

**St. John’s at Worship**  
**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

Introit

\*Call to Worship

One: Come to this place to see what God has done!

**All: We come here searching for burning bushes and holy ground.**

One: Here we find God in both ordinary and sacred moments.

**All: We seek the God of our ancestors,  
knowing that we may be called to new places.**

One: Listen for God’s voice and know that you do not go alone.

**All: We are ready to worship and see God in this place!**

One: Let us worship God!

\*Hymn **126** “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

\*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

**Redeeming God,  
out of the flames of mere shrubs, your voice calls,  
marking us as your own  
and inviting us to set our feet on holy ground.  
Yet there are times when we choose to ignore your voice,  
listening instead to our own needs and desires.  
Forgive us for those times –  
when we have ignored the needs of others;  
when we have failed to place our feet upon your path;  
when we allow other voices to distract us from your call.**

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 Exodus 3:1–12 (pg. 50) Rich Scott

Children’s Time Rev. Joyner

*As Pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Exodus 20:1–21 (pg. 66)

Sermon GOD LIBERATES Rev. Marshall

\*Affirmation of Faith (See insert)

\*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 **332 (INSERT)** “Live into Hope”

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

**ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD**

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

**Ushers** *Carla Chieffo, Rich Scott*

**Flowers** *Given by Barbara Beucler in honor of her grandchildren,  
Sarah & Catherine Duncan and Jenna & Colin Beucler.*

**Joy Messengers** *Nancy Kimmons, John Senior, Lisa Howell, Pam Schaffer*

**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!

**COVID PRECAUTIONS**

Masks are 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.

**COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY**

Next Sunday (October 3) is World Communion Sunday, and we will be sharing the Lord’s Supper with our brothers and sisters in Christ all around the world! If you are worshipping here, you will receive a bag with a piece of bread (gluten/nut-free is available) and a pre-sealed cup of juice on your way into the sanctuary. If you are worshipping at home via livestream, please be sure to have some bread and grape juice (or wine) on hand. However you are worshipping, we hope that you will share with us in this meal that reminds us of our unity in the one body of Christ.

**THE FALL FESTIVAL – TODAY (4–6:30 PM)**

The Fall Festival will be held today from 4:00–6:30 PM. It will be outside (weather permitting) with no masks required, although you are certainly welcome to wear one, based on your level of comfort. There will be music, food, games, and “Oliver Rocks” rock painting for all ages! This year we are starting the rock painting at 4 PM to allow for plenty of time and daylight. As always, children are welcome, as we have games planned for them, too! Around 5 PM, food and drinks will be served by our masked and gloved volunteers. Come catch up with friends and spend a couple of hours of worry-free fun with us! Admission is \$5 per person with maximum of \$15 per family (guests are free). Volunteers are still needed to set up tables and chairs, clean up, and serve food and drinks. We hope that you will join us!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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

**ST. JOHN’S FALL ADULT EDUCATION – WEDNESDAYS, 7–8 PM**

Patrick is teaching a class via Zoom on Wednesdays from 7–8 PM called “Mission Impossible? The Church after Covid,” and it’s not too late to join us! You do not need to sign up in advance. The Zoom link for each week’s class will go out in the Sunday email, and a reminder email will be sent the day of the class. We hope that you will join us! (Recordings of each class are available for those unable to attend.)

**NEW MEMBERS CLASS – OCTOBER 10 & 17 AT 11:00 AM**

If you are interested in joining St. John’s, we will be holding a two-part class for new members on Sunday, October 10 and 17, at 11:00 AM. We will get to know each other, tell you about St. John’s, talk about what it means to be a member and what it means to be a Presbyterian. Each class will last about an hour. If you have questions, please contact Wanda Odom). We hope to see you there!

**WOMEN’S BOOK STUDY**

The Sunday morning Women’s Book Study meets via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 8 AM. They are continuing their study of Barbara Brown Taylor’s book *Always a Guest*. The book is a collection of sermons, so it would be easy to join in on any given week without the need to have read the prior chapters. If you would like to participate or just have questions, please contact Carolyn Repke (crepke@comcast.net).

**OUTREACH – HURRICANE IDA RELIEF**

The Outreach Committee has given \$2,500 to Hurricane Ida relief locally through the Phoenixville Jaycees Foundation, to help people in our community affected by the storm. If you would like to personally contribute, you can give locally through the Phoenixville Jaycees (484-928-0052) or denominationally through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (<https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/hurricane-ida>).

## COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

With the beginning of the school year, the Deacons are once again preparing to send care packages to our college students. If you have a child attending college this year, please email their name and address to Hunter Thomson (hthomson1509@gmail.com) to sign them up to receive a care package.



The Fall calendar for children and youth is available for pickup outside of Ridgley's office. If you are not already receiving Ridgley's weekly emails for youth and families, email her at [rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com](mailto:rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com).

### Confirmation Mentor Meeting – Today at 11:00 AM

### Fall Festival – Today (4–6 PM)

Children and youth of all ages are invited to join us for games, Oliver Rock painting (starts at 4:00) and food!

### Sunday, October 3 – Youth Fellowship Hike (4–6 PM)

Youth in grades 5–12 are invited to join us for a hike and geocache adventure at George Lorimor Preserve (1435 N. Valley Road). We will meet in the parking lot for a snack and water before we start our hike. Bring your mask and some bug spray!

### Sunday, October 17 – Bible Study

**4–5 PM:** Middle School Youth (grades 5–7) are meeting at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Berwyn for bible study and games.

**5–6 PM:** High School Youth (grades 8–12) are meeting on Zoom for our first Session of Book Club. Zoom link provided in the weekly email.

### Sunday, October 24 – Trunk or Treat (5–7 PM)

Children & youth of all ages are invited to join us for a spooky night of costumes, candy, pizza, and crafts. Youth will play GROG in the Carriage House (masks required) starting at 6:30 PM. If you'd like to decorate a trunk, contact Christa Fisher ([christafish@gmail.com](mailto:christafish@gmail.com))

## ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

<b>Sun, Sept 26</b>	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	11:00 am	Confirmation Mentor Meeting
	4:00 pm	Fall Festival
<b>Mon, Sept 27</b>	12:30 pm	Sewing Group (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Wed, Sept 29</b>	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
	7:00 pm	Adult Ed Class (Zoom)
<b>Sun, Oct 3</b>	<b>World Communion Sunday</b>	
	9:30 am	Worship & Communion
		Sunday School

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

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*Jesus Christ*

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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

“For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

– Galatians 5:13–14

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