

An asterisk (*) indicates that you are invited to stand, as you are able.

Welcome & Announcements
Minute for Ministry

Introit “Dance with the Spirit” Strathdee

Answering God’s Call to Worship
One: Jesus said, “Where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there among them.”
All: Come, Lord Jesus, and make us aware of your presence.
One: Come into this time and place, into our hearts and minds.
All: Give us eyes to see you, ears to hear you,
minds to understand you, and hearts to embrace you.
Come, Lord Jesus, that we may worship you!

*Hymn 62 (Red) “All Creatures of Our God and King” (vss. 1, 5, 7)

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
Jesus lived with a constant sense of God’s presence.
He put God’s claim on his life above all else.
He joined others in God’s worship and praise.
He drew strength from the Scriptures.
He prayed and taught his disciples to pray.
We believe Christ gives us and demands of us
personal lives that are centered in God
and open to God’s reality and rule.
Christ teaches us to put obedience to God
above the interests of self, family, race, or nation;
to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time.
We need constantly to search out God’s way in Scripture,
relying on the Word to tell us who God is,
to press God’s present claim upon us,
and to assure us of God’s grace and comfort.
Life in God’s presence issues in life for others,
for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see,
we cannot love God whom we do not see.

Scripture Reading John 14:1–7 (pg. 108, N.T.) Judy Mileto

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!

Anthem “Waymaker” Leeland

Sermon A DIFFERENT CAMINO Rev. Dr. Marshall

Musical Interlude “Do Not Be Afraid”
Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.

Gratitude in Action Sophie Coradi

*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 130 (Green) “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

*Benediction

*Postlude “We’ll Walk the Land” Kendricks

Please take time after the Postlude to greet one another,
especially people you don’t already know!

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD
Music Director Janet Kaido
Greeter Sharon Griffin
Usher Brian Bouvier
Coffee Servers Dick & Chris Oliver
Joy Messengers Linda Duncan, Lauren Feldman, Troy Fisher, Bill Hayward,
Lisa Howell, Nancy Kimmons, Pam Schaefer, John Senior,
Jeff Wagner

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
After the children’s time, grades K–12 are invited to leave with their teachers
for Sunday School. If this is your child’s first time in Sunday School, the
ushers have pamphlets that tell you everything you need to know. As always,
nursery care is provided for children ages 5 and under.

MUSIC AT ST. JOHN’S

CHILDREN’S CHOIR ORIENTATION – TODAY!
Children ages 4–4th grade are invited to join us in the sanctuary **today 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 – TODAY!
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 after worship **today at 11 a.m.** 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 & 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 be discussing: *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.

HURRICANE HELENE DISASTER RELIEF MISSION TRIP (OCT. 26–NOV. 2)
You 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.

POUR SOME LOVE: BE A SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR HOST!
The St. John’s Women’s Fellowship warmly invites everyone in our
congregation to host a Coffee Hour after worship – a simple yet meaningful
way to bring us all closer together. Hosting is easy, fun, and a wonderful
opportunity to welcome new faces while deepening connections with familiar
ones. We provide the instructions; you provide the love! Help us create
special moments of fellowship, friendship, and joy every Sunday. Sign up to
host and help make our Coffee Hour a true highlight of the week! Contact
Wanda Odom or Nancy Phillips if you’d like to assist.

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN’S IS BACK!

We’re back into the swing of things with one of St. John’s favorite fellowship events! Join us at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for a delicious (free) dinner. Beginning at 7 p.m., Pastor Ridgley and Rev. Jamie Butcher will be teaching a class called, “Love God, Love Neighbor,” structured around cultivating an understanding of God, self, and compassion for others using the Enneagram Personality Tool. This class will be held in the Carriage House and run until Nov. 5. Even if you can’t stay for the class, you can still come to dinner (and vice versa). We hope that you will join us!

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 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 are featuring members of our church family who are sharing the impact St. John’s has had on their lives and faith. There’s an activity on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for you to think about how St. John’s has made an impact on you!

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. 28	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	11:00 am	Children’s Choir Orientation (Sanctuary)
	11:00 am	Youth Bells Orientation (Music Room)
Mon, Sept. 29	10:00 am	Women’s Book Study (Kean)
	6:00 pm	Faith Formation (Kean)
Tue, Sept. 30	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Wed, Oct. 1	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John’s (Fell. Hall)
Thu, Oct. 2	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
Sat, Oct. 4	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
Sun, Oct. 5	World Communion Sunday	
	8:15 am	Deacon’s Meeting (Kean)
	9:30 am	Worship & Communion
	11:00 am	Confirmation Session (Kean)
	4:30 pm	Youth Fellowship Kick-Off (Covenant)

This Week in the Church Office

Pastor Patrick will be out of the office all day Tuesday for a Presbytery meeting in Landisville.

Pastor Ridgley will be out of the office on Wednesday and Thursday.

Annie will be out of the office on Thursday. 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



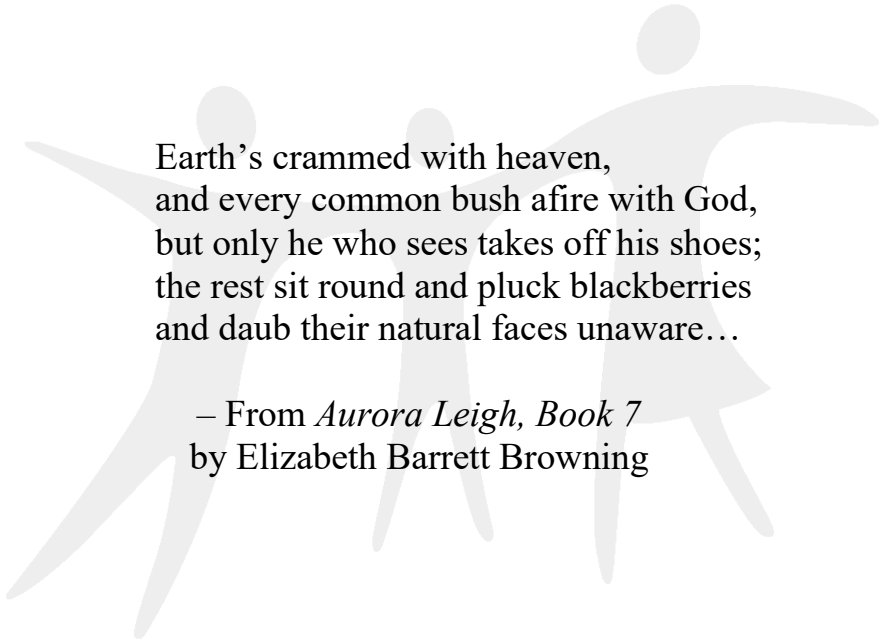
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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



Earth’s cramped with heaven,
and every common bush afire with God,
but only he who sees takes off his shoes;
the rest sit round and pluck blackberries
and daub their natural faces unaware...

– From *Aurora Leigh*, Book 7
by Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Sunday, September 28, 2025
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost