

# St. John's at Worship

## Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Farther Along" *Traditional*

\*Call to Worship

One: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice!

**All: Our joy is in the Lord who blesses us.**

One: Shout for joy, for the Lord is near!

**All: Our praises ascend to God for the mighty things God has done.**

One: Let your praise dance and swirl in tribute to God!

**All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God.**

\*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

**Holy God, we are like the Israelites finding manna in the desert and water from a rock.**

**Time and time again you provide for us, showing us in the midst of uncertainty and shaking foundations, that you are true, you are faithful, you are worthy of praise.**

**Yet we find ourselves worried about the future, fretting over the past, failing to see your blessings in the present.**

**Forgive us, O God.**

**Turn our hearts back to you so that we may have the faith to ground ourselves in your presence and providence.**

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

**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.**

The Apostles' Creed

Scripture Reading Matthew 6:25–34 (pg. 6, N.T.) Ken Coradi

Children's Time Rev. Joyner

*As Pre-K–12<sup>th</sup> 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 "Wayfarin' Stranger" *Traditional*

Scripture Reading Philippians 4:4–9 (pg. 198, N.T.)

Sermon REGULATING THE PRESSURE 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 534 "Be Still, My Soul"

\*Benediction

\*Postlude "This Little Light of Mine" *Traditional*

### ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Music Director** Iris Blanco-Urgelles  
**Ushers** Jim Little, Kate Little  
**Greeter** Nancy Arico  
**Flowers** Given by John & Barbara Alexander in memory of Barbara's mother.

**Coffee Servers** Barb Buecler, Linda Duncan  
**Guest Musicians** Group W: Mathew Clark, Denise Gealer, Larry Toto, 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!

**CONGREGATIONAL FORUM – NEXT SUNDAY**

At the beginning of the summer, the Session formed a task force to look at the policy that guides our Operating Reserve Fund. They presented their work to the Session and Trustees a few weeks ago, and we decided that they also need to share their work with the congregation. We will be having a Congregational Forum next Sunday, October 16 after worship in the Fellowship Hall. The Task Force will present their work and recommendations, and you will have a chance to discuss it and ask questions. This is a very important discussion in the life of our church and something that we all need to be aware of, so you are strongly encouraged to attend. A Zoom option will be available for those who cannot attend in person.

**CONCERT SERIES RETURNS – SUNDAY, OCT. 16**

Iris' concert series returns this month on Sunday, October 16, from 5–6 p.m., and it will feature Iris' original compositions! Future concerts will take place on November 13 and December 11. These concerts are free and open to the whole community, so bring a friend!

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Nominating Committee is beginning its work of discerning the next class of Elders, Deacons, and Trustees. If you or someone you know might be feeling called to serve in a leadership role, please email Judy Mileto (judym698@aol.com).

**CHURCH TREASURER**

Brian Bouvier will be ending his time as Church Treasurer at the end of this term, March 31, 2023. If you (or someone you know) has gifts that you think might fit the needs of this position, we encourage you to talk to Jeff Wagner (President of the Trustees) or to Pastor Patrick.

**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 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. After worship on October 30 (All Saints' Sunday), we will be placing seven bronze plates on our memorial plaque to honor the following members of our church family: Rev. and Mrs. Ernie McMillan, Janet Holmes Duke, Caroline Shauger, Lois Glaser, Don Harsh, and Oliver Feldman. We hope that you will join us in remembrance of these members of our church family. If you have questions or interest in interment or a memorial plate, please contact Earline Eck (earline.eck3@gmail.com).

### CONSECRATION SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 13

Consecration Sunday is November 13! We will dedicate our pledges for the coming year in worship. Our guest preacher for the morning will be the Rev. Rebekah Maul. Immediately following worship, we will celebrate with a catered brunch in Fellowship Hall. You may turn in brunch RSVP cards in the envelope on the church office door, or on our website by clicking the “Consecration Sunday Celebration Brunch Reservations” link. If you did not receive the letter that went out this past week describing Consecration Sunday, there are copies available on the usher’s table in the back of the sanctuary.

#### SUPPER AT ST. JOHN’S

Join us for Supper at St. John’s, every Wednesday night 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 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 with set up and clean up each week. Childcare is available with one week’s notice.

This term we are studying the Apostles’ Creed using a video-based course by pastor and author Tim Keller. Even if you missed previous classes, it’s not too late to join us! You can participate in person or by Zoom, although we encourage you to join us in person!

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

After the children’s time, children in K–12<sup>th</sup> grade will leave with their teachers. If this is your child’s first time in Sunday School, the ushers have pamphlets that tell you everything you need to know. As always, nursery care is provided for children ages 5 and under. Please be sure to check in children in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and under in the back of the sanctuary before worship begins.

#### COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Parents of college students, email Sam Hillier (hilliersh@hotmail.com) your child’s school address by October 10 so that the Deacons can send college care packages to them!

#### TRUNK OR TREAT

On Sunday, October 30 we will gather for our annual Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot. If you want to host a trunk, email Mildred Del Valle (dvmildred75@yahoo.com). We also are accepting candy donations. You can leave a bag of individually wrapped candy with Roseann in the church office.

#### UPCOMING YOUTH & CHILDREN’S FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

October 16 (4:30–6 pm) – College Care Mission Night (Grades 5-12), meet in the Carriage House

October 30 (5–6:30pm) – Trunk or Treat followed by GROG. All ages are welcome, and dinner will be served!

Our High School Fall Retreat is Nov. 18–20. The cost is \$50, and you need to sign up with Ridgley by Monday, Oct. 10.

### ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

<b>Sun, Oct 9</b>	8:00 am	Women’s Book Study
	8:15 am	Deacons Meeting (Carriage House)
	8:30 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
<b>Mon, Oct 10</b>	11:30 am	Women’s Book Study (Kean Room)
	7:00 pm	Session Meeting (Kean Room)
<b>Tues, Oct 11</b>	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Wed, Oct 12</b>	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer (Kean Room)
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John’s (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Thurs, Oct 13</b>	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Sun, Oct 16</b>	8:00 am	Women’s Book Study (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	10:45 am	Congregational Forum (Fell. Hall)
	3:30 pm	Youth Advisory Council Meeting (CH)
	4:30 pm	Youth Fellowship (Carriage House)
	5:00 pm	Concert in Sanctuary

#### 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.

Please see the announcement regarding Roseann’s hours this week. **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

“I Worried” by Mary Oliver

I worried a lot. Will the garden grow, will the rivers  
flow in the right direction, will the earth turn  
as it was taught, and if not, how shall  
I correct it?

Was I right, was I wrong, will I be forgiven,  
can I do better?

Will I ever be able to sing, even the sparrows  
can do it and I am, well,  
hopeless.

Is my eyesight fading or am I just imagining it,  
am I going to get rheumatism,  
lockjaw, dementia?

Finally I saw that worrying had come to nothing.  
And gave it up. And took my old body  
and went out into the morning,  
and sang.

October 9, 2022  
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