

Welcome & Announcements

Introit “By the Waters of Babylon” Traditional

Answering God’s Call to Worship

One: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord
All: God's light reveals the path before us.
One: In God's light we see light.
All: Let us worship the God, our guiding star.

*Hymn 116 “The God of Abraham Praise”

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

We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick

and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord

Scripture Reading Genesis 12:1-9 (pg. 10, O.T.)

Anthem “Farther Along” Sevens & Baxter

Scripture Reading Matthew 20: 1-16 (pg. 21, N.T.)

Sermon THE JOURNEY Rev. Ridgley Joyner

Musical Interlude "O God You are My God"
God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You
God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You
I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways
And step by step, You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days

*Presentation of Offering & Doxology

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Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow;

5 priase him, all crea - tures here be - low;

9 praise him a - bove. ye heav - enly host;

13 praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

17 A - men. A - men.

*Prayer of Dedication & Prayers of the People

*Hymn (insert) “We Will Walk with God”

*Benediction

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD	
Music Director	Janet Kaido
Usher	Joe Arico
Greeter	Kate Johnson
Coffee Servers	Bruce & Nancy Phillips
Joy Messengers	Ryan Crill, Lauren Feldman, Bill Hayward, Lisa Howell, Janet Kaido, Nancy Kimmons, John Senior, Jeff Wagner

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. **We are in need of a volunteer to serve with our summer nursery coordinator on Sunday, August 3.**

SERMON SERIES: ALONG THE WAY: REFLECTIONS FROM THE JOURNEY

Join us this August while Pastor Ridgley shares her reflections from each day biking the Camino Portugese, and ancient sacred pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, Spain. Along the way, she discovered that each day of the journey was more than just a bike ride, but a chance to commune with God in nature, community and adversity.

PACKING BACKPACKS FOR GEMMA SERVICES - TODAY!

We invite you to join us in Fellowship Hall after worship this morning to fill 48 backpacks with school supplies. Our Outreach team will deliver the backpacks to Gemma Services for children who participate in Gemma’s community-based programs. Gemma Services provides education, treatment, care, and support to children and youth who have experienced loss, trauma, emotional or behavioral issues, and other significant challenges. St. John’s has been a long-time partner, providing funds through our Outreach budget and Christmas gifts through our Angel Tree program. To learn more about the wonderful work they are doing, please visit their website at www.gemmaservices.org.

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 meets at 10:00 a.m., both in person and on Zoom (use the church Zoom link found on the website under Quick Links). We will meet on the following remaining dates over the summer: July 28th, August 11th and 25th, September 8th. Each gathering will stand alone, no book to read or prior work! All are welcome for one session or all. On July 28th we will be doing another guided journaling exercise. On August 11th we will be continuing to learn about foods in the Bible, including the Passover Sedar. August 25th and September 8th, we will be looking at our favorite Bible passages to challenge or confirm our understanding. If you would like to find out more, contact Nancy Arico at nancy.arico@verizon.net or 610-550-9547.

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!

JULY 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 July birthday and would like to be included on this list, please contact Barbara McConnell (blbmccconnell@aol.com).

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| July 1 Meredith Carty | July 9 Bob Miller |
| July 4 Nancy Arico | July 12 Kris Graham |
| July 4 Mimi Wright | July 22 Alex Jixiang Xia |
| July 5 Bruce Phillips | July 24 Cameron Oliver |
| July 6 Logan Carty | July 31 Jason Feldman |

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.

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, July 20	9:30 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Backpacks for Gemma (Fell. Hall)
Tues, July 22	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
	5:15 pm	Marketing Team (Kean Room)
Thurs, July 24	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
Sat, July 26 Youth Leave for Montreat		
	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
Sun, July 27	9:30 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Stewardship Committee Meeting (Kean)

This Week in the Church Office

Pastor Ridgley will be at Montreat Youth Conference with St. John's Youth on Saturday July 26-August 2nd and taking a Sabbath day on August 3rd before Vacation Bible School begins! If you need pastoral care during this time, please call the on-call phone. Should there be an emergency that requires Pastoral Assistance, we have a local pastor available.

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

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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Rev. Dr. Patrick Marshall, Senior Pastor (on sabbatical until September 15)
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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



"Wanderer, your footsteps are the road,
and nothing more; wanderer, there is no road,
the road is made by walking" -Antonio Machado

Sunday, July 20, 2025
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost