St. John's at Worship Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Be Still" Jim Manley

*Call to Worship

One: Come and see what God has done.

All: God is awesome in God's deeds

One: God turned the sea into dry land

All: God's people passed through the river on foot

One: Make a joyful noise to God all the earth

All: Sing the glory of God's name

*Hymn # 126 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

*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

Gracious and Loving God,

we so often find ourselves running from one thing to the next.

We blink and days go by filled with to do lists and meetings.

When we have a moment to breathe it is easy to be bombarded with all the worries, fears and anxieties that burden us.

It often feels too much to bear, leaving us feeling hopeless.

We confess that it clouds our vision, O God.

We confess that we fail to see your blessings in our daily life giving you the gratitude you deserve.

Turn our hearts back to you.

Stop us in our tracks with your grace and remind us to take each moment as an opportunity to praise you for your healing mercies...

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

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God;
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the
sick, binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving
sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve
Christ in our daily task and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we
watch for God's new heaven and new earth praying...

"Come, Lord Jesus!"

Scripture Reading Luke 17:11-19 John McClintick

Children's Time 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 "How Can I Keep From Singing" Robert Lowry

Sermon SO THAT WE MAY SEE Rev. Joyner

*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 #772 (insert) "Live Into Hope"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"

*Postlude "Spirit in the Sky" Greenbaum

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Music Director Iris Blanco-Urgelles

Ushers Peter Crawford, Frank Frederick

Greeter Wanda Odom

Flowers Given by Kenneth Tenley

in loving memory of Zoe Tenley Megan Hillier, Lynne Brown

Coffee Servers Megan Hillier, Lynne Brown
Joy Messengers Nancy Kimmons, John Senior, Linda

Nancy Kimmons, John Senior, Linda Duncan, Lisa Howell, Pam Schafer, Troy Fisher.

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!

PASTORAL UPDATE

Pastor Patrick is out of the office on vacation until 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.

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.

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-Oct 30 5-6:30pm

Join us at 5pm in the church parking lot! Church members will have decorated trunks with candy! Children are invited to dress up and bring their own carved pumpkin to be entered into the BYO Pumpkin Carving Contest. Dinner will be served as well as special warm drink! Youth will gather at 6:30pm in the Carriage House for GROG and giant light brite games!

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

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

ALL YOUTH ALL NIGHTER

November 18th 6:00 – 10:00 PM

Youth Grades 5-12 are invited to join us in Oaks for an evening of Laser Tag, Arcade Games, Go Carts, Trampolines, Pizza and More!!

\$40 per person - \$100 Family Max RSVP by Monday 11/14

LADIES NIGHT FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

Come out for a casual evening of good company, snacks, dessert and wine at the home of Lauren Feldman 2124 Fox Creek Road. Saturday November 12 from 6:30 - 10:00pm For questions or RSVP contact: laurengfeldman@yahoo.com

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Oct 23	8:00 am	Women's Book Study
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
Mon, Oct 24	11:30 am	Women's Book Study (Kean Room)
	7:00 pm	Adult Christian Ed. Committee (Kean)
Tues, Oct 25	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Wed, Oct 26	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer (Kean Room)
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's (Fellowship Hall)
Thurs, Oct 27	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sun, Oct 30	8:00 am	Women's Book Study (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	5:00 pm	Trunk or Treat

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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