

## St. John's at Worship Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome and Announcements (*Please fill out the fellowship roll*)

Introit

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Christ calls us to come, to worship.

**People: To rest from our troubles and find peace in him.**

Leader: To empty ourselves out in praise,

**People: And be filled by his Spirit of life.**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you!

**People: And also with you!**

Leader: Let us worship God!

\*Hymn **11 (GREEN)** "Be Still for the Presence"

\*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

**You call us to be still and know that you are God.**

**But we are restless and try to take matters into our own hands.**

**We speak and act and treat each other in ways  
that do not reflect your divine stillness in our lives.**

**We run around attempting to attain for ourselves  
that which can only be found in you.**

**May your grace *still* us, Lord,  
our troubled minds and our frantic lives,  
and may we then share that grace with others, in Christ.**

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.**

\*Affirmation of Faith

A Modern Affirmation

**We believe in God the Father,  
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,  
whose mercy is over all His works,  
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man,  
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,  
the ground of our hope,  
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives,  
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance  
of the truth of Christ,  
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love  
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,  
to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.  
Amen.**

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 5:12–15 (pg. 162) Jeff Estabrook

Anthem

Scripture Reading Luke 13:10–17 (pg. 76)

Sermon THE PRIVILEGE OF SABBATH Rev. Marshall

\*Hymn **347** "Spirit Song"

### Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

\*Presentation of Offering & 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 **671** "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

### ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Director of Music** *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

**Ushers** *Jeff Estabrook, Jim Ryland*

**Flowers** *Given by Bob & Betsy Miller to the glory of God, and  
with deep gratitude for family – children, spouses,  
grandchildren, and great-grands.*

### WELCOME (BACK) TO ST. JOHN'S!

We are so happy that you have joined us for worship this morning! We hope that you experience the presence and love of Jesus Christ here with us today. 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 the sanctuary doors. 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! **Please be sure to pick up a bag with a piece of bread (gluten/nut-free bread is available) and a pre-sealed cup of juice.**

### COVID PRECAUTIONS

With Chester County's move to "substantial spread," masks are now required for all, regardless of vaccination status.

Initially, we will be using every other pew for seating (although there are no restrictions on capacity). If the number of worshippers exceeds our ability to do that, we will begin filling in the open pews as necessary.

We will not be passing offering plates. Instead, offering baskets are located at each of the entrances to the sanctuary, and you can place your offering there on your way in or out.

### A SPECIAL THANK YOU

As we transition to livestreaming, we want to thank Cat Duncan and Jeff Estabrook for leading hymns in the virtual service for the past year and a half! Cat sang the hymns during the summers, when she was home from college, and Jeff sang the rest of the year. We are so grateful for the time and energy that they devoted and for the ways they used their gifts to make a joyful noise to the Lord and bless their church family. Thank you, Jeff and Cat!

### ST. JOHN'S FALL ADULT EDUCATION

With the rise in Covid cases, we will not be having the "supper" portion of Supper at St. John's, but we will still be offering a virtual class. **Starting on Wednesday, September 15 from 7–8 PM**, Patrick will be teaching a class via Zoom called "Mission Impossible? The Church after Covid." He will be walking us through the work he has done thus far in his doctoral program, addressing questions like, "How do we navigate conflict in such a divided world?" "How do we know what God wants us to do?" "How do we adapt in a rapidly changing world?" "How do we make worship relevant?" and "Can we nurture trust in a polarized world?" More information will be coming soon. We hope that you will join us!

### LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

Rather than pre-recording a worship video each week, we are now broadcasting our Sunday morning service online as it happens! Each week you will receive a link to watch the Sunday service live on YouTube at 9:30 AM. (It will still be recorded so that it is available to watch any time after that.) We hope that those who can't join us in person will join us for the livestream, and that it helps you feel more connected to your church family!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES SEPTEMBER 12

Children in Pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us for in-person Sunday School beginning September 12 during worship. Nursery care will be available for younger children. Youth in grades 5–12 will have the option to stay in worship or help with Sunday School downstairs. Regardless of vaccination status, masks are mandatory in order to ensure the safety of our unvaccinated children. Check-in for families will resume September 12 as well. We ask that when you enter the sanctuary, you sign in your child for contact tracing and security purposes.



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

### Youth Group Fall Kickoff – Sunday, October 3

All youth in grades 5–12 are invited to join us from 4–6 PM, more details coming soon!

### ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

<b>Sun, Sept 5</b>	9:30 am	Worship & Communion
<b>Mon, Sept 6</b>	<b>Church Office Closed for Labor Day</b>	
<b>Wed, Aug 18</b>	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
<b>Sun, Sept 12</b>	8:15 am	Deacons
	9:30 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Trustees 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.**

### ST. JOHN'S LEADERSHIP

#### The Session

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*Peter Crawford, Tom Higgins,  
Jim Ryland, Andy Walsh*

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*Nancy Arico, Carla Chieffo, Judy Mileto*

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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

"The Sabbath is the most precious present mankind has received from the treasure house of God. All week we think, "The spirit is too far away," and we succumb to spiritual absenteeism, or at best we pray, "Send us a little of Thy spirit." On the Sabbath the spirit stands and pleads, "Accept all excellence from me."

– Abraham Joshua Heschel, *The Sabbath*

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