

**St. John’s at Worship
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**

Welcome and Announcements

Introit “Faith” Hayes

*Call to Worship

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord. Come into God’s presence with singing.

All: We give thanks to God for God’s steadfast love endures forever.

One: Beloved, let us love one another as God loves us.

All: All who do not love do not know God, for God is love.

One: Come, in the joyful name of Jesus Christ, and let us worship God.

*Hymn **89** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

*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, forgive us for every unkind thought, every untrue word, every wrong act. Forgive us for our ingratitude, our neglect of prayer, our forgetfulness of your presence with us.

O God, have mercy on us. Create in us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us.

Make us instruments of your peace and your love, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord we pray.

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 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (pg. 175 NT) Jim Ryland

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 “This We Pray” Althouse

Sermon THE PLATINUM RULE Rev. Ollinger

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 **430** “O Master Let Me Walk with Thee”

*Benediction

*Postlude “No Greater Love” Hayes

We welcome to the pulpit today, Rev. Dick Ollinger.

Rev. Ollinger is a Presbyterian minister and retired President/CEO of Cornerstone Christian Academy in Philadelphia, one of St. John’s mission partners. Prior to his service at Cornerstone, Dick served churches in Richmond, VA, Orchard Park, NY, Monroeville, PA and Venice, FL. He and his wife Nancy are parents to three children and grandparents to three grandchildren.

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Music Director Iris Blanco-Urgelles

Ushers Jim Ryland

Greeter Alice Bell

Flowers Given by Marie Cantafio in memory of my beloved husband, Ralph, and my beloved daughter, Gemma.

Coffee Server Mildred Del Valle and Yuyza Irizarry

Guest Musicians Paula Gonzales (*contralto*), Alex Kislitzyn (*violin*)

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.

SUMMER BOOK STUDY (*Has been postponed until August 14*)

Pastor Patrick will be leading a three-week study of Brian Zahnd’s book *When Everything’s on Fire: Faith Forged from the Ashes*, beginning on August 14th 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.

MEN'S MINISTRY

If you are interested in being part of a new men's ministry at St. John's, you are invited to an informational meeting after worship on Sunday, September 11. You are not committing to anything...just come hear more about it! Our hope is to gather a group of men who, through conversation and study, can support one another and grow in faith and friendship. More information will be coming soon!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

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 McClellan (mdmcclellan@gmail.com) for more information.

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:

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, August 7	9:30 am	Worship & Summer Sunday School
	10:45 am	VBS Meeting (Ridgley's Office)
Wed, August 10	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer (Kean Room)
	5:00 pm	Summer Art Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sun, August 14	9:30 am	Worship
	10:45 am	Summer Book Study
Mon, August 15	10:00 am	Vacation Bible School begins

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

"In the Christian sense, love is not primarily an emotion but an act of the will. When Jesus tells us to love our neighbors, he is not telling us to love them in the sense of responding to them with a cozy emotional feeling. You can as well produce a cozy emotional feeling on demand as you can a yawn or a sneeze. On the contrary, he is telling us to love our neighbors in the sense of being willing to work for their well-being even if it means sacrificing our own well-being to that end, even if it means sometimes just leaving them alone. Thus in Jesus' terms we can love our neighbors without necessarily liking them. In fact liking them may stand in the way of loving them by making us overprotective sentimentalists instead of reasonably honest friends."

----- Frederick Buechner, Wishful Thinking

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