

St. John's at Worship 3rd Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Spirit of the Living God" *Daniel Iverson*

*Call to Worship:

One: Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves that it is not *we* who chose Christ,

All: But Christ who chose us;

One: That we are not here because of *our* goodness

All: But because of Christ's grace;

One: That we are not here to enlighten *ourselves*,

All: But to allow Christ to enlighten us;

One: That we have not come to be entertained

All: But to worship God with heart, soul, mind, and strength.

*Hymn 62 (vss. 1, 5, 7) "All Creatures of Our God and King"

*Prayer of Invocation and 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 God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but that you are substance; that they are quicksand, but you are mountain; that they are shifting, but you are anchor. Forgive us, O God...

Silent Confession

We pray in Jesus' name. 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.

*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.

Children's Time Rev. Joyner

As Pre-K – 4th grade leaves 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 "Blest Are They" *David Haas*

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:1–12 (pg. 4, NT) Jim Little

Sermon BLESSED BE Rev. Joyner

*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 and Prayers of the People

*Hymn (Insert), vss. 1–3 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

*Benediction

*Postlude "Day by Day" *Stephen Schwartz*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Music Director Iris Blanco-Urgelles

Ushers Jim Little, Kate Little

Greeter: Alice Bell

Flowers Given by the Walshes in memory of all the children who have lost their lives to gun violence.

Coffee Servers Linda Duncan, Barbara Beucler

Joy Messengers: Nancy Kimmons (*keyboards, accordion*), John Senior (*guitar*), Troy Fisher (*ukulele*), Linda and Cat Duncan, 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 would love for you to join us for refreshments downstairs in the Fellowship Hall following worship. We are glad that you are here and hope you will worship with us again soon!

COVID PROTOCOL

Masks remain optional but welcome. We do ask that if you are not feeling well or experiencing any symptoms such as a sore, scratchy throat or cough (even if you think it is just allergies or a cold), please worship from home via the livestream to ensure the wellbeing of your church family. If you find that you test positive for Covid within 2–3 days after attending worship or a church event, please contact the church office, so that we can notify the congregation about a possible exposure. Your privacy will be maintained.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Wanda Odom is mourning the loss of her father on Tuesday. Condolences can be sent to: 221 Rosedale Avenue, Strafford, PA 19087.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT: SUNDAY, JULY 10 (NOON – 2:00 PM)

The Outreach Committee will host a Hygiene Kit assembly project in Fellowship Hall to support the Church World Service's national and global community service efforts. These kits will go to communities devastated by natural disasters, entrenched violence or grinding poverty, and can mean the difference between sickness and health for struggling families. We are seeking 10-15 volunteers to help with the assembly of 300 hygiene kits; no special experience required. Please email Lisa Pool at lisa.pool@verizon.net if you are interested in participating.

ENRICHING OUR MEMBERSHIP

Are you personable, friendly, blessed with the gift of gab? If so, then the Membership Enrichment Committee could use your help! Even if none of those words describe you, consider joining the work of the committee, which involves being a greeter at worship, a buddy to a new member, or sharing flyers about church events. The Membership Enrichment Committee has ample opportunities for all members to nurture strong bonds within the St. John's church family, show support for each other, and attract new members to the congregation. Those opportunities include:

- * Worship greeter
- * Visitor outreach
- * New member support
- * Program publicity
- * Member engagement

If you are interested in serving the church in any of these capacities, please contact Wanda Odom at wmodom@verzion.net or 610-470-5115.

WILSON PARK PICNIC CONCERT – THURSDAY JULY 21, 7:00 PM

Let's pack a picnic dinner for a free concert in Wilson Park with your church family! Bring your own food, drinks, and something to sit on. We will stay a little away from the stage so we can enjoy our conversations as well as the music. More information will come as we get closer. Please email me at susanne.engheta@gmail.com so I know how many to expect.

A RIDE TO END ALZHEIMER'S

Pastor Ridgley will once again be participating in "A Ride to End Alz SC" with the Alzheimer's Association, July 8–10. She is riding for all those who are affected by Alzheimer's Disease, especially those we have lost in our congregation. If you have a loved one who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease or Dementia, please email her so that she can put their name on her bib!

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP – SUNDAYS AT 8:00 AM

Our women's book group meets in person and by Zoom on Sundays at 8 AM, and anyone is welcome to join them for one or all sessions. They are currently reading *Making Sense of the Bible* by Adam Hamilton. It is casual and wonderful conversation, and the reading each week is short. If you have questions, or to get the Zoom link, please email Carolyn Repke.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today is the last day of Spring Sunday School. Children in Pre-k–4th grade are invited to join us for Summer Sunday School July 10 through August 7.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The Outreach Committee will once again be providing 48 backpacks filled with supplies for children who are served through Gemma Services' community-based programs. We are inviting you to participate by contributing toward the cost of this effort. The price of many of the supplies has increased significantly, so the committee will buy everything in bulk, and then in mid-July, our youth will meet to fill the backpacks with the purchased supplies. If you would like to help, please send a check (payable to St. John's Presbyterian Church) with "School Supplies" on the memo line.

Gemma has also expressed a need for "fidget toys" such as Pop-Its (Fidget Poppers) or Rubik's Cubes. If you would like to contribute small toys like this, there is a plastic bin on the Carriage House Porch where you may drop them off.

Gemma Services offers mental health services, education, and specialized support for vulnerable and at-risk children, teens, and families throughout the Philadelphia area. You can learn more about their programs by visiting their website: www.gemmaservices.org. Please contact Nancy Higgins with any questions (nrhiggins76@gmail.com).

SUMMER ART CLASSES AT ST. JOHN'S

This summer, St John's will be hosting art classes for adults. This is a great chance to learn something new, hone your natural skills, or just have fun with your church family. The following classes will be offered:

Mixed media: Explore the abstract in you! Learn to develop original creative artwork and concepts. Unwind and unburden your soul in self-expression.
Beginner Level – 2 Lessons
Cost of materials: \$36.00 (made out to St. John's Presbyterian Church)
Dates: Wednesdays, July 20 and 27 at **5:00 PM (change in start time)**

Watercolor: Have fun with one of the most fluid mediums and learn a little about water techniques in the process.
Beginner Level – 2 Lessons
Cost of materials: \$38.00 (made out to St. John's Presbyterian Church)
Dates: Wednesdays, August 3 and 10 at **5:00 PM (change in start time)**

On Sunday, August 14 there will be a small display of the students' work during coffee hour, so that we can all enjoy the talent our church has to offer. Seats are limited, so if you are interested, please email Darien Irizarry at di501industries@gmail.com. The deadline to sign up is July 13.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: AUGUST 15–19 (9 AM – NOON)

This year's VBS will be a Compassion Camp, where kids will explore what it means to have compassion for others, themselves, and the world. The cost is \$45 per child (\$100 max per family). If you are in need of a scholarship, please contact Pastor Ridgley. Register on our website through June 30.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, June 26	8:00 am	Women's Book Study
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
Wed, June 29	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer (Kean Room)
Sun, July 3	8:00 am	Women's Book Study
	9:30 am	Worship & Communion
Mon, July 4		Office Closed for Independence Day

Pastoral Update

Patrick is on Continuing Education leave this week to work on his doctorate. He will be back on Tuesday, July 5. Ridgley is available for any pastoral care needs.

Friday is Ridgley's sabbath day, and the church office is closed on Saturday. If you email or call on those days, you will not get a response until they are back in the office.

Our Church Administrator is in the office Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. **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

"Every Bright Thing" A Blessing by Jan Richardson

If I could write this blessing backwards,
I would begin it at the end.
I would start it from that far place where
I could show you every bright thing
that lies ahead for you,
radiant in its wholeness
and complete in its own joy.
For now, all I can offer is this blessing
that begins here –
in the gap, in the hollow, in the hope
that tells us this is how a blessing becomes;
this I how a blessing is made –
from the broken things we travel with from here.

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