

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

Prelude "O Worship the King" arr. Sondra K. Tucker

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

Introit "Christians, We Have Met to Worship" arr. Sondra K. Tucker

*Call to Worship From Psalm 145

One: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

All: **The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

One: The Lord is good to all,
and God's compassion is over all that God has made.

All: **The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

One: The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.

All: **You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.**

One: Let our mouths speak the praise of the Lord
and bless God's holy name as we worship!

*Hymn 131 "We Gather Together"

*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

**Good and gracious God, you promise to provide for our needs,
but sometimes it is so hard to trust in that promise.**

**We worry about our lives:
our homes and possessions,
our families and futures.**

**We often fall back on *our own* means,
trying to make *our own* way,
instead of placing our lives in your hands.**

**Our anxious efforts to be the god of our own lives
has separated us from you and from our neighbors.**

**Remind us that we are forgiven and loved,
that may we find in your grace
the courage to give ourselves wholly to you,
trusting only in you and your ability to provide.**

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 Tom Higgins
Numbers 13 & 14, *selected verses* (pg. 130)

Children's Time Rev. Joyner
*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 "Lamb of God" *arr. Larson*

Scripture Reading Numbers 33:50–56 (pg. 153)

Sermon GOD CALCULATES Rev. Marshall

*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.
He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father, Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*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 548, vss. 1, 3 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*Benediction

*Postlude "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" *arr. Hogan*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Ushers *Peter Crawford, Tom Higgins*

Flowers *Given by Marie Cantafio in memory of her beloved
husband, Ralph, and her beloved daughter, Gemma.*

Vocalists *Jeff Estabrook, Frank Mercurio, Jim Ryland, Rich Scott,
Paul Steege*

Musicians *Frank Mercurio (trumpet)*

Bell Choir *Betsy Miller (Director), Susan Bain, Christina Fish,
Jim Tiede*

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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

John Alexander has moved to Sunrise Senior Living in West Chester. We would love to send him cards from his church family to help welcome him:

NEW MEMBERS CLASS – TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY

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 in the Kean Room. 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.

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.

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.

TRUNK OR TREAT – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24 (5–7 PM)

All children, youth, and adults are invited to our annual Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot on Sunday, October 24 from 5–7 PM. Ways you can help: 1) Donate a bag of assorted candy being collected outside, of Pastor Ridgley's office 2) Bring your best carved or painted pumpkin to enter into a pumpkin contest, 3) Decorate a Trunk for kids to come collect candy! A light meal will be provided for attendees. This event is for the WHOLE church family...we'd love to see you there! For more information, contact Christa Fisher (christafish@gmail.com).

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 – 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 10	8:15 am	Deacons Meeting (Carr. House)
	8:30 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship (Outdoors)
	11:00 am	New Members Class (Kean)
Mon, Oct 11	7:00 pm	Session Meeting (Zoom)
Tues, Oct 12	8:00 am	Gardeners Club Meeting
Wed, Oct 13	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
	7:00 pm	Adult Ed Class (Zoom)
Sun, Oct 17	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship (Outdoors)
	11:00 am	New Members Class (Kean)

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

My shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

– From the hymn, “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”
by Isaac Watts (1719)

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