

## St. John's at Worship Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "I Hear a Call" *Arata*

\*Answering God's Call to Worship Psalm 133 (paraphrased)

One: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**All: It is like precious oil on our heads; a reminder of God's grace running down our faces, anointing us.**

One: It is like cool morning dew falling upon the mountain where God blessed his people.

**All: For there the Lord ordained his people and blessed them forever.**

One: Let us now dwell together in the blessing and presence of the Lord as we worship God together.

\*Hymn **14 (Green)** "God, You Call Us to This Place"

\*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

**You are the Prince of Peace,  
and yet we confess that we are *not* at peace,  
with ourselves or with each other.**

**We are conflicted – physically, spiritually, and emotionally –  
thinking, speaking, and acting in ways that separate us  
from each other and from you.**

**You are the God of amazing grace – giving and forgiving –  
and yet we confess that we are *not* so gracious,  
with ourselves or with each other.**

**We hold grudges,  
withhold forgiveness,  
and place conditions on our love.**

**Be gracious to us where we have failed to show grace,  
and let us come to know your peace,  
so that we can be at peace with each other,  
in the name of Jesus.**

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

**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 Apostle's Creed

Scripture Reading Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28 (pg. 34, O.T.) Pam Schafer

Blessing of Graduates Rev. Marshall  
*Courtney Cato, Great Valley High School  
Attending Belmont University in Nashville, TN*

*When prompted, the congregation will say:*

**We offer you this blanket as a symbol of the continuing embrace of your family, the unwavering care and support of this congregation, and the steadfast love of Christ.**

\*Hymn **(Insert)** "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Sermon FAMILY TIES Rev. Marshall

Offering (Ushers will also collect blue prayer request cards at the time of the offering.)  
Offertory "Grace Flows Down" *Bell, Pageant*

\*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 **439 (Insert)** "In Christ There Is No East or West"

\*Benediction

\*Postlude "Up Above My Head" *Tharpe*

### ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Ushers** Chrissy & Brian Bouvier  
**Greeter** Alice Bell  
**Flowers** Given by Linda Groves in memory of Michael Groves.  
**Coffee Server** Barb Beucler  
**Joy Messengers** Nancy Kimmons, John Senior, Lisa Howell, Jeff Wagner.

### 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!

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Alberto & Stella Urbina want to thank the St. John's community for all their prayers, get-well cards, and best wishes for Alberto. He is feeling much better and looking forward to returning to St. John's!

### 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 final 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 23 at 7:00 a.m.** in the Carriage House. We will be discussing chapter 7 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 (tjoyner@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).

### PASTOR PATRICK'S DOCTORAL PROJECT

The time has come for Pastor Patrick to do a project that will provide the research for his doctoral thesis paper, and he needs your help! He will be holding an informational session after worship on Sunday, September 10 for those who are interested in hearing more and potentially participating in the project. The project itself will be a series of group discussions that take place on Sunday, September 17 after worship for about two hours. Patrick is looking for at least ten people who will commit to being at both of those gatherings. Please contact him with any questions.

### BACKPACK PROJECT – THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who made donations or helped to fill the 48 backpacks with school supplies last month. We delivered the backpacks to the Gemma Services campus in Plymouth Meeting this week. They are so grateful for our continuing support of this program and our efforts to help many of their students start the new school year fully supplied!

### ONLINE GIVING

We are in the process of implementing a new app called *Giving* that will be used to track financial contributions to the church. This app will also give you the ability to give online (you will still be able to give the way you currently do, if you wish). One of the steps in migrating to this new system is “joining” couples in the system, so that regardless of who makes a particular donation, the couple as a whole is credited. As your couple is “joined,” you will receive an email letting you know that this administrative step has occurred. There is nothing you need to do in response to this email. If your “couple” has not been joined correctly, please contact Roseann in the church office so a correction can be made. More information about the *Giving* app, including how to use it, will be shared in September, once the migration is complete.

### 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!

Thursday, Sept. 7 (7:00 p.m.) AM Radio Band – Wilson Farm Park

### ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

<b>Sun, Aug. 13</b>	8:30 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship
<b>Tues. Aug. 15</b>	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Wed. Aug. 16</b>	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer (Kean Room)
<b>Thurs, Aug. 17</b>	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Sat. Aug. 19</b>	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Sun, Aug. 20</b>	9:30 am	Worship

### This Week in the Church Office

**Pastor Ridgley is leaving on Thursday for the Women's Conference in Montreat, NC. She will be back on Tuesday, August 15.**

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

One day there will stand up in their midst one who will tell of a new sickness among the children who in their delirium cry for their brothers whom they have never known and from whom they have been cut off behind the self-imposed barriers of their fathers. An alarm will spread throughout the community that it is being felt and slowly realized that community cannot feed for long on itself; it can only flourish where always the boundaries are giving way to the coming of others from beyond them – unknown and undiscovered brothers.”

– Howard Thurman, *The Search for Common Ground*

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