

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

Introit "Thaxted" *Holst, arr. Marchand*

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

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Jesus calls us to praise and prayer; to song and silence.

People: Jesus calls us to worship.

Pastor: Jesus calls us to hearing and healing; to service and solidarity.

People: Jesus calls us to love.

Pastor: Jesus calls us to trust and transformation; to death and resurrection.

People: Jesus calls us to follow.

Pastor: Let us heed the call of Christ.

People: Let us worship God together with joy!

*Hymn 14 (GREEN) "God, You Call Us to This Place"

*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

**Almighty God, our Light and Salvation,
forgive us for those moments when we have walked in darkness,
stumbling in the wilderness of division and disagreement.
You have called us to follow you,
but too often we think that *our* way is the *only* way to do your will.
Heal the brokenness that we bring upon ourselves.
Hear our cry as we come to you for unity.
Send your Spirit to gather us as you desire us.
Remind us that unity does not mean uniformity.
Teach us, Lord, that the "same mind" you call us to have is not *ours*,
but the mind of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name 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 Matthew 4:12 – 23 (pg. 3) Bruce Phillips

Children's Time Rev. Joyner

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 "Let Your Light Shine" McDonald

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 1:10 – 18 (pg. 166)

Sermon COVENANT COMMUNITY Rev. Marshall

*Affirmation of Faith from the Belhar Confession

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects, and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another.

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things, even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment and suffering be the consequence.

Jesus is Lord.

To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

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

Offertory "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" *Parry, arr. Marchand*

*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 547, vss. 1, 3, 4 "O Church of God, United"

*Benediction

Choral Response "Joyous Light of Glory"

*Postlude "Canon" *Mozart, arr. Marlatt*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeters *Amy Lord*

Ushers *Marianne & Skip McClennen, Chuck & Jeanne Lynam*

Flowers *Given by Marie Cantafio in memory of her beloved*

husband, Ralph, and her beloved daughter, Gemma

Devon Brass *Mark Ator, Jeff Estabrook, Frank Mercurio, Paul Steege*

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, Amy Lord 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 – TODAY

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of St. John's will take place immediately following worship today, 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

**Peggy Billian, Mary K Darin (1-year unfulfilled term),
Sarah Marvin, Carol Netter,
*one spot 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.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

On Sunday, February 9 at 2 PM, ***Rise Against Hunger*** will return to St. John's for our annual meal packaging event. Everyone age 5 and older is welcome to join us for an afternoon of fun and service. In less than 2 hours, we will package more than 10,000 meals for international hunger relief. We will need 50 volunteers for the event, **and we especially need several strong people to help with set-up at 12:30 PM.** Sign up with John Shaw

MONTHLY CONCERT SERIES – TODAY!

Our next monthly concert will be **today from 5–6 PM** and will explore music from around the world. These concerts are free of charge and open to the community. Please bring a friend and join us for an evening of amazing music!

SUMMER SHARING BRUNCH – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

The congregation is invited to join the youth after worship next Sunday 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.

EARLY NOTICE – MILITARY CARE PACKAGES

As we prepare to collect supplies and assemble care packages for troops connected to our congregation, please pass along names of deployed servicemembers to Lara in the office or Dave Dalrymple so that we may add them to our mailing list.



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 meet in Ridgley's office 4–5:30 PM

Sunday, Feb. 2 – No youth fellowship due to pancake breakfast

YOUTH AT SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S

Middle and High School youth are invited to join Ridgley in her office from 6–7 PM on Wednesdays for a meal and Bible study during Supper at St. John's.

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 26	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Annual Congregational Meeting
	5:00 pm	St. John's Concert Series
Mon, Jan 27	10:00 am	Sewing Group
Tues, Jan 28	7:30 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Wed, Jan 29	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's
Thurs, Jan 30	6:30 pm	Adult Handbell Rehearsal
	7:45 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sun, Feb 2	8:00 am	Deacons Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
		Communion (Intinction)
	10:30 am	Summer Sharing Brunch (Fellowship Hall)

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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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

St. John's Mission Statement:

We experience God's unconditional love in Jesus Christ, and together, we strive to love God, our neighbors, and ourselves in return.

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