

St. John's at Worship Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Come, God's people, let us worship our Creator!
People: We are created for a purpose through the waters of our baptism.

Pastor: Come, God's people, let us worship our Redeemer!
People: We are redeemed and given the gift of new life.

Pastor: Come, God's people, let us worship our Sustainer!
People: We are sustained for the work that stands before us.

Pastor: Come, let us worship the Triune God!

*Hymn **545** "The Church's One Foundation"

*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

Pastor: You sent the Baptist to point to your Son.
**But too often, we abandon his message and point only to ourselves.
We point to our worship preferences rather than the God we worship.
We point to our status rather than the grace that makes us all equal.
We point to our values rather than the One who has always valued everyone.
We point to our traditions rather than to the One who calls us to let go.
We point to our past rather than to the One who calls us into the future.
Forgive us, Lord, for pointing in all the wrong directions.**

Pastor: God of our baptismal hope,
**Forgive us when we do not wait patiently for your direction.
Forgive us when we are too patient with our misdirection.
Hold our gaze on your baptismal promise,
sealed in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son.
Through the power of your Spirit,
give us the courage to speak what we have seen
and point to the One who takes away the sins of the world.
In the name of your son, Jesus Christ, we pray.**

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 49:1-7 (pg. 679) Jose Irizarry

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

We send Pre-K-12th graders to Sunday School 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 John 1:29 - 42 (pg. 92); Matthew 3:13 - 17 (pg. 3)

Sermon THE POINTING FINGER Rev. Joyner

Choral Reflection "Take, O Take Me as I Am"

*Affirmation of Faith Adapted from the Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.
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

*Doxology

**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 **267 (GREEN)** "Will You Come and Follow Me"

*Benediction

Choral Response

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music Iris Blanco-Urgelles
Greeters Jim & Carol Netter
Ushers Chuck & Jeanne Lynam, Kathy Johnson, Kate Johnson
Flowers Given by the Feldman Family - "We would like to thank the entire St. John's family for all the love and support you have given us over the past two years. Oliver was born into this church, and he loved it here. The many calls, cards, gifts, help of all kinds, prayers, love, and presence we have been so blessed to receive during Oliver's diagnosis, treatment, death, and to our family during the last year has carried us. Please know how very much we appreciate each one of you. You are God's hands and love on earth."

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 greeters, Jim and Carol 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!

ANNUAL MEETING - SAVE THE DATE

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of St. John's is called for **Sunday, January 26 at 10:30 AM** (immediately following worship), for the purpose of:

Distribution of the Annual Report
Presentation of the Approved 2020 Budget
Approval of Pastors' Terms of Call for 2020
Election of Elders, Deacons, and Trustees

Elders: **Nancy Arico, Judy Mileto**, *one spot still pending*
Deacons: **Sarah Marvin, Carol Netter,**
Mark K Darin (1-year unfulfilled term), *two spots still pending*
Trustees: **Steve Oliver, Mike Simmons, Jeff Wagner**

All members of St. John's are encouraged to attend.

ANNUAL BLANKET DRIVE

Please consider a contribution to the annual Women's Fellowship Blankets+ drive for Church World Service. Donations will be taken using the envelope included in your bulletin during the offering in worship, or at coffee hour. All around the world, Church World Services helps impoverished communities with the basic tools they need to sustain their families. Your gifts provide warm blankets, hygiene kits, clean-up buckets, seeds and tools for farming, and food for those in need. Checks may be made payable to St. John's, with "Women's Fellowship" in the memo.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING - TUESDAY NIGHTS (7:30 PM)

St. John's hosts an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting in our Fellowship Hall every Tuesday night at 7:30 PM. This is an open meeting, so anyone who feels that they have a problem with alcohol is welcome.

MLK DAY OF SERVICE – TOMORROW

Tomorrow from 9 AM to 4 PM, the congregation is invited to be a part of our MLK Day of Service in Fellowship Hall. We will be making pillowcases with Ryan's Case for Smiles for children who are hospitalized with chronic illness. We still need volunteers for pillowcase making (no experience needed), ironing, running the food/card making areas, set up, and clean up. If you can be a part of this event in any way, please contact Lauren Feldman.

IRAN DISCUSSION – WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22 (7 PM)

With all the news coming out of Iran lately and US relations with the country at its lowest point in decades, Nader Engheta will lead us in a discussion exploring some of the events that have brought us to this point. If you are seeking clarification on what is happening in Iran, or would simply like to take part in an open discussion, we would love for you to join us (This will take the place of our first week of Supper at St. John's classes. The regularly scheduled classes will begin on January 29.)



If you are not already receiving Ridgley's weekly emails for youth and families, email her at rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com.

RIDGLEY'S OFFICE HOURS

Ridgley is still holding 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.

NEW YEAR UPDATES

Youth Fellowship will now gather from 4-5:30 PM, ages 5th–12th grade, unless otherwise specified in our advertisements. Additionally, Senior High Youth (8th–12th grade) will gather for Sunday School on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month to discuss the previous week's sermon and scripture.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Today: Youth will not meet due to MLK Day of Service

January 26: Youth will meet in Ridgley's office 4–5:30 PM

CONFIRMATION

On January 21, the Confirmation Class will gather at the home of Nancy Higgins from 6:30–7:30 PM. Don't forget that our confirmation retreat is February 7–9! Details to come.

YOUTH AT SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S

Starting Wednesday, January 22, youth are invited to join Ridgley in her office from 6–7 PM for a meal and Bible study during Supper at St. John's.

SUMMER SHARING BRUNCH – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

The congregation is invited to join the youth after worship for a pancake breakfast and update on this past summer's events! This will be a chance to learn more about the work that the youth did on their recent mission trip to Puerto Rico and to see pictures from VBS. Summer events for 2020 will be announced at this event. The meal is free, but donations are welcome.

OFFICE WEATHER CLOSURES

As we head into the season of snow, just a reminder that inclement weather closures for the office will mirror T/E School District's closing schedule.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Jan 19	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
Mon, Jan 20		Office closed for MLK Day
	9:00–4:00	MLK Day of Service (Fell. Hall)
Tues, Jan 21	7:00 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Wed, Jan 22	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's
Thurs, Jan 23	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Adult Handbell Rehearsal
	7:45 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sun, Jan 26	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Annual Congregational Meeting

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 when the office is closed or on a Saturday, you can call 484-604-0499.**



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