

Welcome & Announcements Kate Johnson

Introit “Nearer, My God, to Thee” Coates

Answering God’s Call to Worship From Psalm 43

One: As a deer longs for flowing streams,
All: **So our souls long for you, O God.**
One: Why are you cast down, my soul?
All: **Why are you disquieted within me?**
One: Hope in God, for we shall again praise him,
All: **The One who is our rock, our help, and our God.**

*Hymn Insert “Praise Ye the Lord the 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

*Gloria Patri “Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

*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 1 Kings 19:1–8 (pg. 326, O.T.) Bruce Phillips

*Hymn 534 “Be Still, My Soul”

Scripture Reading Luke 8:26–39 (pg. 68, N.T.)

Sermon Rev. Dr. Sally Brown

CUTTING THE CORDS THAT BIND US

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 “O for a World”

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er’s ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God’s glo - rious reign of peace,

where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

*Benediction

*Postlude “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” Micheelsen

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Music Director Janet Kaido
Liturgist Kate Johnson
Usher Lynne Hay, Bruce Phillips
Greeter Alice Bell
Coffee Servers Earline & Kermit Eck

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!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL
Our children and youth will stay in worship for the full service as we worship together as a church family. This will give our wonderful teachers some well-deserved rest during the summer months! Sunday School will resume on September 21. As always, nursery care is provided for children ages 5 and under.

LEADING WORSHIP THIS MORNING
Our guest preacher this morning is the **Rev. Dr. Sally A. Brown**. Sally served as the Elizabeth M. Engle Professor of Preaching and Worship Emerita at Princeton Theological Seminary for 25 years. Upon retirement, she moved to West Chester, where she enjoys travel, reading, and supporting area churches through preaching and adult education. Sally was ordained in our sanctuary on September 28, 1980, only the second woman to be ordained by the Presbytery of Donegal! She has been with us many times before, most recently teaching a Supper at St. John’s class with Manfred Brauch. We are so grateful to have Sally with us, proclaiming the word of God this morning!

We also want to thank Elder **Kate Johnson** for serving as our liturgist today!

WOMEN’S BOOK STUDY – 2 OPPORTUNITIES!
The Sunday book group is taking a break for the summer and will be back with a new book in September. Contact Nancy Wolfe (nj.wolfe@verizon.net) with any questions.

The Monday group met at 10:00 a.m., bit in person and on Zoom (use the church Zoom link found on the website under Quick Links". We will meet on the following dates over the summer - June 30th, July 14th and 28th, August 11th and 25th, September 8th. Each gathering will stand alone, no book to read or pre work! All are welcome for one session or all. On June 30th we will be doing a guided journalling exercise as we reflect on God's presence in lives. Feel free to bring a notebook or journal but blank paper will be provided as well. If you would like to find out more, contact Nancy Arico at nancy.arico@verizon.net or 610-550-9547.

PACKING HYGIENE KITS – JUNE 29

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 300 hygiene kits for disaster relief during the coffee hour on June 29. This 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. We form an assembly line and, with lots of helpers, and the project takes less than an hour to complete. Please contact Lisa Pool at lisa.pool@verizon.net if you have any questions.

LIVESTREAM HELP NEEDED

If you are tech savvy and want to learn how to use our livestream worship software, we need your help! We are looking for volunteers who are interested in helping livestream our services. We have very well-equipped trainers and can even mentor you until you feel comfortable using the software alone on a Sunday morning. If you have ever benefited from livestreaming worship, you know just how important this ministry is! Please email Pastor Ridgley (Rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com) to get connected for more information!

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 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 (blbmccconnell@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.

WORSHIP AT IGLESIA RENACER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH JUNE 29TH

A group from St. John's will travel to worship with Iglesia Renacer Presbyterian Church in Parkesburg on Sunday June 29 to support and connect with a Spanish speaking congregation. This congregation is a church nurtured by the Donegal Presbytery and worships in the evenings at 5:45pm. (Note: this service will primarily be in Spanish) If you are interested in joining us or have any questions, please contact Betsy Friend (Betsyfriend23@aol.com)

MUSIC AT ST. JOHN’S

What's on your Christian music playlist? We'd love to hear what you're listening to. We are creating an online sharing page where members can share and explore what others are enjoying, as well as learn if certain music has meaningful associations for our fellow congregants. If you share some of your favorite selections via the link below, we'll add them to the collection!

<https://mator.wufoo.com/forms/r1p5epw00j48d4r/>

If you play an instrument or sing and would like to play in worship from time to time, if you haven't already, be sure to send your contact and instrument information to the church office via the Music Survey link found in the weekly email. Music Director Janet Kaido can connect with you and make arrangements for you to join us sometime! Summer is a great time to get started. (For grownups AND kids!) Thanks so much!

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

The complete church calendar is available on our website.

Sun, June 22	8:15 am	Women’s Book Group (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
Mon, June 23	10:00 am	Women’s Book Group (Kean)
Tues, June 24	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
	5:15 pm	Marketing Team Meeting (Kean)
Thurs, June 26	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
Sat, June 28	10:00 am	Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
Sun, June 29	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	11:00 am	Hygiene Kit Packing (Fell. Hall)

This Week in the Church Office

Pastor Ridgley is at the Massanetta Youth Retreat with our Middle School Youth and will be back later today. Pastor Patrick is on sabbatical through Sunday, September 14. During this time, he has no pastoral duties and will not be available by email, phone, or in person.

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.

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



Sunday, June 22, 2025
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time