

St. John's at Worship

14th Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission Rich Bevan, President of Baker Industries

Introit "Salut D'Amour" *Elgar*

*Call to Worship

One: We gather to worship a God who welcomes sinners and outcasts;

All: Who sits at the table with tax collectors.

One: We gather to worship a God who seeks us out like a woman who lost her coin;

All: Who rejoices with all when the lost are found.

One: We gather to worship a God who cares for us like a shepherd;

All: Who will leave the ninety-nine to find the one lost sheep.

One: This is our God, who is worthy of our praise!

All: Let us worship God!

*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 Based on Psalm 51

**Gracious God, have mercy on our souls,
according to your unwavering love;
according to your abundant mercy,
wipe away our sins and the guilt we have carried for so long.**

**Create in us clean hearts.
Renew your spirit within us.
Do not turn us away from your presence.
Do not take your holy spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in us a willing spirit.**

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 Luke 15:1–10 (pg. 78, N.T.) Lynne Hay

Children's Time Rev. Joyner

Anthem "The Gift of Love" *Hopson*

Scripture Reading 1 Timothy 1:12–17 (pg. 208, N.T.)

Sermon LOST AND FOUND 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 **378 (vss. 1–4)** "Amazing Grace"

*Benediction

*Postlude "This Is My Father's World" *Sheppard*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Music Director Iris Blanco-Urgelles
Ushers Lynne Brown, Jean Converse
Greeter Alice Bell
Flowers Given by Kathy Johnson, Nancy Rich, and Judy Mileto in loving memory of our parents, Henry & Virginia Aikens.
Coffee Servers Lisa & Steve Scolari
Guest Musicians Myanna Harvey (violin), Cassia Harvey (cello), 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION – BAKER INDUSTRIES

This morning we are happy to welcome Rich Bevan, the President of Baker Industries. Baker Industries is a unique, non-profit workforce development program serving the Delaware Valley for over 42 years. Each year, 200+ vulnerable adults challenged by disability, parole/probation, substance use disorder, and homelessness receive paid work opportunities, innovative training, and supportive coaching to help them come off the sidelines and back into the workforce. At warehouse locations in north Philadelphia and Malvern, PA, individuals build the skills, experience, and confidence necessary to lead more independent and fulfilling lives. Baker Industries does not pursue government-based programs or grants, but rather is funded entirely through customer revenue and generous private donations.

MEN'S MINISTRY INFORMATIONAL MEETING – TODAY!

If you are interested in being part of a new men's ministry at St. John's, you are invited to a brief informational meeting after worship, at 11:00 in the Carriage House. 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.

BELLS ARE BACK!

For all new people interested in ringing with the Bell Choir this season – adults and youth – the bells will be out in the Music Room after worship next Sunday. Come give it a try! No commitment, just a fun ring! You might find a new way to praise God! If you have any questions, contact Betsy Miller.

MINISTRY INTEREST FAIR – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, September 25** during Coffee Hour to learn more about the various committees and ministries at St. John's, and how you can use your time and talents to serve God with us! If you are interested in having a booth for your ministry, please contact Roseann Christian (admin@stjohnsdevon.com) by **September 18**.

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY RESUMES

The Women's Book Study resumed this morning at 8:00 AM. They will also be offering a **second Book Study Group on Mondays, starting tomorrow at 11:30 AM** (you are welcome to bring your lunch). These groups are open to all women of the church, and both are reading the same book.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS NEXT WEEK!

Fall Sunday School starts next Sunday! We will be blessing our teachers in worship, and then children in K5 through 12th grade will leave with their teachers. Nursery care will also be provided for children ages 5 and under. You can register your child(ren) for Sunday School on our website.

FALL FESTIVAL – NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

It's that beautiful time of the year when the weather is temperate and the dance of the leaves in the air is beginning. And it's a good time for us to be together, to celebrate being alive another Fall, to enjoy knowing that we have each other and we are not alone in this world. Let's get together with food, music, laughter, and heart to heart conversations. Please sign up **today**, either in the Fellowship Hall with Nancy Crawford and Pat Marshall, or contact Susanne Engheta by phone (610-203-9161) or email (Susanne.engheta@gmail.com). Please tell us if you can bring a side dish or salad. We could use a few desserts, but not too many! We also need some helping hands. Here is the schedule:

3:00 pm Setup
4:00 pm Rock painting with Lauren Feldman
5:00 pm Dinner
6:30 pm Clean up

There are no charges for this event, so bring a friend! We need you all, we want you all!

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S RETURNS THIS WEEK!

After more than two years, Supper at St. John's will resume on Wednesday, September 14 and run through November 16. This is a wonderful time of food, fellowship, and education. It is a great chance to slow down in the middle of the week, enjoy a delicious meal that you do not have to cook, and catch up with your church family!

We begin each week at 6:00 p.m. with dinner, followed by a class starting at 7:00 p.m., concluding promptly at 8:00 p.m. You can still come to eat, even if you do not stay for the class. We are also looking for volunteers to help clean up each week. Look for sign-ups during coffee fellowship after worship, or email Virginia Black. Childcare is available with one week's notice.

We will be offering one class this fall, and you can participate in person or by Zoom – although we encourage you to join us in person!

What We Believe: Foundations (featuring Timothy Keller)

The Apostles' Creed is one of the oldest summaries of the basic beliefs of Christianity. This course is a video-based program of lectures by Timothy Keller on What We Believe Foundation. The first lecture is an introduction to the Creed followed by video lectures on what Christians believe about sin and salvation, resurrection and eternal life, the Church, the Holy Spirit, the incarnation, and God. There will be a discussion after each video, moderated by Carla Chieffo, Kris Graham, and Nancy Arico.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Sept 11	8:00 am	Women's Book Study
	8:30 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Men's Ministry Meeting (Carr. House)
Mon, Sept 12	8:00 am	Flower Show in Fellowship Hall
	11:30 am	Women's Book Study
	7:00 pm	Session Meeting (Kean Room)
Tues, Sept 13	8:00 am	Garden Club Meeting in Carr. House
	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Wed, Sept 14	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer (Kean Room)
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's
Thurs, Sept 15	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sun, Sept 18	8:00 am	Women's Book Study
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	4:00 pm	Fall Festival Begins

Reminder

Pastor Ridgley will be out of the office on vacation starting tomorrow, September 12, returning on Sunday, September 18. During that time, she will not be available by email or phone.

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 4:00 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

Where do I go from here, after all that I've done?
I still haven't changed, I still haven't found
A thing to put an end to all this searching.
I need to find my way back to where I began,
Retrace my footsteps and start again.
I cannot continue this path so self-defeating.

But I'm lost and alone, please come and find me.
Follow the sound of my voice, and there I'll be.
I'm lost and alone, I need you to find me.
Follow the sound of my voice, and there I'll be.

– From "Come Find Me" by Ryan Young

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