has served as professor in the field of Practical Theology in Berkeley, California; Chicago, Illinois; San Juan, Puerto Rico, and more recently, Villanova University where he still serves as Adjunct Professor. He holds degrees from the University of Puerto Rico (BA), McCormick Theological Seminary (M.Div.) and Northwestern University (Ph.D.). As a scholar in the field of religious education and intercultural relations, he has traveled internationally to lead seminars, conferences and research. In 2007 he was elected President of the Religious Education Association in the United States and Canada. Irizarry served on the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation (Westminster John Knox Press, Geneva Press) for eight years, and has served on the Editorial Board of five ecumenical journals. He enjoys collecting rare books and historical documents, watching foreign movies, cooking, and ocean views (whenever the rare opportunity arises).

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**
We are receiving nominations for Elders, Deacons, and Trustees for the class of 2023. If you know of anyone who may be called to fill one of these important leadership roles for St. Johns, or if you yourself are feeling called, please email Laurie Cato, Nominating Elder

**INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON UNDOCUMENTED MINORS AT DEVEREUX**
You may have heard in the news about the plan to house undocumented migrant children at the Devereux Behavioral Health center in Devon. **Today at 11:45 AM**, Trinity Presbyterian Church in Berwyn will be hosting an informational discussion led by Leah Yaw from Devereux to further explain this situation and provide an opportunity for the community to ask questions. All are welcome to attend.

**CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS COMING!**
Consecration Sunday is **November 10**! We will gather for worship at 9:30 AM to dedicate our pledges for the upcoming year. Immediately following worship, we will celebrate with a delicious catered brunch in Fellowship Hall. Our guest preacher for the morning will be the Rev. Michael Wilson, the Stated Clerk of Donegal Presbytery. You may turn in brunch RSVP cards in the envelope on the church office door, or on our website (www.stjohnsdevon.com) by clicking the "Consecration Sunday Celebration Brunch Reservations" link.

**COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES**
If you have a child or grandchild attending college this year, please contact Hunter Thomson to sign up to receive a care package! We are also looking for volunteers to bring in items for the packages. The Youth will be packing the boxes on November 3.

Trunk or Treat will take place **TONIGHT** from **5:30–7 PM** in the parking lot. If you have never been, the idea behind Trunk or Treat is simple:

1. Park your car/truck/van/SUV in the church parking lot.
2. Decorate your trunk in a spooky or silly way.
3. Hand out candy to kids as they go from car to car

**Bring your kids, grandkids, neighbors, or just yourself! Everyone is invited!** Even if you don't have kids involved, just come and decorate your trunk. To be sure we have enough cars please let us know you will participate by contacting Jennifer Roberts. Candy donations can be left on Ridgley's desk.

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 – NEW LOCATION!**
Ridgley is working remotely and holds office hours **Tuesdays from 10:30–1:30 at Terrain** (138 Lancaster Ave, in Devon Yard). Everyone is welcome to drop in! If you would like to set up a specific time to meet with her, or if you'd just like to get in touch, please call (864-417-8566) or email.

**YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT**
Come for Trunk or Treat at 5:30 PM and/or join us for Grog in the Carriage House from 6:30–7:30!

**CONFIRMATION CLASS – SESSION 4**
The Confirmation Class will **NOT** meet on Tuesday, Oct 29th.

**FALL FAMILY FUN DAY-** rescheduled for Sunday, November 10th, 3:45-6:30

**REALITY RETREAT (NOV. 8–10)**
High School students, let Ridgley know by Nov. 1 if you are coming on the Fall retreat. We will be gathering in North East, Maryland with other Presbyterian churches from the Philadelphia area for a weekend of play, relaxation, and learning! (The cost is $50 per person.)

**ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR**

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| **Sun, Oct 27** | 9:30 am | Worship & Sunday School |
| | 5:30–7 pm | Trunk or Treat |
| **Wed, Oct 30** | 9:00 am | Prayer Group (Kean Room) |
| | 5:30 pm | Evensong Prayer Service (Memorial Garden) |
| | 6:00 pm | Supper at St. John's |
| **Thurs, Oct 31** | 6:30 pm | Adult Handbell Rehearsal |
| | 7:45 pm | Choir Rehearsal |

Patrick and Ridgley are off on Friday and Saturday. Lara is off 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

We are marked
Not just by the waters
the Father, the Son,
the Spirit, marked
upon our lives
sealed, as with wax,
claiming us from our start
belonging to God, the King
lent only to us
those in the community
fathers, mothers
neighbors, family
joined with Him
to raise them up
into his way, his light
for his holy purpose.

-Raymond A. Foss

**October 27, 2019**
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