

St. John’s at Worship
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Introit “Be Still” K. Marrolli

*Answering God’s Call to Worship

One: Jesus says that we do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.
All: We come to God because there is a hunger in our hearts
that cannot be satisfied by food.
One: Jesus says, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me.
Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.”
All: We come to God because our souls are thirsty for what only
God can give.
One: Jesus says, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they will be filled!”
All: May our hunger and thirst be filled as we worship God.

*Hymn (Insert) “O Christ, the Healer”

Prayer of Invocation & Confession

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.

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 Apostle’s 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 1 Kings 3:3–14 (pg. 305, O.T.) Bruce Phillips

Children’s Time

Scripture Reading James 5:13–18 (pg. 231, N.T.)

Sermon WHAT DO WE PRAY FOR? Rev. Dr. Marshall
SERMON SERIES: “TEACH US TO PRAY…” (LUKE 11:1)

*Hymn 347 “Spirit Song”

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
Communion of the People
Prayer after Communion

*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

*Hymn (Insert) “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

*Benediction

*Postlude “Triumphal March” J. P. Rameau

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Organ Janet Wooden
Greeter Barbara McConnell
Flowers Given by Lynne Hay in honor of all caregivers and
medical staff for their skills and dedicated service for
those in need.
Coffee Server Jean Converse, Lynne Brown

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!

COMMUNION SUNDAY

We will be sharing the Lord’s Supper today. 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! You will be invited to come forward up
the center aisle, take a piece of bread, and dip it in the cup (all of the
bread is gluten-free). There is also a basket of pre-sealed juice cups, if
you would prefer not to do intinction.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

During the 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! Sunday School will resume on Sunday
September 22!

CHURCH TREASURER UPDATE

Nancy Arico is away through Wednesday, September 11. If you have any
needs for reimbursement or bill payments during this time, please email
Nancy (Treasurer@stjohnsdevon.com) and attach a copy of the
reimbursement form with a copy of any receipts or invoices. The
reimbursement form is available in this afternoon’s weekly email update, or
you can pick up a paper copy from the church office.

MEN’S GROUP

The Men’s Group will meet this Wednesday, September 4 at 7:00 a.m. in
the Carriage House to discuss chapter 11 of Romans. All men are welcome!

WOMEN’S BOOK STUDY – 2 OPPORTUNITIES!

Sunday Morning Group is taking the summer off and will begin with a new
book in September. Please contact Nancy Wolfe if you have any questions
(nj.wolfe@verizon.net).

The Monday group will resume with a new book on September 16. More
information will be coming soon. If you have questions or are interested in
attending, please contact Nancy Arico (nancy.arico@verizon.net).

FRAUD PREVENTION SEMINARS

Please join us for a series of seminars to help you arm yourself against some of the most common forms of fraud we face daily. We will meet **next Sunday, September 8 at 11:00 a.m.** for an introductory session to review two very important steps everyone needs to know. You will leave with at least one tool that can be used immediately. Please contact Brian Bouvier for more information (215-284-3567 or brianbouvier57@gmail.com).

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN’S IS COMING!

Supper at St. John’s returns on **Wednesday, September 18** and will run through **November 20**. We begin at 6:00 p.m. with a meal followed by a class starting at 7:00 p.m. and conclude promptly at 8:00 p.m. Childcare is available with one week's advance notice. More information (including signups) will be coming soon.

This fall Pastor Patrick will be leading a class called, “Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time.” We will be reading through Mark’s gospel, trying to shed our preconceived notions of Jesus and seeing him as he actually is. If you don’t know much about Jesus, this will be a great introduction, and if you *do* know Jesus, this might help you see him in a new way. We hope that you will join us!

FALL KICKOFF WORSHIP & BRUNCH

Join us on **Sunday, September 22** for outdoor worship followed by food and fellowship at a potluck brunch to kick off our program year! More information and sign ups are coming soon!

OFFERING & PRAYER CARDS

During the summer months, we will not be passing the offering trays. Instead, trays will be located at each door in the sanctuary, if you would like to give an offering. You can also give electronically through our website (just click the “Donate” button at the top right), or through the Church Center app. If you would like to give a prayer card, you can place it in one of the offering trays before worship or during the greeting time.

THE SUMMER BOOK NOOK

The Book Nook has some new books in it...recommended by you! Check it out when you're in the Fellowship Hall and see if something catches your interest. All of the books are available for purchase on Amazon and are also likely available through your local library. You can borrow the copies that are in our Book Nook, but we ask that you please sign them out and return them as soon as possible, so that others can enjoy them, too!

DEACONS FURNITURE DRIVE – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

The Deacons have organized a Home Furnishing Drive to help Habitat for Humanity. On Saturday, October 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (rain date October 12) you can come to the church parking lot to drop off items which will be given to Habitat for Humanity Chester County for resale to the public in the local Habitat ReStores. Sales from the ReStores fund Habitat’s home building program. The flyer in the bulletin details the kinds of items Habitat accepts. Arrangements for the pick-up of large items can also made directly with Habitat if the item to be donated is too cumbersome for you to transport. Donated items should be in good condition, gently used and saleable. Items will be inspected at drop-off and receipted as received by Habitat. Please contact John McClintick with any questions (johnemcclintick@earthlink.net).

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

Sun, Sept 1	9:30 am	Worship & Communion
Mon, Sept 2	Church Office Closed for Labor Day	
Tues, Sept 3	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Thurs, Sept 5	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 pm	Transformation Team (Kean Room)
Sat, Sept 7	9:00 am	Case for Smiles pillowcase event (FH)
Sun, Sept 8	9:30 am	Worship & Communion
	11:00 am	Outreach Committee Meeting (Kean)
Mon, Sept 9	7:00 pm	Session Meeting (Kean Room)

This Week in the Church Office

The church office will be closed on Monday in observance of Labor Day.

Any announcements for next week’s bulletin or email can be sent to admin@stjohnsdevon.com by Noon on Wednesday.

Friday is Pastor Patrick and Pastor 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.

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.



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

“In my deepest, darkest moments, what really got me through was a prayer. Sometimes my prayer was, ‘Help me.’ Sometimes a prayer was, ‘Thank you.’ What I’ve discovered is that intimate connection and communication with my creator will always get me through, because I know my support, my help, is just a prayer away.”

– Iyanla Vanzant

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