

## St. John's at Worship 4th Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "River of Jordan" Hazel Houser

\*Call to Worship:

One: We gather to worship God,

**All: Who creates us and loves us;**

One: Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;

**All: Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;**

One: Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,

**All: To seek justice, share power,  
and live together in love and equality;**

One: Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,

**All: And whose presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.**

One: We gather to worship God.

**All: To God be all glory, honor, and praise!**

\*Hymn 145 "Morning Has Broken"

\*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

**God of Light,  
we confess that we have gone astray and have left Your light.  
We follow the dim lights of the world of success and fortune.  
We follow the dim lights that call us to be more religious  
by following rules.**

**Forgive us for not seeking the true Light of Your love  
for all the world. Forgive us for not following the ways of Jesus,  
who commanded us to love one another.**

**Call us to be the light-bearers of love, compassion and justice,  
In which the Mystery of Your Love is revealed.**

**In the name of Jesus the Messiah, we pray. Amen.**

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.**

Anthem "I'll Fly Away" Traditional

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:1-16 nsrv Nancy Arico

Sermon BLESSED TO BE Rev. Joyner

Hymn 334 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

### 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 and Prayers of the People

\*Hymn (Insert) "Come! Live in the Light"

\*Benediction

\*Postlude "Fishers of Men" Rhonda Vincent

### ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Music Director** Iris Blanco-Urgelles  
**Ushers** Rich Scott, Carla Chieffo  
**Greeter:** Alice Bell  
**Flowers** Given by Nancy and Joe Arico to the glory of our triune God, and in celebration of our freedoms.  
**Coffee Servers** Lynne Brown and Jean Converse  
**Group W:** Denise Gealer, Larry Toto, Mathew Clark, Lisa Wildman

### 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. Condolences can be sent to: 221 Rosedale Avenue, Strafford, PA 19087.

Rich Loomis is mourning the loss of his father as well. Condolences can be sent to: The Loomis Family, 686 Knox Road, Wayne, 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.

### 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

Children in Pre-k-4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.gemmaservices.org). Please contact Nancy Higgins with any questions ([nrhiggins76@gmail.com](mailto: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

**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

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](mailto:di501industries@gmail.com). The deadline to sign up is July 13.

### ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

<b>Sun, July 3</b>	8:00 am	Women's Book Study
	9:30 am	Worship & Communion
<b>Mon, July 4</b>	<b>Office Closed for Independence Day</b>	
<b>Wed, July 6</b>	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer (Kean Room)
<b>Sun, July 10</b>	8:00 am	Women's Book Study
	9:30am	Worship

### Pastoral Update

Patrick is on Continuing Education leave this week to work on his doctorate. He will be back on Tuesday, July 5. Ridgley will be out of the office July 6-13 as she travels to SC for her bike ride for the Alzheimer's Association.

Friday is both Patrick and 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

In a world that is always asking us to become something,  
Someone, some success story, in this place we say:  
don't become, be who we already are.

Don't become light –  
be the light you already are –  
this is what God anciently placed in you.

Don't become salt –  
be the salt you already are –  
it is in this way you are known to God.

For from these elements;  
Salt and Light, God uniquely crafted you.  
Don't become anything – be who you are,  
And discover the one who loves you in your be-ing.

-Rev. Roddy Hamilton

July 3, 2022

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