

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

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

Introit "Morning Star" arr. Hayes

*Call to Worship

One: God has gathered us to this place,
All: where we hear those stories which show us what the kingdom of God is like.

One: God summons us to this place
All: where we can learn how to serve our God without reservation, or hesitation.

One: God will send us from this place,
All: to tell others of God's hopes and dreams, so they, too, can choose to follow God.

One: Let us worship God!

*Hymn 8 (GREEN), vss. 1, 3, 4 "Gather Us In"

*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

Gracious Healer,

We come, confident that your promise to always be with us is true, confident that you are greater than the trials we face, confident that we are secure in the palm of your hands. We come today, knowing that you love us and have not forgotten our needs. When we need your strength, you meet us where we are. Forgive us for when we fail to walk beside those who are suffering. When we feel silenced, you seek us out to hear our needs. Forgive us for when we silence others for the sake of our own comforts. When we are in need of relief, your Word reminds us that you are there. Forgive us for when we are too busy to seek out those who need that assurance.

(silent confession)

Jesus Christ, Son of David, have mercy upon us, And grant us your peace. Amen.

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 Mark 10:46–52 (pg. 47)

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 "My Peace I Give Unto You" Soma

Sermon BLIND BARTIMAEUS Rev. Joyner

*Affirmation of Faith

One: In life and in death we belong to God. We trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

All: We trust in Jesus Christ, Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

One: Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, delivering us from death to life eternal.

All: In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

One: In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,

All: with believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*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 122 "God of the Sparrow"

*Benediction

*Postlude "Jesus Paid it All"

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Ushers *Bruce & Nancy Phillips*

Flowers *Given by Kenneth Tenley in loving memory of his wife, Zoe.*

Guest Musicians *Myanna Harvey, Cassia Harvey*

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.

PASTORAL UPDATE

Patrick is on vacation and will be back in the office on Tuesday. During this time, he will be unavailable by email or phone. Ridgley is available for any pastoral care needs. You can call the church office during weekday hours or call the pastoral care line (484-604-0499) after hours or on weekends.

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.)

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES

St. John's concert series finally returns on **Sunday, November 7 at 5:00 PM** with "Music from the Movies IV!" Come experience the magical sounds of the music behind the movies you love! From Disney to John Williams, the Musicalia Ensemble – joined by a soprano, a tenor, and a percussionist – presents an exciting program of epic movie scores that will keep you entertained. These concerts are free and open to the whole community, so let Hollywood come to you as you sit back and enjoy the soundtracks to your favorite films! (Marks are required for all, and the same protocol will be followed as on Sunday mornings.)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We are receiving nominations for Elders, Deacons, and Trustees for the class of 2023. If you know of anyone who may be called to fill one of these important leadership roles for St. John's, or if you yourself are feeling called, please email Judy Mileto.

WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP

Meeting in the Kean Room each Wednesday at 9:00 am year-round, the "Companions in Prayer" ponder a bit of scripture, and then pray on behalf of the church, its members and friends who have specific needs, and about other concerns farther afield. If you would like to join them, contact Nancy Davis.

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TRUNK OR TREAT – TODAY (5–7 PM)

All children, youth, and adults are invited to our annual Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot today 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).

CONSECRATION SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 14

St. John's will once again be celebrating Consecration Sunday during morning worship on Sunday, November 14. This is a time when we are all invited to prayerfully consider the question, "What is God calling me to do," as it relates to how we will contribute our gifts to the life and ministry of the church in 2022. The Rev. Dick Ollinger will be our guest preacher, and we will dedicate our pledges together in worship. If you did not receive a copy of the letter and pledge card that were mailed out this past week, copies are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary (they will also be in this week's email update). We hope that you will join us for this meaningful day in the life of our church!

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 – 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 – It's not too late!

Fall Family Fun Day

November 7, 5-7 PM at Linvilla Orchards in Media. All God's children (that means adults too!) are invited to join us at Linvilla Orchards for an evening of fall fun, complete with a sunset hayride, bonfire and s'mores!

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Oct 24	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship (Outdoors)
	5:00 pm	Trunk or Treat! (Parking Lot)
Wed, Oct 27	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
	7:00 pm	Adult Ed Class (Zoom)
Sun, Oct 31		All Saints' Sunday
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship (Outdoors)
	11:00 am	Nominating Committee (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

St. John's Mission Statement:

We experience God's unconditional love in Jesus Christ, and together, we strive to love God, our neighbors, and ourselves in return.

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