

Welcome & Announcements  
Minute for Ministry  
Implementation Team Update

Introit *Amazing Grace*

Answering God’s Call to Worship

One: We gather as seekers, searching for Christ’s light.  
**All: We come, like Magi, following a star of hope.**  
One: Sometimes the path is clear, sometimes it bends in unexpected ways.  
**All: Sometimes we must go another way, trusting God’s call.**  
One: Here in this place, God meets us again.  
**All: We rejoice, for Christ is our guide, our companion, and our way.**  
One: Let us worship God!

\*Hymn **254 (red)** “We Three Kings”

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: We believe in a God who guides the journey.  
**All: A God who sets stars in the sky and paths before our feet.**  
One: We believe in Jesus Christ,  
**All: who walks with us on the road, who meets us in unexpected places, and who calls us to choose love over fear.**  
One: We believe in the Spirit,  
**All: our constant companion, our source of courage and wisdom.**  
One: The Spirit whispers when to stay and when to go, when to resist and when to return home by another way.  
**All: This is our faith, a faith of pilgrims, seekers, and travelers.**  
One: Thanks be to God, who goes with us always.

Scripture Reading Matthew 12:1-12 (pg. 12, N.T.) John McClintick

Receiving New Members  
Dwight & Vangie Jaggard

Anthem *Center of My Joy*

Sermon BY ANOTHER WAY Rev. Ridgley Beckett  
*(Along the way: A sermon series on the Camino Portuguese)*

Musical Interlude *The Summons*  
*Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?*  
*Will you set the prisoner free and never be the same?*  
*Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen?*  
*And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?*

*Will you love the 'You' you hide if I but call your name?*  
*Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?*  
*Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around*  
*through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?*

\*Presentation of Offering & Doxology - Hymn **95 (red)**  
***Praise God from whom all blessings flow***  
***Praise Him all creatures here below;***  
***Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;***  
***Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Amen***

\*Prayer of Dedication & Prayers of the People

\*Hymn (insert) “We are Called”

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

**ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**Music Director** Janet Kaido  
**Musician** Dwight Jaggard  
**Greeter** Barbara McConnell  
**Ushers** Lynne Hay & John Lieberman  
**Coffee Servers** Jean Converse and Lynn Brown  
**Flowers** The flowers are given by Doris Humphrey and daughters in loving memory of John Humphrey.

**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.

**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!

**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!

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE**  
Kermit Eck's mother, Eleanor Eck of Helena, MT passed away peacefully on August 14. She was 104 and amazingly healthy and lived in her own home all these years. Cards may be sent to the Eck Family *8 Forge Drive Malvern, PA 19355*

**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! You can also sign up at Coffee Hour downstairs after worship.

**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.

**PILLOWCASE SEWING- SEPT 22 1-4:00PM**  
Join us in the Fellowship Hall after Lunch & Learn to sew pillowcases for Cases for Smiles. Anyone is welcome to come pin, sew, iron or pack exciting, printed pillowcases for hospitalized children in need.

**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. 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)

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 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. 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 10** Pete Crawford  
**September 11** Richard Hangen  
**September 15** Virginia Holt  
**September 16** Mark Ward  
**September 19** Conner Feldman  
**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

GRATITUDE IN ACTION

This year’s Stewardship theme is “Gratitude in Action” and we will be featuring church members who are sharing the impact St. John’s has had on their lives and their faith (like Meredith below!) There’s an activity downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for you to think about how St. John’s has made an impact on YOU!

WHY ST. JOHN’S?

Meredith Bouvier Carty, a child of the church who lives in Havertown with her husband James and their three children: Logan, Caroline and Noah. After years of trying to find a church family closer to home, they ultimately decided to take the time each week to make the drive to worship at St. John's. When asked "Why St. John's?" Meredith shares—It's so nice to see my children start building friendships at church. "*We really love coming to St. John's and I find myself looking forward to Sunday all week.*"

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. 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, 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)
	11:00 am	Rejoicing Ringers Handbells
Mon, Sep 15	5:00 pm	Free Community Concert (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Women’s Book Study (Kean Room)
	6:00 pm	Faith Formation (Kean Room)
Tue, Sep 16	7:00 pm	Session Meeting (Kean Room)
	5:00 pm	Exercise (Fellowship Hall)
	5:00 pm	Exercise (Fellowship Hall)
Thu, Sep 18	5:00 pm	Exercise (Fellowship Hall)
Sat, Sep 20	9:00 am	Exercise (Fellowship Hall)

This Week in the Church Office

Annie and Pastor Patrick return to the office this week! There will be many things for the staff to catch up on, so we invite you to stop in beginning on Tuesday to say hello and welcome them back! Please send any bulletin announcements to admin@stjohnsdevon.com by noon on Wednesday.

Friday is Pastor Patrick and 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)  
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Sue Chudy, Clerk of Session (susan.chudy@stjohnsdevon.com)



"The Camino doesn’t give you what you want; it gives you what you need to find yourself."

Sunday, September 14, 2025  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost