St. John's at Worship
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude "Simple Gifts" *Patricia Sanders Cota*

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" *R. Vaughn Williams*

*Answering God's Call to Worship
One: Come, all who thirst—come to the water!
All: Those who long for the water of life—come and drink!
One: Dip your soul in the river of God's goodness;
quench your thirst at God's well of grace.
All: For God is here among us,
offering living water to all who drink!
One: Let us worship God!

*Hymn **127** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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 Exodus 17:1-7 (pg. 64, N.T.) Nancy Arico

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 "There is a Redeemer" *M. Green*

Sermon IS THE LORD AMONG US OR WHAT? 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 **117** "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

*Benediction

*Postlude "Crown Him with Many Crowns" *G. Elvey*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Organist	Nancy Kimmons
Ushers	Dan & Jen Lortz
Greeter	Kate Johnson
Coffee Servers	Ginger & Don Black
Guest Musicians	Cassia Harvey (cello), Myanna Harvey (violin)
Handbell Choir	Diane Alleva, Susan Bain, Christina Fish, Nancy Veronesi, Jim Tiede

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.

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 (blbmcconnell@aol.com) for more information.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS
The Deacons have purchased two silk flower arrangements from Valley Forge Flowers to use on Sundays. We will still have poinsettias in December and lilies at Easter. Real flower arrangements will still be made for those members who have traditionally given on specific Sundays. Flowers can also be purchased to dedicate with a message in the bulletin. If you wish to do this, please contact Jeanne Lynam at cwlynam@msn.com or text at 610-724-2704, and a member of our recently formed Flower Guild will create an arrangement for you.

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!

VOCAL WORKSHOP WITH DR. MICHAEL SCARCELLE
Join us on **October 29th from 7-8:30pm** in the Sanctuary for a vocal workshop led by Dr. Michael Scarcelle. Michael shared his gifts in worship with us over the summer and will be teaching voice lessons on campus at St. John's this year! As a gift to the congregation, he is hosting a vocal workshop for all interested in improving their ensemble singing in the choir as well as for those who want to improve individually on solo singing! If you have ever wanted to learn how to sing, brush up on your vocal skills, or even just enjoy watching the process, please join us! Michael will also want to hear from you on your input and interests for the choir's repertoire. If you are interested in working with Michael to sing once or twice a month in worship as a choir and for future music projects such as recitals and concerts, please consider attending this workshop. If you have any questions or if you would like to work on a solo in class, please contact Michael directly (michaelscarcelle@gmail.com).

HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF
Thank you to everyone who helped pack clean up buckets and hygiene kits this past week! If you would like to make a much-needed monetary donation for hurricane relief to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), you can donate through St. John's and indicate that your contribution is for PDA (via check or online). Thank you so much for your support and prayers for these families who are experiencing so much grief and loss.

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA!
For the past few days, the Raylynmor Opera Company has been using our sanctuary to rehearse for their production of Gian Carlo Menotti's opera *The Medium*. To express their gratitude for letting them use the space, the company would like to open the final rehearsal up to anyone who would like to come! Join us on **Tuesday, October 22 from 6:30–9:30 p.m.** for a night at the opera that is free and open to the whole community. Feel free to bring friends!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!
As a church family, it would be nice to know and to recognize each other's birthdays! To that end, we will be posting a Birthday Calendar in Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in participating, please be sure to neatly print your name on the appropriate month and day of the calendar. (No years please, we don't want to give away your age!) Or you can email your birthday to Barbara McConnell (blbmcconnell@aol.com) so that she can add your birthday to the calendar. **Please sign up by November 30** so we can start publishing each month's birthdays in our weekly email in December!

CONSECRATION SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 10
Consecration Sunday is on November 10! We will dedicate our pledges for the coming year during worship. Immediately following worship, we will celebrate with a catered brunch in Fellowship Hall. You may turn in brunch RSVP cards in the envelope on the church office door, or on our website. If you did not receive the letter that went out last week describing Consecration Sunday, there are copies available on the usher's table in the back of the sanctuary. We hope that you will join us for this wonderful day in the life of our church family!

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S THIS WEEK
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. Please use the link in our weekly email to RSVP for supper so we can make enough food! Rev. Dr. Marshall will continue his class on the gospel of Mark! We hope that you will join us!

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!

LUNCH & LEARN – MONDAY, OCTOBER 21- TOMORROW!
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 as soon as possible by using the form on the church website. The link will also be in the weekly email

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP- TONIGHT 4:30-6:00PM
Youth grades 5-12 are invited to join us here at the church to pack our college care packages and have dinner together. Special thanks to Nancy Higgins for providing dinner tonight!

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Oct 20	8:00 am	Women's Book Group
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	1–4 pm	Opera Rehearsal (Closed)
	3:45 pm	Youth Advisory Council (Carr. House)
	4:30 pm	Youth Mission Night (Carr. House)
	6–9 pm	Opera Rehearsal (Closed)
Mon, Oct 21	10:00 am	Women's Book Group (Kean Room)
	11:30 am	Lunch & Learn (Fellowship Hall)
	6:30–9:30 pm	Opera Rehearsal (Closed)
Tues, Oct 22	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
	6:30 pm	Opera Rehearsal open to all (Sanctuary)
Wed, Oct 23	7:00 am	Men's Group (Carriage House)
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's (Fell. Hall)
Thurs, Oct 24	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sat, Oct 26	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sun, Oct 27	8:00 am	Women's Book Group
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	11:00 am	Session meeting (Carriage House)
	4:00 pm	Fall Festival (Fellowship Hall)

This Week in the Church Office

Pastor Patrick is out of the office on vacation until Tuesday, October 22. During this time he is unavailable by email or phone. Pastor Ridgley is 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

Like the Hebrews in the wilderness, our fear of scarcity may cause us to struggle in our confidence in God's provision as we seek our own promises along our life's journey. In seeking to quench our thirst, perhaps we may find the provision of God in the grace of relief and from unexpected places that sharpen our faith.
- Carmelle Beaugelin

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