

Welcome & Announcements
Minute for Ministry

Introit “When the Poor Ones”

Answering God’s Call to Worship

One: This summer we journeyed with pilgrims in scripture.
All: Along the way we learned that God goes with us.
One: Like the Samaritan along the road to Damascus...
All: We are called to be people of radical of hospitality.
One: Like the Israelites who struggled with a journey that wasn’t expected...
All: We are called to remember that God provides.
One: Like the saints who journeyed before us...
All: We are called to remember that we do not journey alone.
One: Like the magi following a star...
All: We are called to follow God’s guidance.
One: Like the disciples on the Emmaus Road...
All: We are called to remember the road does not end here.

*Hymn **117 (Red)** “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

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 God,
All: the Maker of paths we cannot always see, who calls us to journey with courage, and provides manna for each day.
One: We believe in Jesus Christ,
All: the pilgrim of Galilee, who walked dusty roads, welcomed strangers, and showed us that sometimes the faithful path means going another way.
One: We believe in the Holy Spirit,
All: our companion on the journey, who gives strength when the road is steep, comfort when we are weary, and community when we feel alone.
One: We walk together, living out this faith, trusting that the road is made by walking, and that God goes before us, beside us, and behind us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Scripture Reading Luke 24:13–24, 28–35 (pg. 90, N.T.) Bruce Phillips

Children’s Time

As Pre-K–12th graders leave for Sunday School, we send them with this liturgy:
Pastor: Now we go our separate ways to worship and learn about God.
Cong.: May God be with you there!
Children: May God be with you here!

Scripture Reading Luke 24:44–52 (pg. 91, N.T.)

Anthem “Peace Be with You”

Sermon THE END IS THE BEGINNING Rev. Ridgley Beckett
Along the Way: A sermon series on the Camino Portuguese

Musical Interlude “Hymn of Promise”
*In the bulb, there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree.
In cocoons, a hidden promise, butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter, there’s a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
In our end is our beginning, in our time, infinity.
In our doubt, there is believing, in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection, at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

*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 Marching in the Light of God”

*Benediction

*Postlude “We Are Marching in the Light of God” Young

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD
Music Director Janet Kaido
Greeter Alice Bell
Ushers Lynne Hay, Bruce Phillips
Flowers Given in loving memory of Henry & Virginia Aikens by their daughters Kathy Johnson, Nancy Rich, and Judy Mileto.

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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS TODAY!
After the scripture reading, grades K–12 will leave with their teachers. If this is your child’s first time in Sunday School, the ushers have brochures that tell you everything you need to know. As always, nursery care is provided for children 5 and under.

MUSIC AT ST. JOHN’S

CHILDREN’S CHOIR ORIENTATION
Children ages 4–4th grade are invited to join us in the sanctuary on Sunday, **September 28** at 11:00 a.m. 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 11 a.m. 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!

ST. JOHN’S YOUTH FELLOWSHIP IS NOW “CCYC”
For 4 years now, St. John’s youth have been collaborating with the youth from Covenant Pres. in Frazer. We decided to rename our collaborative youth group as “Chester County Youth Collective” (CCYC). Our CCYC Fall Kick-off will be at Covenant Presbyterian (400 Lancaster Ave, Frazer) from 4:30–6 p.m. Join us for food, fun games, and fellowship! To RSVP click the link in the weekly email and the bi-weekly youth and families email.

WOMEN’S BOOK STUDY – 2 OPPORTUNITIES!
The Sunday book group will be returning from their summer break soon with a new book. 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). They will kick off their fall series **tomorrow, September 22**, with a new book: *Elusive Grace: Loving Your 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.

FALL KICK-OFF: TODAY AFTER WORSHIP
Join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck brunch. Even if you didn’t bring anything or RSVP, we still want you to come! We can’t wait to catch up with one another, welcome back Pastor Patrick, and celebrate the start of the program year together!

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN’S RETURNS THIS WEEK!
Supper at St. John’s starts back up this Wednesday! Join us at 6 p.m. for a delicious (free) dinner of honey chicken, rice, a vegetable, salad, and rolls. After we eat, Pastor Patrick will tell us a little bit about his sabbatical.

LUNCH & LEARN: TOMORROW, SEPTEMBER 22 (11:30–1:00)
Understanding Anxiety: Tools for Connection with Katherine Sloman
Lunch & Learn returns tomorrow! 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: TOMORROW, SEPTEMBER 22 (1–4 P.M.)

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after Lunch & Learn to sew pillowcases for Case 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 (OCT. 26–NOV. 2)

Members of St. John’s are invited to join in a collaborative mission trip with Westminster Presbyterian and First Pres. West Chester to Montreat, NC where we 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.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AT ST. JOHN’S

Happy birthday to those in our church family who are celebrating birthdays this month! Please consider wishing them a happy birthday in person or sending them birthday wishes by text, email, or a birthday card in the mail. If you have a September birthday and would like to be included on this list, please contact Barbara McConnell at blbmconnell@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 are featuring church members who are sharing the impact St. John’s has had on their lives and faith (like Brian 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!

“I am very happy we found St. John’s when we moved from out of state, eight years ago. From the very beginning, everyone was very friendly and welcoming. I was made to feel that we belonged. So many people have gone out of their way throughout the years and on multiple occasions to make me and my family feel very welcomed. It is a tight-knit community where everyone supports and lifts each other up. I have also enjoyed developing a strong fellowship with other members through the men’s bible study. St. John’s is small but mighty!” -Brian Binkley

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR LAURA JEAN MCCLINTICK

On Saturday, October 25 at Noon, a memorial service will be held for Laura Jean McClintick, daughter of John & Barbara McClintick. Please note that the service will be held at **Paoli Presbyterian Church**. All are welcome to come and celebrate her life. There will be a reception following.

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

The complete church calendar is available on our website.

Sun, Sept. 21	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Fall Kick-off Brunch (Fellowship Hall)
Mon, Sept. 22	10:00 am	Women’s Book Study (Kean)
	11:00 am	Lunch & Learn (Fell. Hall)
Tue, Sept. 23	1:00 pm	Pillowcase Sewing (Fell. Hall)
	6:00 pm	Faith Formation (Kean)
Wed, Sept. 24	5:00 pm	Exercise (Fellowship Hall)
Thu, Sept. 25	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John’s (Fell. Hall)
Sat, Sept. 27	5:00 pm	Exercise (Fellowship Hall)
Sun, Sept. 28	9:00 am	Exercise (Fellowship Hall)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	11:00 am	Children’s Choir Orientation (Sanctuary)
	11:00 am	Youth Bells Orientation (Music Room)

This Week in the Church Office

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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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



“Santiago is not the end of the road,
it is only the beginning.”

Sunday, September 21, 2025
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost