

Welcome & Announcements

Introit “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” Fedak

Answering God’s Call to Worship

One: When the road feels long and uncertain—
All: **God walks beside us.**
One: When we are hungry and weary—
All: **God provides what we need.**
One: Come, beloved of God—
All: **Let us worship the One who gives us life!**

*Hymn 127 (red) “Guide me O Thou Great Jehovah”

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, ♪ 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, ♪ 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, ♪ 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 God,
All: **who calls us to journey in faith, even when the way is uncertain.**
One: We believe in Jesus Christ,
All: **our companion on the road who gives what we need when plans fall apart.**
One: We believe in the Holy Spirit,
All: **who gives us strength for each step, and manna for each day.**

One: This is our faith,
and our hope for the journey.
Amen.

Scripture Reading Exodus 16:1-7a Lynne Hay

Anthem “Guide me O Thou Great Jehovah” Schute

Blessing of the Backpacks

All: May these tags remind you that God is always with you. As you sit and as you stand, as you learn and as you play, in every fear and every celebration, may you know God, your friend, is always there.

Sermon WHEN THINGS DON’T GO AS PLANNED Rev. Ridgley Beckett
A Sermon Series on the Camino Portugese

Musical Interlude

*O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guide while troubles last,
And our eternal home.*

*Presentation of Offering & Doxology
Hymn 95 (red)

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, yet heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Amen***

*Prayer of Dedication & Prayers of the People

*Hymn 133 (red) “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

*Benediction

*Postlude “Toccata” Pachelbel

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Music Director Janet Kaido
Greeters Nancy and Joe Arico
Ushers Sue and Bob Chudy
Coffee Server Wanda Odom

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 – TODAY AT 10:30AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
Our final post worship service opportunity of the summer will be today after worship. 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.

HURRICANE HELENE DISASTER RELIEF MISSION TRIP
October 26-November 2, 2025 - Members of St. John's are invited to join in a collaborative mission trip with members from Westminster Presbyterian and FPC West Chester to Montreat, NC where you will be serving with the Fuller Center for Disaster Relief. The Cost is \$200 per person and registration is on their website. To register, please email Pastor Ridgley at rbeckett@stjohnsdevon.com.

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!

FALL KICK OFF-SAVE THE DATE! SEPTEMBER 21
Mark your calendars for Sunday September 21 (Pastor Patrick's first Sunday back in worship) to celebrate the start of Sunday School and give thanks to God for the start of our program year. After worship, we'll all head downstairs and have a potluck brunch and fun after worship in the Fellowship Hall!

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.

NOTE: BACK DOOR

Please note that the back door leading to Fellowship Hall no longer has key access. This door can be unlocked from the inside for worship and other events. Please use the side door until the badge system is installed in September.

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 (blbmcconnell@aol.com).

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| 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 24	9:30 am	Worship & Blessing of the Backpacks
	10:20 am	Grocery Bags for Gemma (Fell. Hall)
Mon, Aug 25	10:00 am	Women’s Book Group (Kean)
Tues, Aug 26	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 pm	Session Vision Meeting (Kean Room)
Thurs, Aug 28	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
Sat, Aug 30	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
Sun, Aug 31	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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Sue Chudy, Clerk of Session (susan.chudy@stjohnsdevon.com)



A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



“The Camino may not go the way you hoped,
but it always goes the way it’s supposed to go.”

Sunday, August 24, 2025
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost