

# St. John's at Worship

## Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" *arr. Shackley*

\*Answering God's Call to Worship *From Psalm 105*

One: O give thanks to the Lord! Call on God's name and make known God's deeds among the people.

**All: Sing to the Lord, sing praises; tell of all God's wonderful works.**

One: Glory in God's holy name.  
Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**All: Seek the Lord's strength and presence continually. Remember the wonderful works God has done.**

One: Let us worship God!

\*Hymn 103 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

\*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.**

Confessing Our Sin Together

**Forgive us, Lord, for we are more invested in the treasures of this world than in the riches of your kingdom.**

**We have trusted more in the promises of others than in your eternal Word.**

**We have relied more on our own strength and ability than on your incomparable power.**

**We have turned our faces from you and set our hope on that which does not last.**

**In doing so, we isolate ourselves from you, and we hurt our neighbors, allowing them to suffer while we satisfy ourselves.**

**May your grace draw our eyes back to you, draw our feet back to your right path, and draw our hearts back to our neighbor.**

**In our weakness and fear, we have wandered, but we long to return to you.**

Confessing Silently

**Lord, thank you for your mercy!  
Christ, thank you for your mercy!  
Spirit, thank you for your mercy!**

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 from *A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)*

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,**

**we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place,**

**we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Unison Scripture Reading Psalm 121 (pg. 571, O.T.) Nancy Arico

**<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?**

**<sup>2</sup>My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

**<sup>3</sup>God will not let your foot be moved; the Lord who keeps you will not slumber.**

**<sup>4</sup>The Lord who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

**<sup>5</sup>The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.**

**<sup>6</sup>The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

**<sup>7</sup>The Lord will keep you from all evil; God will keep your life.**

**<sup>8</sup>The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

\*Hymn 117 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Sermon LIFT UP YOUR EYES Rev. Marshall

Offering (Ushers will also collect blue prayer request cards at the time of the offering.)

Offertory "Jesus, Name Above All Names" *arr. Wilson*

\*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 (If you need to sit for the prayer, please feel free.)

\*Hymn (Insert) "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

\*Benediction

\*Postlude "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" *arr. Mayo*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Ushers Carla Chieffo, Joe Arico

Greeter Alice Bell

Flowers Given by Lisa Archbold in thankfulness to the Lord for the blessing of family.

Coffee Server Christa Fisher

Guest Musician Patricia Turse

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!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

This Summer, our children and youth will stay in worship for the full service as we worship as a church family. This will give our wonderful teachers some well-deserved rest during the summer months. We will still have a children's sermon for our kids (Grades 4 and under) to connect and learn about God. We have activity bags with children's materials, located in the coat closet in the back of the sanctuary. If you have trouble finding them, an usher will be happy to help you!

COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY

We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper in worship next Sunday. This is not just for Presbyterians or members of St. John's. Everyone who seeks to know and love Jesus Christ is welcome to share in this meal. We hope that you will join us!

TREASURER & FINANCIAL SECRETARY UPDATE

As we shared last week, **Nancy Arico** has fully taken over the role of Church Treasurer. And after more than 20 years, **Ken Dilloway** has retired as our Financial Secretary. **Brian Bouvier** will be taking Ken's place, and they completed their handoff earlier this month. We will be honoring both Brian and Ken in worship soon. Until then, if you would like to send them a note of gratitude, they can be sent to:

**Ken Dilloway**  
**207 S. Aberdeen Ave**  
**Wayne, PA 19087**

**Brian Bouvier**  
**433 Creekside Dr.**  
**Downingtown, PA 19335**

Thank you Brian, Nancy, and Ken for all that you *do* and *have done* for our church family!

### USHER & SCRIPTURE READER SIGN-UPS

We are always looking for volunteers to help usher and read scripture in worship. There will be a link in today's email update where you can look at the available dates and sign up online to do one or both! We hope that you will check it out and pick a Sunday (or two!).

### SUMMER SUNDAY OF SERVICE

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship on Sunday, August 27 for our next Summer Sunday of Service. We will be packing meals for the Great Valley Food Cupboard. Located in the Great Valley Baptist Church on N. Valley Forge Road, the Food Cupboard provides assistance to people in our community who are experiencing food insecurity. St. John's has partnered with the GVFC for many years by providing volunteers, produce from our vegetable gardens, and financial assistance. We hope that you will join us!

### MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of our Men's Group will be **Wednesday, August 9 at 7:00 a.m.** in the Carriage House. We will be discussing chapter 6 of Carol Dweck's book *Mindset*, which is available on Amazon or at Barnes & Noble. Men of all ages are welcome, even if you haven't done the reading!

### URGENT NURSERY CARE NEEDED

We are in urgent need of one extra person to serve in the nursery per week through August 27. If you are available even just for ONE of those Sundays, we would greatly appreciate it! Please contact Pastor Ridgley (rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com) if you would like to volunteer.

### HOSTS FOR HOSPITALS

Hosts for Hospitals (who did a Minute for Mission here in March) is looking for people to provide lodging for patients and families traveling to Philadelphia for medical care. If you are interested in helping, you can contact them by phone (484-380-2999) or email (lodging@hostsforhospitals.org).

### YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART – SUMMER CONCERTS

Join us for free local outdoor concerts this summer as we relax and enjoy good music together. Bring a pizza or picnic, a friend, your family (kid friendly!), or just yourself and join us on the dates below. No RSVP is required, but please reach out to Lauren Feldman (laurengfeldman@yahoo.com) with questions and how to connect at each event. We look forward to seeing you there!

#### TODAY! (7:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, August 9 (7:30 p.m.)

Thursday, Sept. 7 (7:00 p.m.)

#### Lights Out: Decades – Rose Tree Park

Reggae Thunder – Rose Tree Park

AM Radio Band – Wilson Farm Park

### ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

<b>Sun, July 30</b>	9:30 am	Worship
<b>Tues. Aug. 1</b>	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Wed. Aug. 2</b>	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer (Kean Room)
<b>Thurs, Aug. 3</b>	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Sat. Aug. 5</b>	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Sun, Aug. 6</b>	9:30 am	Worship & Communion

### This Week in the Church Office

**Pastor Ridgley is with our high school students at a youth conference in Montreat, NC. She will be back on Sunday, August 6.**

Friday is Pastor Patrick'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 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **If you have a pastoral emergency pertaining to a death, hospitalization, or crisis situation when the office is closed or on a Saturday, you can call 484-604-0499.**

Any announcements for next week's bulletin or email are due by Noon on Wednesday.



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

“Patient Trust”  
by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.  
We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay.  
We should like to skip the intermediate stages.  
We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new.  
And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability – and that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you;  
your ideas mature gradually – let them grow, let them shape themselves, without undue haste.  
Don't try to force them on, as though you could be today what time (that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will) will make of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be.  
Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.

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