

St. John's at Worship 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" *arr. Krug*

*Answering God's Call to Worship From Psalm 118

One: O give thanks to the Lord, For God is good.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: Open to us the gates of righteousness,
that we may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
We bless you from the house of the Lord!**

One: The Lord is God and has given us light.

All: You are our God, and we will give thanks to you.

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

*Hymn (Insert) "Let All Things Now Living"

*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.

Litany of Confession From *The Didache* (†see note after Postlude)

One: There are two ways, the way of life and the way of death,
and there is a great difference between the two ways.

**All: The way of life is this:
First, you shall love God who made you.
And second, love your neighbor as yourself.
Do not do to another what you would not want done to you.
This is the way of life.**

One: The way of death is the way of those who persecute the good,
hate the truth, love lies,
and do not understand the reward for righteousness.

**All: They do not watch for what is good, but for what is evil.
They are strangers to meekness and patience,
loving vanities, pursuing revenge,
without pity for the needy and oppressed.
They turn away from those in need,
making matters worse for those who are distressed.
The way of death is full of those who are steeped in sin.**

One: *Both* of these ways exist within us.

**All: Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of death.
Forgive us when we stumble, and lead us in the way of life.**

Confessing Silently

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, 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.

*Affirming Our 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.

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 30:15–20 (Pg.186 O.T.) Jim Ryland

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!**

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 3:1–9 (Pg.167, N.T.)

Sermon PLANTING SEEDS Rev. Joyner

Anthem "Crucifix" *Fauré*

*Presenting Our 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 the Prayers of the People

*Hymn 707 "Hymn of Promise"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Love Can Never End"

*Postlude "The Light of the World is Jesus" *Hayes*

† The Didache (pronounced DID-ah-kay) is a first century Christian text, the title coming from the Greek word for "teaching." It is one of the earliest Christian texts we have, and it outlines how the first Christian communities followed the teachings of Jesus.

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Ushers Ginger & Don Black
Music Director Iris Blanco-Urgelles
Greeter Wanda Odom
Flowers Are given by Marianne & Skip McClennan in loving memory of our parents
Coffee Servers Lisa & Steve Scolari
Devon Chapel Bells Susan Bain, Sue Chudy, Christina Fish, Laura Gellrich, Sue Beth Johnson, Jim Teide

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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

After the children's time, children and youth K–12th grade will leave with their teachers. Grades 5–12 will gather in the carriage house. 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.

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).

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 opened February 1, and space fills up quickly. There is a refund option if you end up not being able to come.

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY

The Women's Book Group meets on Sundays at 8:00 AM and Mondays at 11:30 AM (you are welcome to bring your lunch). The two groups will read the same books at the same pace. This way if you miss one class, you can join the other for any given week. These groups are open to all women.

The two groups will be starting a new book for Lent on Sunday, February 19 and Monday, February 20. The book is entitled, *Meeting Jesus at the Table: A Lenten Study* by Cynthia M. Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr. If you are interested in coming, please call Nancy Arico.

MEN'S GROUP THIS WEEK

The next meeting of our new Men's Group will be on **Wednesday, February 15 at 7:00 a.m.** in the Carriage House. We will be reading chapter 3 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.

LADIES' LENTEN LUNCHEON

The Women's Fellowship Board is excited to be hosting our first Lenten Luncheon since 2020 on Ash Wednesday, February 22, from 11:30 a.m. until approximately 1:30 p.m. A light lunch will be served, followed by worship and communion. Sign-up begins today. Lynne Brown will be at coffee time in Fellowship Hall after worship to take your reservation or you can email Pat Marshall (pmmarshall@hotmail.com) to sign up. We hope you will join us!

NEW OFFICER TRAINING

Training sessions for new Elders, Deacons, and Trustees will take place on:

Sunday, February 12	All new officers (Kean Room)
Sunday, February 19	Deacons (Carriage House) Trustees (Kean Room)
Sunday, February 26	Elders (Kean Room)
Sunday, March 5	Elders (Kean Room)

All sessions will take place at 11:00 a.m. If you are an incoming officer, please make every effort to be present for this important training.

SNOW TUBING RESCHEDULED

Due to the exciting news about the Super Bowl, our tubing trip with the youth from Covenant Pres. has been postponed to March 12 from 12-5 p.m. The cost is \$50 per person. Please RSVP with Pastor Ridgley by March 5!

WINTER FAMILY FUN DAY

Join us on Sunday, February 26 for an afternoon of ice skating at Flight on Ice in Edgemont. The cost is \$25 per person, which includes skates. Please RSVP by February 12 to come. This is open to our entire church family!

YOUTH PARENT INFO MEETING

Parents of Youth grades 6-12 are invited to join us on Zoom on **Monday, February 13 at 6 p.m.** to learn more about our Mission Blitz Weekend in April and our summer trips for both Middle School and High School Youth. The meeting will be recorded for those who cannot make it. The Zoom link is available in our weekly roundup email.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Feb 12	8:00 am	Women's Book Study (Kean Room)
	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship, Sunday School
	11:00 am	New Officer Training (Kean Room)
Mon, Feb 13	11:30 am	Women's Book Study
	7:00 pm	Session Meeting (Kean Room)
Tues Feb 14	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Wed, Feb 15	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer (Kean Room)
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's
Thurs, Feb 16	9:00 am	Outreach Meeting (Zoom)
	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sun, Feb 19	8:00 am	Women's Book Study (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship, Sunday School
	11:00 am	New Officer Training

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

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted,
knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produced far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything,
and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.
This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning,
a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace
to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the
difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

— Prayer of Archbishop Oscar Romero

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