

St. John's at Worship 15th Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Praise! Praise! Praise the Lord!" *Curry*

*Call to Worship Psalm 113

One: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord;
praise the name of the Lord.

**All: Blessed be the name of the Lord,
from this time on and forevermore.**

One: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**All: The Lord is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens.**

One: Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,
who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

**All: He raises the poor from the dust,
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.**

One: He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children.

All: Praise the Lord! Let us worship God!

*Hymn 66 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

*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

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin
and the sin of this world.**

**Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves,
as we cling to the values of a broken world.**

**The profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.**

**The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.**

**We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.**

Lord, have mercy upon us; heal us and forgive us.

**Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus 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 Declaration of Faith

God keeps his promises and gives us hope.

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God kept his promises.

All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ.

But the work of God in Christ is not over.

God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.

**The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence
that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.**

**In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth,
certainty of victory over death,**

assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.

This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.

We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom.

**But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil
that are possible now in the world, the church,
and our individual lives.**

**Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition,
however invincible it may seem,**

for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming.

Jesus is Lord!

He has been Lord from the beginning.

He will be Lord at the end.

Even now, he is Lord.

Scripture Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-7 (pg. 208, N.T.) Nancy Davis

Presentation of Bibles & Blessing of Sunday School Teachers Rev. Joyner

As Pre-K-12th graders leave 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 "Upon This Rock" *Choplin*

Sermon PRAYING FOR... 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 157, vss. 1, 2, 4, 5 "Jesus Shall Reign"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Come, Christians, Praise the Lord"

*Postlude "Grateful" *Hayes*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Music Director Iris Blanco-Urgelles

Ushers Barb Buecler and Jim Little

Greeter Alice Bell

Flowers Given by Chuck & Jeanne Lynam in loving memory of
Chuck's parents, Helen & Bill Lynam and Jeanne's
father, Mike Free.

Coffee Servers Nancy & Peter Crawford

Guest Musicians Raudelis Cisneros (percussion)

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.

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 today. 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.

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY

The Women's Book Study meets on Sunday mornings at 8:00 AM and on Mondays at 11:30 AM (you are welcome to bring your lunch). These groups are open to all women, and both are reading the same book, *In Defense of Kindness: Why It Matters, How It Changes Our Lives, and How it Can Save the World* by Bruce Reyes-Chow.

ST. JOHN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

In June, twenty new interment units were added to our Memorial Garden, and this fall we will be aerating and reseeding to bring back the lawn after the construction work. If anyone has questions or interest in interment or a memorial plate, please contact Earline Eck (earline.eck3@gmail.com). After worship on October 30 (All Saints' Sunday), we will be placing seven bronze plates on our memorial plaque to honor those who have lovingly been a part of our church family. The following plates will be added: Rev. and Mrs. Ernie McMillan, Janet Holmes Duke, Caroline Shauger, Lois Glaser, Don Harsh, and Oliver Feldman. We hope that you will join us after worship on Sunday, October 30 in remembrance of these members of our church family.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS TODAY!

Sunday School starts today! We will be blessing our teachers in worship, and then children in K through 12th grade will leave with their teachers. As always, nursery care is provided for children ages 5 and under.

FALL FESTIVAL – TODAY!

Join us this afternoon as we celebrate the beginning of the program year with our Fall Festival! There will be food, fellowship, music, games, and laughter. There is no charge, just bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. 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

We will be gathering in the parking lot directly behind the church building, so please enter through the exit driveway and park in the lower lot or on the street.

THE CHURCH OFFICE THIS WEEK

This week Roseann will be in the office from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. On Tuesday, Patrick will be out of the office all day for a Presbytery meeting.

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**.

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S

After more than two years, Supper at St. John's resumed this past Wednesday, and will 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. Childcare is available with one week's notice.

Even if you missed last week, it's not too late to join the class! 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

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| Sun, Sept 18 | 8:00 am | Women's Book Study |
| | 9:30 am | Worship & Sunday School |
| | 10:45 am | Called Session Meeting |
| | 4:00 pm | Fall Festival Begins |
| Mon, Sept 19 | 11:30 am | Women's Book Study |
| Tues, Sept 20 | 5:00 pm | Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall) |
| Wed, Sept 21 | 9:00 am | Companions in Prayer (Kean Room) |
| | 6:00 pm | Supper at St. John's |
| Thurs, Sept 22 | 5:00 pm | Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall) |
| Sun, Sept 25 | 8:00 am | Women's Book Study |
| | 9:30 am | Worship & Sunday School |
| | | Baptisms of Walter and Levi Loomis, sons of Rich and Alison Loomis |
| | 10:30 am | Ministry Fair in Fellowship Hall |

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 4:00 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

O God, the sovereign of nations, teach us how we may build a common life in which the nations of the world may find peace and justice. Show us what we ought to do. Show us also what are the limits of our power and what we cannot do. Recall us to our dignity as co-workers with You now and evermore.

For the rulers of the nations, that they may act wisely and without pride, may seek to promote peace among the peoples and establish justice in our common life: we pray thy grace and pledge our concern, O God.

– Reinhold Niebuhr

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