

**St. John's at Worship
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*Answering God's Call to Worship From Ecclesiastes 3
One: For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven:
**All: A time to be born, and a time to die;
A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;**
One: A time to kill, and a time to heal;
A time to break down, and a time to build up;
**All: A time to weep and a time to laugh;
A time to mourn and a time to dance;**
One: A time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
**All: A time to seek, and a time to lose;
A time to keep, and a time to throw away;**
One: A time to tear, and a time to sew;
A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
**All: A time to love, and a time to hate;
A time for war, and a time for peace.**
One: God has made everything suitable for its time.
**All: Whatever God does endures forever;
nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it.**
One: God has done this so that all should stand in awe before him.
Let us worship God!

*Hymn 126 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

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 Acts 10:1–24, 34–48 (pg. 128, N.T.) Bruce Phillips
Jim Little

Children's Time

*Hymn 405 "Seek Ye First"

Sermon THE DISCIPLINE OF PRAYER Rev. Dr. Marshall
SERMON SERIES: "TEACH US TO PRAY..." (LUKE 11:1)

*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 399 "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

*Benediction

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Organ Nancy Kimmons
Greeter Kate Johnson
Flowers Given in loving memory of Henry & Virginia Aikens by
their daughters, Kathy Johnson, Nancy Rich, and Judy
Mileto.

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

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 OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

We are currently in the process of hiring a new Church Administrator, but until then, we would love to have some help in the church office! If you are interested in helping out for a few hours by answering phones, letting visitors into the building, and some light secretarial work, please contact Jim Tiede (jim.tiede@gmail.com). The typical shifts are 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and/or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., but we are flexible and just appreciate help whenever we can get it!

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 18 at 7:00 a.m.** in the Carriage House to discuss chapter 12 of Romans. All men are welcome!

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY – 2 OPPORTUNITIES!

The Sunday group will be reading *Simply Jesus: A New Vision of Who He Was, What He Did, and Why He Matters* by N. T. Wright. Their first meeting for the fall will be on September 15 at 8:00 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Wolfe (nj.wolfe@verizon.net or 610-659-3875).

The Monday group will resume meeting on September 16 at 10:00 a.m., both in-person in the Kean Room and on Zoom. They will be discussing chapter 1 of *One Thousand Gifts: A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are* by Ann Voscamp. If you have questions or are interested in attending, please contact Nancy Arico (nancy.arico@verizon.net).

MONTREAT REUNION

High schoolers who went on this year's Montreat trip are invited to join us on Tuesday, September 10 from 6:30–8:30 p.m. at the home of Drew & Sarah Reindel (315 Dundee Place) for a Montreat reunion! Contact Pastor Ridgley if you have any questions.

FRAUD PREVENTION SEMINAR – TODAY!

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 **today 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 from 11am-1pm to kick off our program year! A link to RSVP is in the weekly newsletter, please RSVP with what you are bringing (even if it is just yourself!) so we can plan accordingly. For more information, contact Lauren Feldman laurengfeldman@yahoo.com.

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 be 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 8	9:30 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Fraud Prevention Seminar
	11:00 am	Outreach Committee Meeting
	11:00 am	Youth Advisory Comm. (Ridgley's office)
Mon, Sept 9	7:00 pm	Session Meeting (Kean Room)
Tues, Sept 10	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 pm	Montreat Reunion (offsite)
Thurs, Sept 12	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sat, Sept 14	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sun, Sept 15	8:30 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship

This Week in the Church Office

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, please call 484-604-0499.



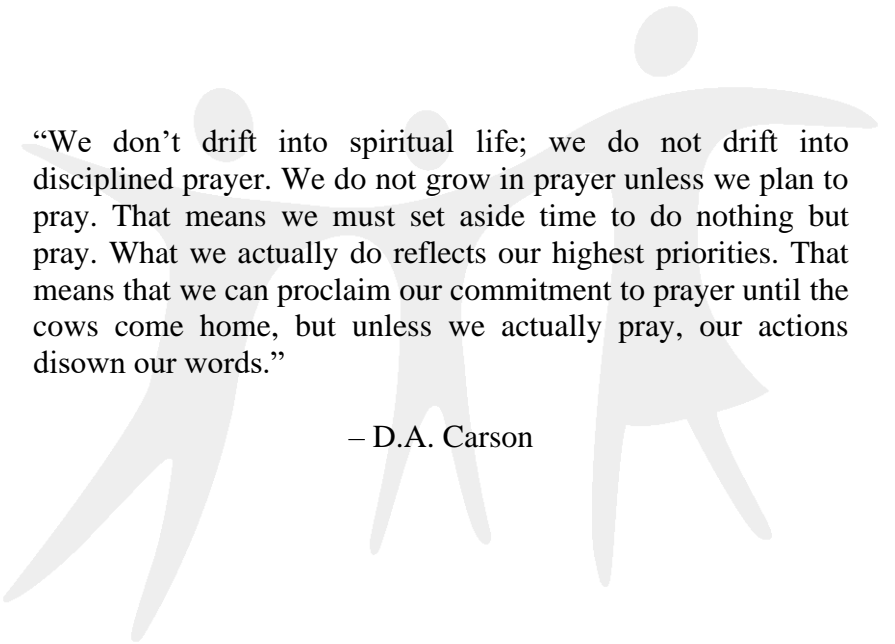
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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



"We don't drift into spiritual life; we do not drift into disciplined prayer. We do not grow in prayer unless we plan to pray. That means we must set aside time to do nothing but pray. What we actually do reflects our highest priorities. That means that we can proclaim our commitment to prayer until the cows come home, but unless we actually pray, our actions disown our words."

– D.A. Carson

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