

St. John's at Worship Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Children of the Heavenly Father" *arr. R. Hughes*

*Answering God's Call to Worship From Isaiah 43

One: Thus says the Lord who created you and formed you:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name; you are mine.

**All: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you.**

One: For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

All: You are precious in my sight and honored, and I love you."

One: Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters:

All: "Do not remember the former things.

I am about to do a *new* thing.

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

One: I give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself,
so that they might declare my praise."

All: Let us declare God's praise and worship the Lord!

*Hymn 610 "We Know That Christ Is Raised"

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**

Scripture Reading Matthew 3:13–17 (pg. 3, N.T.) John Lieberman

The Sacrament of Baptism Brynn Jacquelyn Yoder
Daughter of Mark & Katie Yoder

As part of the baptismal liturgy, we profess our faith using the Apostles' 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.

As Pre-K–12th graders leave for Sunday School, we send them with this liturgy:

Pastor: Now we go our separate ways to worship and learn about God.

Cong.: **May God be with you there!**

Children: **May God be with you here!**

*Hymn 605 "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

Scripture Reading Romans 6:3–11 (pg. 156, N.T.)

Sermon WHY DOES BAPTISM 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 492 (Insert) "Baptized in Water"

*Benediction

*Postlude "Postlude in G" *G. Peterson*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Organist Janet Wooden
Ushers Teagan Bullock, Ryan Marshall
Flowers Given by Dave & Libby Dalrymple in honor of the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth, to Craig Watkins.
Greeters Joe & Nancy Arico
Coffee Servers 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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

After the scripture reading, children and youth in grades K–12th will leave with their teachers. If this is your child's first time in Sunday School, the ushers have pamphlets that tell you everything you need to know. As always, nursery care is provided for children ages 5 and under.

OFFERING & PRAYER CARDS

If you would like to support the life and ministry of St. John's, there are offering trays located at each door in the sanctuary. 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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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

TRANSFORMATION TEAM UPDATE

The Transformation Team has been very hard at work throughout the summer, and they will be finishing their report and presenting it to Session within the next month. After that, they will also share their work with the congregation. Please pray for God's wisdom and guidance as they complete these final stages of their process!

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Covenant Presbyterian Church is hosting a Women's Retreat on Saturday, October 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Paoli Presbyterian Church, and they have extended an invitation to all of the women at St. John's! The theme is "A Day by the Fire: Seasons of Change & Transition." It is the perfect chance for you to put aside the stresses of daily life and spend some time caring for yourself and nurturing your spirituality! Light refreshments and lunch will be served. There is no fee, but a donation of \$25 is suggested. Please email Pastor Maggie Niles (mniles@covenantfrazer.org) if you have questions or would like to attend!

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).

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!

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S

Supper at St. John's meets every Wednesday night 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!

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 Pastor Ridgley with any questions. **We need volunteers the day of the drive to welcome people and direct traffic. If you are interested in helping out, please sign up via the link our weekly email.**

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.

BREAKING BREAD WITH ST. JOHN'S YOUTH

The youth group is looking for someone who would be willing to host dinner for them on Sunday, October 20 at the church from 4:30–6:00 p.m. If you are interested in doing this date or any other date, please contact Pastor Ridgley (rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com)

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Sept 29	8:00 am	Women's Book Group (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
Mon, Sept 30	10:30 am	Women's Book Group (Kean Room)
	1:00 pm	Case for Smiles Sewing Group (FH)
Tues, Oct 1	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Wed, Oct 2	7:00 am	Men's Group (Carriage House)
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's (Fell. Hall)
Thurs, Oct 3	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sat, Oct 5	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
	10:00 am	Deacons Furniture Drive
Sun, Oct 6		World Communion Sunday
	8:00 am	Women's Book Group (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School

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.



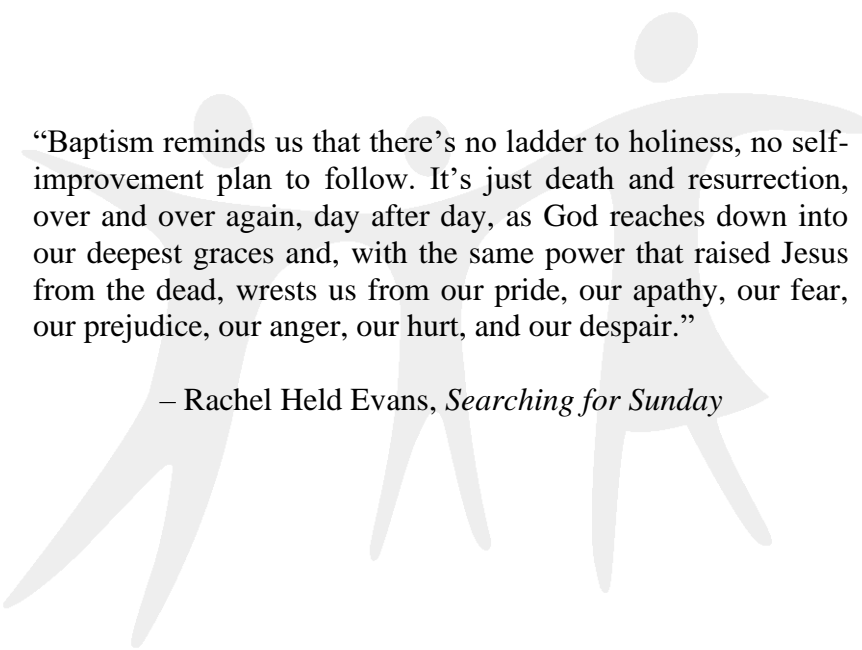
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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



"Baptism reminds us that there's no ladder to holiness, no self-improvement plan to follow. It's just death and resurrection, over and over again, day after day, as God reaches down into our deepest graces and, with the same power that raised Jesus from the dead, wrests us from our pride, our apathy, our fear, our prejudice, our anger, our hurt, and our despair."

– Rachel Held Evans, *Searching for Sunday*

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