

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

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

*Call to Worship Based on Micah 6:6–8

Pastor: With what shall we come before the Lord,
and bow ourselves before God on high?

**People: Shall we come before God with offerings of gold and silver?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of songs?
With ten thousand prayers?**

Pastor: God has told us what is good, and what is required of us.

People: To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

Pastor: Let us pray...

*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.

*Hymn **66, vss. 1, 2, 4** "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Unison Scripture Reading Matthew 5:1 – 12

Pastor: When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

**All: Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,
for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were
before you.**

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**We hear Jesus say that the poor and the hungry,
the meek and the merciful,
the peacemakers and the persecuted are blessed.**

**But the world around us blesses wealth and power
and those who attain them.**

**And all too often, those are the blessings we seek,
and the people we seek to bless.**

**We fail to recognize your blessings among us,
and when we do recognize them,
we often take them for granted.**

We confess, O Lord, that we ask your blessing on that which we desire.

**Help us instead to desire that which you have blessed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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 1 Corinthians 1:18 – 31 (pg. 166) Elizabeth Ator

As Pre-K–4th 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!**

*Hymn **393** "Spirit of the Living God"

Sermon (UN)HIDDEN Rev. Marshall

Anthem "Come, Share the Lord" *Larson*

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Intinction)

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 "Draw Me Close" *Carpenter*

*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 **664** "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

*Benediction

Choral Response "Cup of Blessing That We Share"

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeters *Amy Lord*

Ushers *Dave Dalrymple, Nancy Higgins, Rob Lord, John Shaw*

Flowers *Given by Don & Sarah Marvin – Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day...unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed, and very dear.*

Soloist *Rich Scott*

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!

COMMUNION SUNDAY

On the first Sunday of every month, St. John's shares the Lord's Supper. This meal reminds us of Christ's sacrifice for us – his body broken and his blood shed – so that we might be nourished in our faith to live for him. This is not just for Presbyterians or members of St. John's. Everyone who seeks to know and love Jesus Christ is welcome to share in this meal! You will be invited to come forward by the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and return to your seat by the outside aisles. (All communion bread is gluten free.)

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.

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S – WEDNESDAYS AT 6 PM

Join us every Wednesday through March 25 for Supper at St. John's! We begin at 6:00 PM with a delicious church-cooked meal, followed by a choice of classes from 7–8 PM. Childcare is available.

SUMMER SHARING BRUNCH – TODAY!

The congregation is invited to join the youth after worship today 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.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

On Sunday, February 9 at 2 PM, *Rise Against Hunger* will return to St. John's for our 7th annual meal packing 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, **plus several strong people to help with set-up at 12:30 PM.** Sign up with John Shaw

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 – No youth fellowship due to pancake breakfast & Super Bowl
Sunday, February 9 – Rise Against Hunger (2 PM)

PJ & MOVIE NIGHT – FRIDAY, FEB. 7

Kids in 4th grade and under are invited to join us from 5:30–7:30 PM to eat pizza and watch *Happy Feet!* Please RSVP with Ridgley by Thursday.

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.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Feb 2	8:00 am	Deacons Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School Communion (Intinction)
	10:30 am	Summer Sharing Brunch (Fellowship Hall)
	1:00 pm	Sandra Ward Memorial Service
Tues, Feb 4	7:30 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Wed, Feb 5	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
	5:30 pm	Children's Choir
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's
Thurs, Feb 6	6:30 pm	Adult Handbell Rehearsal
	7:45 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sun, Feb 9	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	2:00 pm	Rise Against Hunger
Mon, Feb 10	7:00 pm	Session Meeting (Kean Room)

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

“...the growing good of the world is partly dependent on unhistoric acts; and that things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been, is half owing to the number who lived faithfully a hidden life, and rest in unvisited tombs.”

– From *Middlemarch* (1871)

by Mary Ann Evans, writing under the name George Eliot

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