

St. John's at Worship World Communion Sunday

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

Introit "From the Rising of the Sun in the Name of the Lord"

*Call to Worship From Psalm 24

One: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;
Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in God's holy place?

All: **Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.
They will receive blessing from the Lord,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.**

One: Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

All: **Who is the King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty.
The Lord of hosts is the King of glory!**

*Hymn 548 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

*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

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace:

**You have called us to one table,
but we have pursued our own course.**

**You have promised us the abundance of all creation,
but in our fear and greed, the world goes without.**

**You have promised us the bread of life,
but in our pride and arrogance, the world goes hungry.**

**You have promised us the living waters of peace and justice,
but in our discord and violence, the world goes thirsty.**

And now we are famished, too.

Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us, again.

**Transform us – at this table and for this table –
and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness,
by the power of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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 (See Insert)

Scripture Reading Leviticus 18:1–5; 20:22–26 (pg. 105; 107) Nancy Davis

*As Pre-K through 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!**

Anthem "Give Me a Clean Heart" *arr. Helgen*

Sermon GOD LEGISLATES? Rev. Marshall

*Hymn INSERT "As We Gather at Your Table"

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 258 (GREEN) "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

*Benediction

*Postlude "Before the Throne of God Above" *Evanovich*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Ushers *Allen Beverly, Peter Crawford*

Flowers *Given by John & Barbara Alexander in memory of
Barbara's mother*

Vocalists *Miyuki Hashimoto, Nancy Kimmons,
Laura Jean McClintick, Heather McConnell,
Pam Schafer*

Guest Musicians *Myanna Harvey (violin)*

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 SUNDAY

Today is World Communion Sunday, and we will be sharing the Lord's Supper with our brothers and sisters in Christ all around the world! Today especially, we are reminded that communion 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 cup of juice.**

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.)

RISE AGAINST HUNGER – OCTOBER 16 & 17

We had planned to hold a Rise Against Hunger event at St. John's, but due to staff shortages, they were unable to provide us a facilitator. But Westminster Presbyterian Church in West Chester is hosting an event on Saturday, October 16 and Sunday, October 17, and we have been invited to partner with them! If you would like to sign up or just have questions, please contact John Shaw.

AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF

The Fellowship Community Church in New Jersey is working with McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (NJ) military bases to provide support for Afghanistan refugees who have come here with only what they could carry. The bases will host up to 9,500 in the upcoming months. St. John's Outreach Committee has donated \$2,500 toward this relief effort. It was through a connection with members Chris & Dick Oliver that made this possible. To date, Outreach has donated \$10,000 in disaster assistance.

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 to sign them up to receive a care package.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children in Pre-K through 4th 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.



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.

Today – 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 10 – Progressive Youth Fellowship (4–6 PM)

Youth in grades 5–12 are invited to join us for a special night of games and ice cream with the youth from Trinity Pres.! Drop off will be at St. John's and pick up will be at Trinity in Berwyn.

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)

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Oct 3	World Communion Sunday
	9:30 am Worship & Communion
	Sunday School
Wed, Oct 6	9:00 am Prayer Group (Kean Room)
	7:00 pm Adult Ed Class (Zoom)
Sun, Oct 10	8:30 am Trustees Meeting (Kean)
	9:30 am Worship & 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

Head of the Church

Jesus Christ

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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you.

– From the song, “Sanctuary”

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