

St. John's at Worship Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Ave Maria" *Gounod*

*Call to Worship Psalm 15

One: O Lord, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?
**All: Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;**
One: Who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;
**All: In whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honor those who fear the Lord;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**
One: Who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

*Hymn 11 (Green) "Be Still, for the Presence"

*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
**O Lord, when we hear who may abide in your tent
and dwell on your holy hill,
we confess that we have not met the qualifications.
We have not walked blamelessly or done what is right.
We have spoken words that are not true.
We have done evil, both to those we love,
and to those we refuse to love as we should.
We do not despise the wicked or honor those who fear you.
In fact, sometimes we can't even tell the difference between the two.
We have not been faithful stewards of your gifts,
keeping for ourselves that which should be shared
with the least of these.
We do not deserve to be in your holy presence.
And yet here we are.
Continue to forgive our sin and remind us
that it is not because of *our* goodness that we dwell with you,
but because of *yours*, in Christ.**

Silent Confession

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

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 The 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.**

Scripture Reading Genesis 18:1–10a (pg. 14, OT) Pat Marshall

Children's Time Rev. Joyner
As Pre-K–4th grade leaves for Summer 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 "O Rest in the Lord" *Mendelssohn*

Scripture Reading Luke 10:38–42 (pg. 72, NT)

Sermon WELCOMING THE STRANGER Rev. Marshall

*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 "Together We Serve"

*Benediction

*Postlude "Pie Jesu" *Webber*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Music Director Iris Blanco-Urgelles
Ushers Pat Marshall, Lynne Hay
Greeter Alice Bell
Flowers Given by Jim & Sue Tiede in celebration of family.
Coffee Server Mildred del Valle
Guest Musicians Paula Gonzalez (contralto), Myanna Harvey (violin),
Heather McConnell (soprano)

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.

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 Susanne Engheta (susanne.engheta@gmail.com) so we know how many to expect.

SUMMER BOOK STUDY

Pastor Patrick will be leading a three-week study of Brian Zahnd's book *When Everything's on Fire: Faith Forged from the Ashes*, on August 7, 14, and 21, after worship. The book can be purchased on Amazon (there will be a link in the weekly email).

Book Description: Is it possible to hold on to faith in an age of unbelief? Intellectual certainty has long been a cornerstone of the Christian faith. But in an age of secularism, skepticism, and cynicism, our worldviews have been shaken. Various solutions exist – some double down on certainty, while others deconstruct their faith until there is nothing left at all. But Brian Zahnd offers a third way: what is needed is not a *demolition* but instead a *renovation* of faith. Written with personal and pastoral experience, Zahnd extends an invitation to move beyond the crisis of faith toward the journey of reconstruction. As the world rapidly changes in ways that feel incompatible with Christianity, *When Everything's on Fire* provides much-needed hope. A stronger, more confident faith is possible when it is grounded in the beauty and truth of Christ. Zahnd permits us to risk the journey of deconstruction so that God can forge something more beautiful in its place.

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

The Women's Book Group is taking a break for the summer. We will resume our Sunday Morning Book Study on Sunday, September 11. We invite and encourage all women to be part of the group. It is casual and wonderful conversation, and the reading each week is short. If you have questions, please email Carolyn Repke.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We are currently in need of volunteers to serve in the nursery in August so that our nursery workers can take a much-deserved sabbath. Please consider giving your time on a Sunday morning to help fulfill your baptismal vows to our little ones! Contact Marianne McClennen (mdmclennen@gmail.com) for more information.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summer Sunday School runs through August 7. Children in Pre-k–4th grade are invited to go downstairs with Pastor Ridgley after the children's time for a lesson and activities.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The Christian Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone who donated funds or fidget toys in support of our annual School Supply Drive for Gemma Services. On Wednesday, our youth helped to fill the 48 backpacks, and we will deliver them to Gemma's Plymouth Meeting office next week.

There is still time to support this project by contributing toward the cost of the backpacks and supplies. You can write a check, payable to St. John's, with "School Supplies" in the memo line. The collection box for fidget toys, Pop-Its, etc. will remain on the Carriage House porch through Tuesday, 7/19. Please contact Nancy Higgins (nrhiggins76@gmail.com) with any questions.

Upcoming Youth Events

Sunday, July 24: Youth Day Trip – Slip and Slide at Bear Creek

Join us next Sunday for a day trip to Bear Creek Mountain Resort to play on the slip and slide on the slopes! The cost is \$30 per person, and lunch is provided. TODAY is the deadline to RSVP by emailing Pastor Ridgley.

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.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, July 17	8:00 am	Women's Book Study (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Summer Sunday School
	10:45 am	VBS Meeting (Ridgley's Office)
Wed, July 20	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer (Kean Room)
Sun, July 24	8:00 am	Women's Book Study (Kean Room)
	9:30am	Worship & Summer Sunday School

Reminder

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 Roseann Christian 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

“Welcome is one of the signs that a community is alive. To invite others to live with us is a sign that we aren't afraid, that we have a treasure of truth and of peace to share.”

– Jean Vanier, “Community and Growth”

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