

St. John's at Worship All Saints' Sunday

Prelude "The House of Our God"

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

Introit "Change My Heart, O God"

*Call to Worship From Psalm 90

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**All: Before the mountains were brought forth,
or you had ever formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

One: Satisfy us with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**All: Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.**

One: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands.

All: Let us worship God!

*Hymn 110 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*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 *From the Book of Common Worship*

**Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women
to live and die in faith.**

We confess that we are indifferent to your will.

You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent.

You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle.

You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Give us courage to follow in your way,

that joined with those from ages past

who have served you with faith, hope, and love,

we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus 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.

Scripture Reading John 11:32–44 (pg. 105)

Nancy Arico

Children's Time & Naming of the Saints

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 "Love Rescue Me"

Sermon DEATH STINKS Rev. Marshall

*Affirmation of Faith from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1983)

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,

whom alone we worship and serve.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,

praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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 711, vss. 1, 2, 4, 6 "For All the Saints"

*Benediction

*Postlude "I'll Be Going to Heaven Sometime"

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Ushers *Skip & Marianne McClennen*

Flowers *Given by the Marvin family in loving memory of
Grandpa Jens, Grandma Lou, and Grandpa Don.*

Joy Messengers *John Senior, Nancy Kimmons, Lauren Feldman,
Lisa Howell, Troy Fisher, Pam Schafer*

WELCOME 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.

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 **next Sunday, November 7 at 5 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! (Masks 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.

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Tomorrow is All Saints' Day, the day on which we remember and give thanks to God for our brothers and sisters in Christ who have died in the past year and now live forever with God. We will be naming the blessed dead in prayer this morning, but we will also be opening up the sanctuary tomorrow for anyone who would like to spend some time in prayer. Come any time from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. There will be cards with a prayer that you can pray, as well as the names that we pray for this morning. You can light a candle and spend some time in silence. However you choose to observe All Saints' Day, let us give thanks to God for our faithful brothers and sisters who have gone on to the Church Triumphant!

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.

Sunday, November 7 – Fall Family Fun Day (5–7 PM)

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

Reminder- there is no Youth Fellowship today, October 31st

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

	All Saints' Sunday
Sun, Oct 31	9:30 am Worship & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship (Outdoors) 11:00 am Nominating Committee (Kean)
Wed, Nov 3	9:00 am Prayer Group (Kean Room) 7:00 pm Adult Ed Class (Zoom)
Sun, Nov 7	8:15 am Trustees Meeting (Kean Room) 8:15 am Deacons Meeting (Carr. House) 9:30 am Worship & Communion Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship (Outdoors)

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

Who Gets to Live?
By John McClintick

Who gets to walk
on down life's path,
To know the joys,
the pains and sorrows
Sunny days and rainy,
the time that life borrows.
Who gets to live?
The lucky, the brave?
Who gets to watch the sun set,
the moon rise, the passage of a day.
Is there a measure fair, to meter out?
A reconciliation to level all.
A satisfying notion that settles things,
that determines who will carry the ball.
Who gets to live? We all do...
Not always by a time we determine...
But in a way we soulfully choose,
to sort out life and a death that is certain.
To count a day, a decade, a century or more
is not the way to settle the score.
But how we live what life has been given,
Is the power to make a hell into heaven.

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