

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

Prelude "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" *Moore, arr. Voltz*

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" *Jackson, arr. Voltz*

\*Answering God's Call to Worship

One: We come here today not because we are clever,  
but because God welcomes the slow learners.

**All: We come here not because we are wise,  
but because God loves us in spite of our folly.**

One: We come knowing that the greatest persons will be found  
among those who humbly serve like Jesus did.

**All: O Lord, open up our mind and our hearts  
and enable our lives to declare your praise.**

One: Let us worship God!

\*Hymn **92 (vs 1-4)** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

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 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (pg. , N.T.) Jeanne Lynam

Children's Time Rev. Joyner

Anthem "How Beautiful" *Twila Paris*

Sermon RELIGIOSITY OVER RELATIONSHIPS Rev. Joyner

\*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 **548** "In Christ There is No East or West"

\*Benediction

\*Postlude "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" *Luther, arr. Voltz*

### ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Organ, Harp**

Patricia Turse

**Greeter**

Alice Bell

**Flowers**

The flowers are given in loving memory of John  
Humphrey by Doris Humphrey and their daughters.

**Coffee Servers**

Lynne Brown and Jean Converse

### 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 next Sunday, September 22!**

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Our hearts go out to the McClintick Family with the sudden loss of their beloved daughter Laura Jean on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Condolences can be sent to:

*John & Barbara McClintick 72 Waterloo Road, Berwyn, PA 19312*

*Matt McClintick 2525 Wewatta Way, Unit 146 Denver, CO 80216*

### FALL KICKOFF WORSHIP & BRUNCH

Join us **next Sunday, September 22** for outdoor worship followed by food and fellowship at a potluck brunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. 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).

### 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, there is a link to sign up in the weekly email, or you can 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!

### FRAUD PREVENTION SEMINAR

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. The next session will be on Sunday, October 13 at 11:00 a.m. in the Carriage House. Please contact Brian Bouvier for more information (215-284-3567 or [brianbouvier57@gmail.com](mailto:brianbouvier57@gmail.com)).

**SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S IS COMING!**

Supper at St. John's returns **this 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. A link to sign up will be in the weekly email and is on the church website. Please RSVP as soon as you are able!

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!

**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 resumed today! They meet at 8:00 a.m. and will be reading *Simply Jesus: A New Vision of Who He Was, What He Did, and Why He Matters* by N. T. Wright. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Wolfe (nj.wolfe@verizon.net or 610-659-3875).

The Monday group resumes tomorrow 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).

**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!

**YOUTH KICK-OFF- OCTOBER 6 4:30-6PM**

Youth grades 5-12 are invited to join Pastor Ridgley at Thrillz KOP (555 S Henderson Road) for fellowship and FUN! Your free ticket includes 90 minutes of slides, trampolines and an obstacle course. Please bring \$10 if you want to do the virtual reality roller coaster. **RSVP by Oct 3rd** by emailing Pastor Ridgley.

**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 (johnemclintick@earthlink.net).

**ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR**

<b>Sun, Sept 15</b>	8:00 am	Women's Book Group
	8:30 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship
<b>Mon, Sept 16</b>	10:30 am	Women's Book Group (Kean Room)
<b>Tues, Sept 17</b>	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Wed, Sept 18</b>	7:00 am	Men's Group (Carriage House)
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's (Fell. Hall)
<b>Thurs, Sept 19</b>	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Sat, Sept 21</b>	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Sun, Sept 22</b>	8:00 am	Women's Book Group (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Outdoor Worship & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Fall Kickoff Brunch

**This Week in the Church Office**

**Any announcements for next week's bulletin or email can be sent to [admin@stjohnsdevon.com](mailto: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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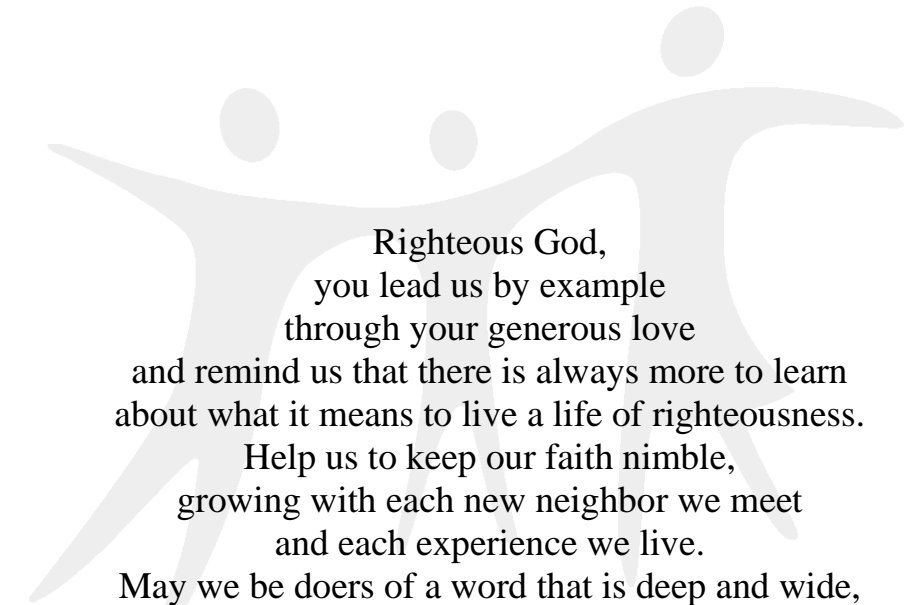
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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



Righteous God,  
you lead us by example  
through your generous love  
and remind us that there is always more to learn  
about what it means to live a life of righteousness.  
Help us to keep our faith nimble,  
growing with each new neighbor we meet  
and each experience we live.  
May we be doers of a word that is deep and wide,  
letting our lives reflect the love we have received.  
Amen.

**September 15, 2024**  
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