

St. John's at Worship

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*Answering God's Call to Worship From Micah 6:6–8

One: With what shall we come before the Lord
and bow ourselves before God on high?
Shall we come with offerings that please God?

**All: God has told us what is good
and what kind of offering is required of us:
To do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with the Lord.**

One: If that is what we strive for, then let us give ourselves to God in
worship!

*Hymn 158 "Come Christians, Join to Sing"

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 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.**

Scripture Reading Mark 12:28–34 (pg. 49, N.T.) Jeanne Lynam

Children's Time

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!**

Anthem

Sermon WHAT REALLY MATTERS 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 408 "The Gift of Love"

*Benediction

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Organist Nancy Kimmons
Greeter Barbara McConnell
Coffee Servers Lynne Hay, Marianne McClennen

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.

PASTORAL UPDATE

Pastor Patrick will be out of the office on vacation starting Monday, October 14. He will be back on Tuesday, October 22. During that time he will be unavailable by email or phone. Pastor Ridgley will be available for any pastoral care needs.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Cynthia Schumacker would like to thank everyone for the cards, notes, and prayers that you sent following her knee surgery the other week. She very much appreciated it!

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE SEEKING A CHURCH FAMILY?

In November, St. John's will host classes led by our pastors for those interested in learning more about our church community and becoming a member. This two-class series will be held on Sunday, November 17 and Sunday, November 24 at 10:45 AM in the Kean Room. We will be talking about what it means to be Presbyterian, what it means to be a member of a church, and telling you more about St. John's. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Barbara McConnell (blbmccconnell@aol.com) for more information.

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet **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!

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Financial statements were mailed recently that reflect contributions year-to-date. A final statement will be mailed after December 31 for tax purposes. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Bouvier.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 10

Be on the lookout this week for a mailing about Consecration Sunday. We hope that you will save the date and join us for worship and a brunch, as we dedicate our pledges for the coming year to God!

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S THIS WEEK

Supper at St. John's will meet on **Wednesday, October 16** at 6:00 p.m. for a meal and, instead of class, we will be doing a mission project in the Carriage House! We will be packing 100 hygiene kits and 15 clean up buckets for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help those affected by Hurricane Helene (and now Milton). Pastor Patrick's class will resume next week.

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.

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. The next session will be today at 11:00 a.m. in the Carriage House. Please contact Brian Bouvier for more information (215-284-3567 or brianbouvier57@gmail.com).

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!

LUNCH & LEARN – MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

Join us on Monday, October 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for our inaugural Lunch & Learn! We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for lunch (soup and sandwiches), and then will hear from a guest speaker. Our theme for October is *Harvest Season: Scarcity in the Land of Abundance*. In a season centered around harvesting of crops, abundance of fresh produce, and holiday gatherings, it is hard to imagine how food security is indeed a pervasive issue in our country. Come hear from Dr. Grace Bagwell Adams, Associate Professor of Health Policy and Management at University of Georgia as we learn more about food security in the United States, what limits families from utilizing government subsidies, and how we as a community of faith can help combat the systemic issues around food security in our area. Please RSVP by Friday, October 18 using the form on the church website. The link will also be in the weekly email.

FALL FESTIVAL – SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 (4–6 P.M.)

Children of all ages are invited to join us in their costumes for a Fall Festival at St. John's! We will gather for games, a service project, and dinner together as we "trick or treat" from station to station. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Cindy Kerr (cindy@caseforsmiles.org). Please feel free to bring friends and family!

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Oct 13	8:00 am	Women's Book Group
	8:30 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	11:00 am	Fraud Prevention Seminar (Carr. House)
	11:00 am	Nominating Committee (Kean Room)
Mon, Oct 14	6:00 pm	Session Meeting (Kean Room)
Tues, Oct 15	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Wed, Oct 16	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's (Fell. Hall)
Thurs, Oct 17	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sat, Oct 19	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sun, Oct 20	8:00 am	Women's Book Group
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	3:45 pm	Youth Advisory Council (Carr. House)
	4:30 pm	Youth Mission Night (Carr. House)

This Week in the Church Office

Pastor Patrick will be out of the office on vacation starting tomorrow, October 14. He will be back on Tuesday, October 22. During that time he will be unavailable by email or phone. Pastor Ridgley will be available for any pastoral care needs.

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

From the song, "The Other Side"
by Andy Gullahorn

All the treasure you hold, you can't take it with you
Any silver and gold, you can't take it with you
You could make yourself a name with fortune and fame
But you can't take it with you to the other side

You could build your mansion high, but you can't take it with you
All your hard-earned pride, you can't take it with you
Any plans you made to keep you sheltered and safe
You can't take 'em with you to the other side...

But love, real love...
When that day comes, don't look back
Love will be the bags you pack
For the other side

All the scars that show, you can't take them with you
And the ones that don't, you can't take them with you
Though your body breaks from years of labor and pain
You can't take it with you to the other side

All your worst mistakes, you can't take them with you
All your secret shame, you can't take it with you
At your final breath you see all that's left is
Love, real love
On the other side

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