

St. John's at Worship Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*Answering God's Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 19

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God!
The whole world proclaims God's handiwork!

**All: They speak no words,
and yet their voices sing out through all the earth!**

One: *We* join that chorus now,
that our voices and our very being
might sing out songs of praise to God!

**All: Let the words of our mouths
and the meditation of our hearts
be acceptable to you, O Lord,
our rock and our redeemer.**

One: Let us worship God!

*Hymn 37 "Let All Things Now Living"

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 to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F

Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

*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.**

Scripture Reading Colossians 1:15–23 (pg. 200, N.T.)

Children's Time Rev. Joyner

Anthem "All in All"

Sermon WHY DOES JESUS MATTER? Rev. Dr. Marshall

*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 753 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

*Benediction

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Musicians Nancy Kimmons, John Senior, Troy Fisher, Pam Schafer,
Linda Duncan
Greeter Alice Bell

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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES TODAY!

Today we welcome our children and youth back to Sunday School! Children age 5 through the 4th grade will gather in the room across the hall from the nursery in the church building and the youth in grades 5-12 will meet upstairs in the youth room of the Carriage House (go around to the back door!). We are so grateful for our teachers this Fall:

Children – **Judy Mileto, Janette Scott, and Kate Little**
Youth – **Dave Dalrymple, Ken Coradi, and Lynne Hay**

FALL KICKOFF WORSHIP & BRUNCH

Help us kick off the program year with a potluck brunch from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All food items for the potluck can be left in the church kitchen. After worship, hold on to your chair and lend a helping hand (as you are able). Please come into the Fellowship Hall and help roll out tables for brunch.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Cynthia Schumacker will be having knee surgery on September 25. Cards can be sent to: 165 Monmouth Circle, Berwyn, PA 19312

John & Barbara McClintick want to thank everyone for the cards, meals, and prayers that they have received over the past week. They are so grateful for the love and support of their church family during this very difficult time.

OFFERING & PRAYER CARDS

If you would like to give an offering, there is a basket on the table as you enter from the parking lot. 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 the offering basket before worship or during the greeting time.

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet **this Wednesday, October 2 at 7:00 a.m.** in the Carriage House to discuss chapter 13 of Romans. All men are welcome!

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY – 2 OPPORTUNITIES!

The Sunday group meets at 8:00 a.m. to discuss *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 meets at 10:00 a.m., both in-person in the Kean Room and on Zoom. They are discussing *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).

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S IS BACK!

Supper at St. John's started this past Wednesday 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.

Pastor Patrick is leading a class called, "Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time." We are 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!

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!

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).

YOUTH KICK-OFF: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 (4:30–6:00 P.M.)

Youth in 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. 3** by emailing Pastor Ridgley.

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).

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Parents or loved ones of college students, email Rowan Bellew (Rowan.Bellew@gmail.com) your child's school address by October 13, so that the Deacons are able to send college care packages to them.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Sept 22	8:00 am	Women's Book Group (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Outdoor Worship & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Fall Kickoff Brunch
Mon, Sept 23	10:30 am	Women's Book Group (Kean Room)
Tues, Sept 24	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Wed, Sept 25	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's (Fell. Hall)
Thurs, Sept 26	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sat, Sept 28	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sun, Sept 29	8:00 am	Women's Book Group (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School

This Week in the Church Office

Pastor Patrick will be out of the office all day Tuesday for a Presbytery meeting.

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.



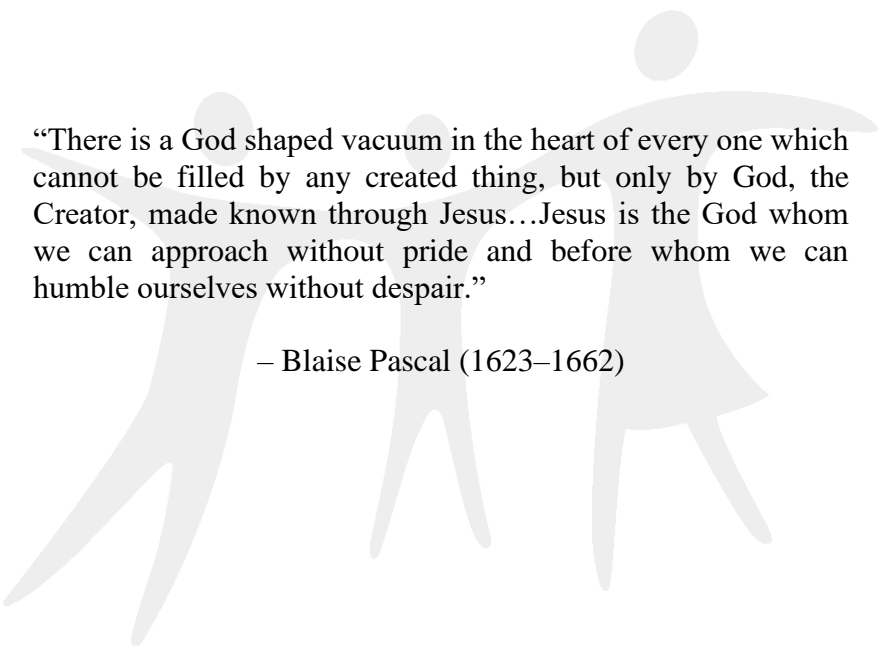
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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



“There is a God shaped vacuum in the heart of every one which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God, the Creator, made known through Jesus...Jesus is the God whom we can approach without pride and before whom we can humble ourselves without despair.”

– Blaise Pascal (1623–1662)

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