

Welcome & Announcements Minute for Ministry		
Introit	“Though I May Speak”	
Answering God’s Call to Worship		
One:	We gather as God’s people, pilgrims on the journey of faith	
All:	Sometimes the road is smooth and our hearts are light.	
One:	Sometimes the path is hard and we wonder why things are not as we planned. Yet God meets us in our hunger, in our longing, in our need, guiding us along the way.	
All:	On the Camino, in the wilderness, in our lives—	
One:	God provides manna for the day, strength for the road, and grace for the journey.	
All:	Come, beloved people of God, let us worship the One who walks with us always.	
One:	Thanks be to God!	
*Hymn 128 (red) “He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought”		
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 71 (red)		
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.		
*Affirming Our Faith		
One:	Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.	
All:	We set out in faith, pilgrims on a journey toward God’s promise.	
One:	By faith, our ancestors left home and crossed deserts, trusting the One who called them.	
All:	By faith, we walk together, seeking a world renewed by justice, peace, and love.	
One:	By faith, prophets spoke truth to power, and dreamers envisioned a new day.	
All:	By faith, we proclaim that God’s Spirit is still moving, lifting voices long silenced, healing wounds long ignored.	
One:	Christ is our companion and guide, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.	
All:	Christ leads us on the road of love, until we find rest in God’s new creation.	
One:	This is our faith: a pilgrimage of trust.	
All:	Thanks be to God. Amen.	
Scripture Reading	Exodus 13:17-22 (pg. 60, O.T.)	Lynne Hay
Anthem	“You Are Mine”	Haas

Scripture Reading	Hebrews 11:29-12:2 (pg. 226, N.T.)	
Sermon	NEVER ALONE	Rev. Ridgley Beckett

Musical Interlude

*Where He leads me I will follow,
where He leads me I will follow,
where He leads me I will follow,
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.*

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
Communion of the People
Song “Gift of Finest Wheat”
Prayer after Communion

Gratitude in Action Jim Tiede

*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 **267** (green) “Will You Come and Follow Me”

*Benediction

*Postlude “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” *Peeters*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Music Director Janet Kaido
Bass-baritone Michael Scarcelle
Greeters Barbara McConnell
Ushers Tom Higgins
Coffee Servers Marianne and Skip McClennen
Flowers The flowers are given by Bruce and Nancy Phillips in celebration of the 12th birthday of our granddaughter, and gift from God, Greta W. Smith. Happy Birthday, G.

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!

COMMUNION SUNDAY

We will be sharing the Lord’s Supper today. This is not just for Presbyterians or members of St. John’s. Everyone who seeks to know and love Jesus Christ is welcome to share in this meal! You will be invited to come forward up the center aisle, take a piece of bread, and dip it in the cup (all of the bread is gluten-free). There is also a basket of pre-sealed juice cups, if you would prefer not to do intinction

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.

OFFICE HELP NEEDED

Our church administrator, Annie, is out of the office next week and we will need help in the church office in the afternoons answering the phones and greeting visitors. If you are interested in helping, please click the link in the weekly email or 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! Sign up using the link on our website or in the weekly email!

LUNCH & LEARN- SEPT 22 11:30AM-1PM
Understanding Anxiety: Tools for Connection with Katherine Sloman, LMFT
Lunch & Learn returns this month! Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a light lunch (soup) and a chance to learn something new! RSVP on the website or by clicking the link in the weekly email.

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.

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). There will be no gathering on Labor Day. On **September 8th and September 15th** we will continue with our summer format. Bring your favorite Bible passage or story. We will kick off our fall series **September 22nd** with a new book: "Elusive Grace, Loving you Enemies while stiving for God's Justice" by Scott Black Johnston. If you would like to find out more or order a book, contact Nancy Arico at nancy.arico@verizon.net or 610-550-9547

SEPTEMBER 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 September birthday and would like to be included on this list, please contact Barbara McConnell at blbmccconnell@aol.com.

September 2 Stephanie Crill
September 5 Linda Groves
September 7 Stella Urbina, Jim Ryland
September 8 Liz Ward
September 11 Richard Hangen
September 15 Virginia Holt
September 16 Mark Ward
September 20 John Adams, Chrissy Bouvier
September 21 Cat Duncan
September 22 Wanda Odom, Pam Schafer
September 23 Linda Duncan
September 25 Sophie Coradi
September 27 John McClintick
September 28 Matthew Loftus
September 29 Alice Bell, Rowan Bellew

UPDATE FROM THE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM
The St. John’s Transformation Task Forces have continued their work over the summer and will be sharing their recommendations with the Implementation Team at a meeting in early September, and a summary will be given by an Implementation Team member during church announcements on September 14. Continuing updates will be provided throughout the year, and you will also see this information in Sunday bulletins and weekly newsletters. Please contact an Implementation Team member if you have a question: Doris Humphrey, Steve Scolari, Jim Tiede, Patrick Marshall, Ridgley Beckett

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR		
The complete church calendar is available on our website.		
Sun, Sept 7	8:15 am	Deacons (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Implementation Team (Kean Room)
Mon, Sep 8	10:00 am	Women’s Book Group (Kean Room)
Tues, Sep 9	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
	5:15 pm	Marketing Team (Kean Room)
Thurs, Sep 11	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sat, Sep 13	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sun, Sep 14	8:15 am	Trustees (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Confirmation Meeting (Kean Room)
	11:00 am	Women’s Fellowship Meeting (CH)
	5:00 pm	Free Community Concert (Sanctuary)

This Week in the Church Office

Annie will be out of the office all week. Please send any bulletin announcements to admin@stjohnsdevon.com with Pastor Ridgley attached (rbeckett@stjohnsdevon.com) by noon on Wednesday.

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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“On the Camino, you are never alone.”

Sunday, September 7, 2025
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost