

St. John’s at Worship
World Communion Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*Answering God’s Call to Worship
One: Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”
All: Blessed are those who hunger than thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled!
One: Jesus said, “I am the vine, and you are the branches.” Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit.”
All: For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.
One: Let us join our voices to the chorus of praise that echoes around the world. Let us worship God!

*Hymn Insert “All Who Are Thirsty”

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 Matthew 26:26–29 (pg. 30, N.T.) Nancy Davis

As Pre-K–4th 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!

Scripture Reading Luke 24:13–35 (pg. 90, N.T.)
Sermon WHY DOES COMMUNION MATTER? Rev. Dr. Marshall
*Hymn Insert “Feed Us, Lord”

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 620, vss. 1, 2 “One Bread, One Body”

*Benediction

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD
Organist Nancy Kimmons
Usher Ryan Marshall
Greeter Dave Dalrymple
Coffee Servers Joe & Nancy Arico

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
After the scripture reading, grades K–4th will leave with their teachers. Grades 5–12 will remain for communion. 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.

MEN’S GROUP
The Men’s Group will meet this Wednesday, October 23 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).
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!

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 later this 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!

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!

HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF

Many of us are looking for ways to offer support to people living in areas devastated by Hurricane Helene. Our youth are working with the Outreach Committee to provide the supplies for 15 cleanup buckets, to be distributed by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. If you would like to help, please use the link in the weekly email to sign up for some of the requested supplies. Ridgley will also be available after worship this morning to assist with signups. We will have drop-off boxes available in Fellowship Hall and on the porch of the Carriage House, and we ask that you bring your items to the church no later than Friday, Oct. 10. We will be packing the buckets (and hygiene kits) during Supper at St. John’s on Wednesday, Oct. 16, so please plan to join us that evening. You’re also invited to make a much-needed monetary donation for hurricane relief to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). Through the end of October, you may donate through St. John’s and indicate that your contribution is for PDA. Thank you so much for your support and prayers for these families who are experiencing so much grief and loss.

YOUTH KICK-OFF: TODAY (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.

FRAUD PREVENTION SEMINAR – NEXT SUNDAY

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 next 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, Oct 6	World Communion Sunday
	8:00 am Women’s Book Group (Kean Room)
	9:30 am Worship & Communion
Mon, Oct 7	10:30 am Women’s Book Group (Kean Room)
Tues, Oct 8	5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Wed, Oct 9	6:00 pm Supper at St. John’s (Fell. Hall)
Thurs, Oct 10	5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sat, Oct 12	9:00 am Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sun, Oct 13	8:00 am Women’s Book Group
	8:30 am Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am Worship & Sunday School
Mon, Oct 14	6:00 pm Session Meeting (Kean Room)

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

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,
broken and shared, life for the world.
Let us be wine, love freely poured.
Let us be one in the Lord.

From the hymn “Let Us Be Bread”
by Thomas J. Porter

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