#### Welcome & Announcements

Introit "Thee with Tender Care" J.S. Bach

Answering God's Call to Worship

One: We praise the God who created us and gave us life.

All: Glory be to the Father!

One: We praise the God who became one of us so that we could live a

new life.

All: Glory be to the Son!

One: We praise the God who still breathes life into us today.

All: Glory be to the Holy Spirit!
One: God is *one*: Father, Son, and Spirit.

All: So now we, who are many, worship God as one.

\*Hymn **64** "Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

Prayer of Invocation & Confession (ending with 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



## \*Affirming Our Faith

Hymn **85** "We Believe in One True God"

Scripture Reading Mark 6:30–46 (pg. 41, N.T.) Brian Bouvier

Giving Thanks for Our Teachers

Rev. Joyner

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 "Dear Lord and Father of All Mankind" C. H. H. Parry

Sermon REST FROM AND FOR Rev. Dr. Marshall After the sermon, a brief musical interlude will offer time for reflection.

\*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 & Prayers of the People

\*Hymn **347** 

"Spirit Song"

Blessing Pastor Patrick for His Sabbatical

Benediction

Postlude "O God Our Help in Ages Past" Croft/Watts

#### **ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD**

Music DirectorJanet KaidoUsherBrian BouvierGreetersAlice Bell

**Coffee Servers** Jeanne Thompson, Sandy Forbes

Joy Messengers Mark Ator, Jeff Estabrook, Frank Mercurio, Paul Steege Given by the Women's Fellowship Board in honor and

celebration of Ridgley's 8 years of ministry at St. John's.

#### WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

No matter who you are, where you come from, what you look like, or what you are wearing, you are welcome here! No matter where you are in your faith, you belong here. All we want is to help you experience the presence and love of Jesus Christ! 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, grades K–12 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. Today is our last Sunday of Sunday School as we take a break for the summer. It will resume on September 21. Nursery care will still be provided throughout the summer.

### **CELEBRATING OUR TEACHERS**

A huge thank you to all our Sunday School teachers and nursery volunteers! You have done an outstanding job showing God's love to our youth through your care and teaching. We are so thankful for you and pray that God would use this summer of rest to nourish *you* as you have nourished *them*!

### PASTOR PATRICK'S SABBATICAL

After today, Pastor Patrick will be on sabbatical through Sunday, September 14. During that time, he will have no pastoral duties and will not be available by email, phone, or in person.

#### SESSION UPDATE

This past Monday the Session held their last scheduled meeting until September 15. Among other things, they received Dwight & Vangie Jaggard into membership in the church, and approved the hiring of a Nursery Supervisor for the summer.

#### MEN'S GROUP

Our Wednesday morning Men's Group will resume in September.

## WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY – 2 OPPORTUNITIES!

The Sunday book group meets from 8:15–9:20 a.m. in the Kean Room to read *Elusive Grace: Loving Your Enemies While Striving for God's Justice* by Scott Black Johnston. Contact Nancy Wolfe (nj.wolfe@verizon.net) with any questions.

The Monday group meets at 10:00 a.m., both in person in the Kean Room and on Zoom (use the church Zoom room link on the website). They are reading *Turn My Mourning into Dancing* by Henri Nouwen. It's a short book that will take them to the beginning of June, so it's a great time to come see what they are all about. If you would like to find out more, contact Nancy Arico at nancy.arico@verizon.net or 610-550-9547.

## THANK YOU FROM THE MARKETING TEAM

The Marketing Team would like to thank everyone who participated in their survey and listening sessions. We received 45 survey responses—25% of our active members—and heard from 10 participants in our two Listening Sessions. Pastor Ridgley also shared thoughtful input from our youth.

The Marketing Team has carefully reviewed all the feedback. Unsurprisingly, most participants described St. John's as a caring, Christ-centered community—a place to grow in faith, build deep friendships, and serve others with generosity and joy.

We will use this feedback to inform our work, developing an updated logo and messaging, revising the website, as well as creating marketing strategies and tactics. If you have questions or additional input, please connect with a member of the Marketing Team: Lisa Howell, Wanda Odom, Nancy Coradi, Doris Humphrey, or Linda Groves.

### UPDATE ON JED & JENNY KOBALL

For the past ten years, St. John's has supported Jed & Jenny Koball, PC(USA) Mission Co-workers in Peru. Unfortunately, we just received word that the PC(USA) had to eliminate their position (along with others) in March. However, they have been invited to continue serving with the denomination in a new way. Jed will serve as a Global Ecumenical Liaison for South America, connecting with partners throughout the region and building upon his previous work. Jenny will serve as a Global Ecumenical Liaison for the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) Program. She will continue to expand the YAV site in Peru as she engages partners throughout Latin America. Please pray for the Koballs and the work that they are doing, and we will provide updates as they are available.

### PACKING HYGIENE KITS – JUNE 29TH

There continues to be great need in communities devastated by natural disasters, poverty and ongoing conflicts. To support these communities, the Outreach Committee will be packing hygiene kits for disaster relief during the coffee hour on June 29<sup>th</sup>. The Hygiene assembly project will support the Church World Service's national and global community service efforts. These kits can mean the difference between sickness and health for struggling families displaced from their homes. Please join us after church on June 29<sup>th</sup> during coffee hour to assemble 300 hygiene kits. We form an assembly line and with lots of helpers, the project takes less than an hour to complete. Please contact Lisa Pool at lisa.pool@verizon.net if you have any questions. Thanks for your participation!

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS AT ST. JOHN'S

Happy Birthday to members and friends of our St. John's family who are celebrating birthdays this month! Please consider wishing them a happy birthday in person at church or by sending them birthday wishes by text, email, or a birthday card in the mail. If you have a June birthday and would like to be included on this list, please contact Barbara McConnell (blbmcconnell@aol.com).

June 3	Dick Oliver	June 15	Genevieve Bellew
June 3	Doris Humphrey, Pierce Oliver	June 16	Sandy Forbes
June 4	Lauren Feldman	June 17	Jack Holcomb
June 5	Joe Arico	June 18	Patrick Bullock
June 6	Alberto Urbina, Sharon Griffin	June 23	Ethan Fisher
June 14	Nancy Kimmons		

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

## TRUE NORTH: TRUSTING JESUS IN A WILD WORLD

Join us August 4–8 from 9 a.m. to Noon at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Devon for Vacation Bible School! We will gather for music, Bible study, games, crafts, and FUN, as we navigate how to trust Jesus in a wild world full of twists and turns. You can register using the link in the weekly email through May 28. We are also looking for volunteers to help with shepherding, station leading, and more! We have a volunteer position for everyone, even those who can only come one day. To sign up to volunteer click the same link you use to register! For more information, contact Pastor Ridgley.

## ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

The complete church calendar is available on our website. Sun, June 15 8:15 am Trustees Meeting (Kean) 8:15 am Women's Book Group Worship & Sunday School 9:30 am Facilities Task Force Meeting (Kean) 11:00 am 11:00 am Peace & Social Justice (Carr. House) **Patrick's Sabbatical Begins** Mon. June 16 10:00 am Women's Book Group (Kean) Tues, June 17 5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall) Thurs, June 19 5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fell. Hall) Sat, June 21 10:00 am Exercise Class (Fell. Hall) Sun, June 22 8:15 am Women's Book Group

## **This Week in the Church Office**

Worship & Sunday School

9:30 am

Pastor Ridgley leaves this Thursday for the Middle School Youth Conference at Massanetta. The Rev. Ann Hatfield will be on call for pastoral care. If you have a pastoral emergency pertaining to a death or hospitalization when the office is closed, please call 484-604-0499.

Any announcements for next week's bulletin or email must be sent to Annie by **Noon on Wednesday** (admin@stjohnsdevon.com).

Friday is 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.



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# "Rest" by Ullie-Kaye

It takes enormous strength to carry our burdens. But we cannot underestimate the strength it takes to admit when they have become too heavy. Surrender is not weakness. It is knowing when enough is enough. It is feeling and honoring what you have and have not been called to bear. Show yourself the same grace that, in a fraction of a heartbeat, you would extend to someone else. The last thing we need is a world full of people who are barely hanging on. Find some shelter and stay for as long as your soul requires it. This journey was not meant to be taken without setting your bags down and stopping to rest for a while.

> Sunday, June 15, 2025 Trinity Sunday