

St. John's at Worship Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude "The Gift of Love" *arr. Jason W. Krug*

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Here I Am, Lord" *Evanovich*

*Call to Worship Psalm 121

One: I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?

All: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

One: The Lord will not let your foot be moved;
the God who keeps you will not slumber.

All: The God who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

One: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

All: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

One: The Lord will keep you from all evil; God will keep your life.

**All: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

*Hymn 400 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*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, most of the time our sins are not that big.

**They are the small, simple, everyday ways that we fall short
of loving you and our neighbor.**

Many times, we don't even mean to.

**We just find ourselves in situations where we don't know what to do,
or it's just too hard to do it.**

**But however we try to minimize or justify our sin,
it does not change who we are.**

Only you can do that.

And so we pray that you would.

**Forgive us and change our hearts,
so that we might embrace the small, simple, everyday ways
that we can show love to one another and to you.**

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 Genesis 32:22–31 (pg. 30, O.T.) Nancy Davis

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

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 "This is My Father's World" *Strite*

Sermon TRUE IDENTITY 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 383, vss. 1–4 "This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"

*Postlude "The Power of the Cross" *Evanovich*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Music Director Iris Blanco-Urgelles
Ushers Tom & Nancy Higgins
Greeters Laurie Cato, Cortney Cato
Flowers Given by the Deacons in thanks for another year of Patrick's ministry. Happy birthday, Patrick!
Coffee Servers Sue Tiede, Lynne Brown
Guest Musicians Alex Kislitzyn (violin)
Bell Choir Susan Bain, Sue Chudy, Christina Fish, Laura Gellrich, SueBeth Johnson, Jim Tiede, Betsy Miller (Director)

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 AFTER WORSHIP

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 after worship today 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.

CONCERT SERIES RETURNS TONIGHT!

Iris' concert series returns this evening 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.

DEACON COAT DRIVE

We are collecting gently used adult and children's coats for Chester County Family Academy. Hats and mittens would also be most welcomed by the students and their families! Items can be dropped off in the front closet of the Carriage House **through November 18**. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Roberts at (610-952-1128 or annroberts204@gmail.com).

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 describing Consecration Sunday, there are copies available on the usher’s table in the back of the sanctuary.

PASTORAL UPDATE

Pastor Patrick will be out of the office on vacation, beginning tomorrow (Monday, October 17) and returning on Tuesday, November 1. During this time, he will be unavailable by email or phone. Ridgley is available for all pastoral care needs. If you have a pastoral emergency when the office is closed or on a Saturday, please call 484-604-0499.

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–12th 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 4th grade and under in the back of the sanctuary before worship begins.

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.

FALL FAMILY FUN DAY

Join us at Linvilla Orchards on November 6 from 1:30–3:30 PM! Meet Pastor Ridgley under her purple umbrella outside the farm market. We will catapult apples and go on a hayride. Children of God of all ages are invited!

UPCOMING YOUTH & CHILDREN’S FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Today (4:30–6 pm) – College Care Mission Night (Grades 5-12, Carr. House)

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

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

Sun, Oct 16	8:00 am	Women’s Book Study
	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
Mon, Oct 17	11:30 am	Women’s Book Study (Kean Room)
	7:00 pm	Adult Christian Ed. Committee (Kean)
Tues, Oct 18	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Wed, Oct 19	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer (Kean Room)
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John’s (Fellowship Hall)
Thurs, Oct 20	9:00 am	Outreach Meeting (Zoom)
	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sun, Oct 23	8:00 am	Women’s Book Study (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & 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 4:00 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

It’s not that this blessing
is so difficult,
as if it were not filled
with grace
or with the love
that lives
in every line.

It’s simply that
it requires you
to want it,
to ask for it,
to place yourself
in its path.
It demands that you
stand to meet it
when it arrives,
that you stretch yourself
in ways you didn’t know
you could move,
that you agree
to not give up.

From the poem “Jacob’s Blessing”
by Jan Richardson

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