

Welcome & Announcements

Introit “All Belong Here” *The Many*

Answering God’s Call to Worship

One: You are here, on this path, in this moment  
All: **And God is here, too, walking beside us.**  
One: In light and shadow, God's presence surrounds us.  
All: **Let us worship with hearts open to the journey ahead.**

\*Hymn (insert) “Longing for Light”

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<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> 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<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> 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.**

Recognition of Graduates Avery Hillier

**All: May this blanket be a reminder of the continuing embrace of  
your parents, the unwavering care and support of this congregation,  
and the steadfast love of Christ.**

Scripture Reading **LIGHT MY PATH**  
Genesis 1:1-5  
*Day 1: Work in the Dark*

Scripture Reading Acts 9: 1-10  
*Day 2: See in the Dark*

Scripture Reading Ruth 1: 11-19  
*Day 3: You are Here*

Scripture Reading Mark 9: 2-10  
*Day 4: See in the Light*

Scripture Reading Matthew 5: 14-17  
*Day 5: Work in the Light*

Musical Interlude  
*Come to the table of Grace, Come to the table of Grace  
This is God's table it's not yours or mine  
Come to the table to of Grace*

**Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**  
Invitation to the Table  
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Communion of the People  
Communion Song “Crowded Table” *The Highwomen*  
**All:**  
*I want a house with a crowded table  
And a place by the fire for everyone  
Let us take on the world while we're young and able  
And bring us back together when the day is done*

Prayer after Communion

\*Presentation of Offering & Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication & Prayers of the People

\*Hymn (insert) “Guide my Feet”

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

**ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**Music Director** Janet Kaido  
**Usher** Brian Bouvier  
**Greeter** Chrisy Bouvier  
**Coffee Server** Doris Humphrey  
**Musicians** Ryan Crill, Nancy Kimmons, Kylie Simmington  
**Flowers** The flowers are given by Linda Groves  
in memory of Michael Groves.

**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**  
The High School Youth who attended Montreat Youth Conference are leading worship this morning. Each sermon write up was written by our youth unpacking our theme throughout the week at camp. Special thanks to Kylie Simmington (Covenant Pres Youth) and Ryan Crill for sharing their musical gifts with us as well!

**SERMON SERIES: ALONG THE WAY: REFLECTIONS FROM THE JOURNEY**  
Join us next week as we continue our late Summer sermon series! Pastor Ridgley will be sharing 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.

NEW EMAIL FOR THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Please note that Pastor Ridgley's email address has been changed to rbeckett@stjohnsdevon.com to reflect a recent name change! If you forget, don't worry, she'll get the emails you send to rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com too!

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 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!

AUGUST 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. Please join us today for cake after the service in Fellowship Hall to celebrate our St. John's members who are having birthdays this month! If you have an August birthday and would like to be included on this list, please contact Barbara McConnell (blbmcconnell@aol.com).

- August 3 Jean Converse
- August 6 Megan Hillier
- August 10 Nancy Coradi
- August 11 James Adams, Teagan Bullock, Connor Loftus
- August 17 Claire Hangen
- August 17 Kate Little, Betsy Miller
- August 18 Gavin Kerr, Brandon Marshall, Brian Binkley
- August 19 Caroline Hillier, Ann Roberts
- August 22 Emily Marshall
- August 29 Brian Bouvier, Patricia Marshall

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, Aug 10	9:30 am	Worship & Communion
Tues, Aug 12	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 pm	Session Vision Meeting (Kean Room)
Thurs, Aug 14	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
Sat, Aug 16	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
Sun, Aug 17	9:30 am	Worship

This Week in the Church Office

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

We travelers, walking to the sun, can't see  
Ahead, but looking back to the very light  
That blinded us shows us the way we came,  
Along which blessings now appear, risen  
As if from sightlessness to sight, and we,  
By blessing brightly lit, keep going toward  
That blessed light that yet to us is dark.

**Sabbath Poems, 1999 VI**  
By Wendell Berry

**Sunday, August 10, 2025**  
**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**