

Welcome & Announcements

Introit “Thy Word” Grant

Answering God’s Call to Worship

Leader: On every path, God walks beside us.
People: In every stranger, Christ meets us.
Leader: Love is bread shared at the table and care offered along the way.
People: Love is welcome without condition.
Leader: Come, pilgrims and friends, and worship the One who leads us home.
People: We come to love God and neighbor with open hearts.

*Hymn 8 (Green) “Here in This Place”

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)
Bb F Bb F Bb 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 Bb Eb Bb 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

One: We believe in the God who called Abraham and Sarah to journey by faith,
All: who meets us on the road and in the place where we dwell.
One: We believe in Jesus Christ, our companion on the way,
All: who took on flesh, walked dusty roads, ate with strangers, healed the wounded, and showed us that the Kingdom of God is near.

One: We believe in the Holy Spirit, our guide and strength for the journey,
All: who opens our eyes to Christ in the face of neighbor and stranger, and fills us with courage to walk the way of love.
One: We believe that we are called to be a pilgrim people—
All: welcoming the stranger, tending the weary, and traveling together toward God’s new creation.
All: To this journey we commit ourselves: in faith, in hope, and in love

Scripture Reading Genesis 18: 1-10 Judy Mileto

Anthem “God’s Highway” McCracken

Scripture Reading Luke 10: 25-37

Sermon ALONG THE WAY Rev. Ridgley Beckett
A Sermon Series on the Camino Portugese

Musical Interlude

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.
These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love,
all these are neighbors to us and you.

*Presentation of Offering & Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication & Prayers of the People

*Hymn 277 (Green) “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

*Benediction

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Music Director Janet Kaido
Greeter Susanne and Alex Engheta
Coffee Server Judy Mileto
Joy Messengers Ryan Crill, Bill Hayward, Lisa Howell, Janet Kaido, Nancy Kimmons, John McClintick, John Senior
Flowers The flowers are given by Steve Benton, Susan Clover, and Sharon Plewinski in memory of their mother, Marilyn Benton

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.

SUMMER SERVICE – AUGUST 24 AT 10:30AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Our final post worship service opportunity of the summer will be on Sunday, August 24. Join us during coffee hour as we pack grocery bags for the Great Valley Food Cupboard. Supplies for these bags are provided by the Outreach and Deacons Ministries at St. John’s.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS - AUGUST 24 9:30AM - SANCTUARY

Join us on Sunday, August 24 for a special Sunday! Our kids will receive their back-to-school blessing bags and we will have a prayer for the new year during worship. Please bring your backpack to be blessed during the children's sermon by Pastor Ridgley!

MUSIC AT ST. JOHN’S

FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT @ ST. JOHN’S- SEPTEMBER 14 AT 5PM

Join us at 5pm in the Sanctuary on Sunday September 14 for a free concert hosted by our music director Janet Kaido! We will have guest musicians and a free will offering-50% will go to the Great Valley Food Cupboard. Please mark your calendars and spread the word!

MUSIC MINISTRY @ ST. JOHN’S- STARTS IN SEPTEMBER!

Time to get ready for Fall! Our adult choir will start practicing on Thursday, September 4 at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Our adult handbells will start practicing Thursday, September 11 at 6:00pm, and our Rejoicing Ringers (Youth) Handbells will start practicing Sunday September 14 at 11am!

CHILDREN’S CHOIR ORIENTATION-

Children ages 4-4th grade are invited to join us in the Sanctuary on Sunday September 28 at 11:00am to learn more about children's choir, make music, and get to know our choir director Ms. Janet!

REJOICING RINGERS (YOUTH) ORIENTATION

Are you in 5-12th grade and curious about the youth handbell choir? Meet Betsy Miller and the youth Handbell choir in the Bells Room at 11am after worship on September 28 to learn more about the choir and see if it is something you'd like to participate in this year!

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!

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: August 25th and September 8th. Each gathering will stand alone, no book to read or prior work! All are welcome for one session or all. 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.

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. If you have an August birthday and would like to be included on this list, please contact Barbara McConnell (blbmccconnell@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

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!



ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

The complete church calendar is available on our website.

Sun, Aug 17	9:30 am	Worship
Mon, Aug 18	10:00 am	Women’s Book Group (Kean)
Tues, Aug 19	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 pm	Session Vision Meeting (Kean Room)
Thurs, Aug 21	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
Sat, Aug 23	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
Sun, Aug 24	9:30 am	Worship & Blessing of the Backpacks
	10:20 am	Grocery Bags for Gemma (Fell. Hall)

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



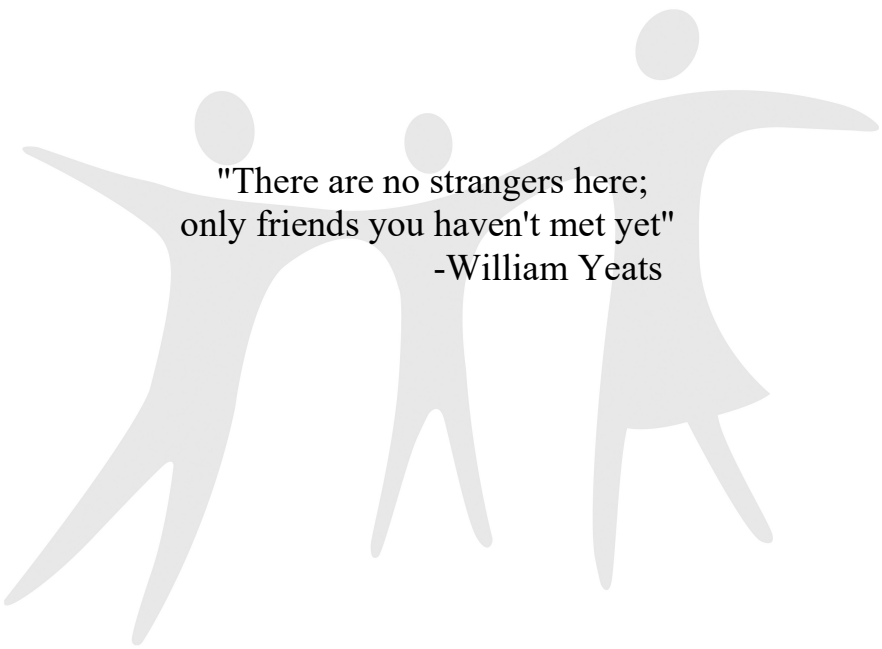
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Rev. Dr. Patrick Marshall, Senior Pastor (on sabbatical until September 15)
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Annie Carruthers, Church Administrator (admin@stjohnsdevon.com)
Janet Kaido, Director of Music (music@stjohnsdevon.com)
Sue Chudy, Clerk of Session (susan.chudy@stjohnsdevon.com)



A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



Sunday, August 17, 2025
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost