St. John's at Worship **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Prelude	"A Joyous Prelude" The Rejoicing Ringers	Burroughs				
Welcome and Announcements						
Introit	"Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"	arr. Tournquist				
One: All: One: All: One: All: One: All: *Hymn 55 *Prayer of Our Fa done or debts, s	 All: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid? One: One thing we asked of the Lord, that we will seek after: All: To live in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives, and to behold the beauty of the Lord. One: We will offer sacrifices with shouts of joy! We will sing and make melody to the Lord! All: Hear, O Lord, when we cry aloud, be gracious to us and answer us! One: "Come," our hearts say, "seek God's face!" 					
evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. Confessing Our Sin Together The promise of Christmas still rings in our ears, that the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. But we confess to you, Lord, that in so many ways we still walk in darkness. The darkness of words and actions that do not glorify you. The darkness of fear and doubt that keep us from trusting you. The darkness of selfish pride that keeps us from loving our neighbor. Darkness that hides the sin and pain that we do not want others to see. Forgive us, Lord. Shine your light upon us and chase away the darkness of sin. Fill us with the light of your righteousness, that we may follow Jesus on the path that leads to life. Confessing Silently Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.						

The Promise of Forgiveness

*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.

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Scripture Reading	1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (pg. 166, NT)	Betsy Friend
Pastor: Now w Cong.: May G	aders leave for Sunday School, we send then e go our separate ways to worship and lear od be with you there! od be with you here!	
Anthem	"God of Grace and God of Glory" Devon Chapel Bells	arr. Krug
Sermon	THE CITY OF GOD	Rev. Joyner
praise him above, ye	om all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy G	
*Prayer of Dedication	and the Prayers of the People	
*Hymn 408	"The Gift of Love"	
*Benediction		
*Postlude	"Wachet Auf"	Bach
En	RICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD	
Guest Pianist Ushers Greeter Flowers	Patricia Turse Jeanne & Chuck Lyman Wanda Odom Given by Chuck & Jeanne Lynam in loving memory of Jeanne's father, Mike Free, and in celebration of he mother's 96 th birthday.	
Coffee ServersBarbara McClintickBell Choir DirectorBetsy MillerRejoicing RingersJames Adams, Genevieve Bellew, Brandon MarshalEmily Marshall		
Devon Chapel Bells	Susan Bain, Sue Chudy, Christina Fish, Laura Gellrich, Sue Johnson, Jim Tiede	

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!

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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE A memorial service for Gordon Wright will be held at St. John's on Friday, January 27 at 11:00 a.m. with a reception following at Waynesborough Country Club.

Today is the third in a series of three classes led by our pastors and Elders for those interested in learning more about our church community and becoming a member at St. John's. We will meet in the Kean Room at 10:45 a.m. to talk about what it means to be Presbyterian. Even if you missed last week's class, we would love for you to join us! For more information, contact Wanda Odom (wmodom@verizon.net).

St. John's annual Church World Service Blanket Drive started last week and will continue this week and next. This is an opportunity to help our neighbors who are at risk for any number of reasons. Your donation envelope is in the bulletin and can be put in the offering plate or at our table downstairs at coffee hour. A CWS blanket costs \$10.00. Any amount is greatly appreciated. Checks should be made out to St. John's Presbyterian Church with Blanket Drive in the memo field. Your donation is tax deductible.

WOMEN'S CONNECTION CONFERENCE

Are you a woman in our congregation over the age of 18 and interested in a week of fun, fellowship, and faith formation in the mountains of Western North Carolina? St. John's will be headed to the Women's Connection Conference August 11–13, 2023 at Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, NC. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Kate Bowler. Contact Pastor Ridgley for more information soon. Registration opens February 1, and space fills up quickly. There is a refund option if you end up not being able to come.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The 2023 Flower Sponsorship Chart is posted in Fellowship Hall for sign ups. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Estabrook (610-608-2842 or Lisa.L.Estabrook@gmail.com).

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE SEEKING A CHURCH FAMILY?

ST. JOHN'S BLANKET DRIVE

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of St. John's is called for **Sunday, January 29 at 10:45 a.m.,** for the purpose of:

Distributing the Annual Report Presenting the Approved 2023 Budget Approving the Pastors' Terms of Call Electing Elders, Deacons, and Trustees

All members of St. John's are encouraged to attend. The Annual Report will be distributed via email this week (there will also be paper copies available for pickup). The names and biographies of the nominees for Elder, Deacon, and Trustee are on an insert in this bulletin.

For those currently serving as Elders, Deacons, and Trustees: Committee reports to be included with the Annual Report were due to Roseann this past Friday. If you have not yet submitted yours, please email it to Roseann in Word document format today.

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, *Gentle and Lowly* by Dane Ortlund.

MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of our new Men's Group will be on **Wednesday, February 1** at 7:00 a.m. in the Carriage House. We will be reading chapter 2 of Derek Maul's book *10 Life-Charged Words: Real Faith for Men*. Men of all ages are welcome, and you can contact Pastor Patrick for a copy of the reading.

ALL CHURCH CHILI COOK-OFF

Mark your calendars for **Sunday**, **January 29** from **5:30–7:00 p.m**. We will be having a Church Chili Cook-off where you are invited to sign up and bring a pot of chili to share with your church family. If you are not cooking any chili, we encourage you to bring cornbread or side dishes. As we eat, the youth group will be sharing their photos and experiences from this past Summer and Fall!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

We will once again be packing meals for Rise Against Hunger on **Sunday**, **February 5 at 1:00 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Our goal is to package 10,000 meals, and we need 40 volunteers. There is a signup sheet on the Outreach bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please see Frank Frederick if you have any questions.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Jan 22	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	10:45 am	New Member's Class (Kean Room)
	3:00 pm	Ice Skating (off site)
Mon, Jan 23	11:30 am	Women's Book Study
Tues, Jan 24	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Wed, Jan 25	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer (Kean Room)
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's
Thurs, Jan 26	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Fri, Jan 27	11:00 am	Gordon Wright Memorial Service
Sun, Jan 29	8:00 am	Women's Book Study (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	10:45 am	Annual Congregational Meeting
	5:30 pm	Chili Cook-Off

<u>Reminder</u>

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

There are no "two sides of the aisle" in the kitchen. There is a table. There are chairs. There are human beings bound together by a need for nourishment, and in order for that to happen, we have to bring our ingredients together and work to create a feast so that everyone can be fed.

– Morgan Harper Nichols

January 22, 2023 For the latest information and news about St. John's: www.stjohnsdevon.com facebook.com/stjohnspresbyteriandevonpa