

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

Welcome & Announcements

Introit “Hymn 18” Gibbons

Answering God’s Call to Worship

One: Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”
All: **Blessed are those who hunger than thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled!**
One: Jesus said, “I am the vine, and you are the branches.” Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit.”
All: **For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.**
One: Let us join our voices to the chorus of praise that echoes around the world. Let us worship God!

*Hymn (Insert) “In Christ There Is No East or West”

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 The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father, Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:1–12 (pg. 4, N.T.) Brian Bouvier

Commissioning of Confirmands

As Pre-K–4th 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 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” arr. Marchand

Scripture Reading Luke 6:17–26 (pg. 64, N.T.)

Sermon BODY AND SOUL Rev. Dr. Marshall

*Hymn 620 (vss. 1, 2) “One Bread, One Body”

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
Communion of the People
Prayer after Communion

*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 437 “This Is My Song”

*Benediction

*Postlude “It Is Well with My Soul” arr. Bliss

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 Barbara McConnell
Usher Lynne Hay
Coffee Servers Earline & Kermit Eck
The Devon Brass Mark Ator, Jeff Estabrook, Frank Mercurio, Paul Steege

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

After the scripture reading, grades K–4 will leave with their teachers. Grades 5–12 will remain for communion. 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.

CCYC (YOUTH FELLOWSHIP) KICK-OFF TODAY @ 4:30PM

Join us at Covenant Presbyterian (400 Lancaster Ave Frazer) for our first youth fellowship gathering for the year! We will play games, catch up from summer break, and have dinner together! Please click the link in the weekly newsletter to RSVP.

WOMEN’S BOOK STUDY – 2 OPPORTUNITIES!

The Sunday book meets at 8 a.m. in the Carriage House. Next Sunday they will begin reading *Appreciate These Things: Eight Ways of Cultivating Compassion* by Jill Duffield. Contact Nancy Wolfe (nj.wolfe@verizon.net) for more information.

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 (nancy.arico@verizon.net or 610-550-9547).

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

Next Sunday we will be making cards and packing college care packages as a congregation this year during coffee hour! This event is for all ages. If you would like a beloved college student in your life to receive a care package, please email Pastor Ridgley their mailing address!

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.

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.

ST. JOHN’S FALL FESTIVAL – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 (4-6 PM)

Families are invited to join us for a fun evening of crafting, mission, and games to celebrate the Fall season together. If you have your costume ready, feel free to wear it! Youth will gather at 6 p.m. after the festival to play GROG with Covenant Youth in the Carriage House until 7 p.m. We are in need of volunteers to help this event run smoothly for our kids! Please contact Pastor Ridgley for more information.

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN’S IS BACK!

Join us at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for a delicious (free) dinner. 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 November 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!

BLESSING OF THE PETS – OCTOBER 18

Join us at 10 a.m. at Covenant Presbyterian Church (400 Lancaster Ave, Frazer) for a Blessing of the Pets. It will be a fun and morning of giving thanks for the furry friends among us!

DISASTER RELIEF MISSION PROJECT – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22 (7-8 PM)

Join us after supper in the Carriage House to pack hygiene kits and clean up buckets for Church World Service for Disaster Relief. This event is open to all ages! Please help us purchase supplies by donating on our website noting “Disaster Relief- Sponsor Essentials” for the fund in the drop-down menu!

OCTOBER 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. Join us after worship today for cake in Fellowship Hall to celebrate our October birthdays. If you have an October birthday and would like to be included on this list, please contact Barbara McConnell at blbmccconnell@aol.com.

- October 1

Steve Oliver
- October 7

Garrick Bellew
- October 8

Nader Engheta
- October 12

John Shaw
- October 13

Troy Fisher
- October 15

Jim Little
- October 17

Patrick Marshall
- October 19

Andrew Ward
- October 26

Tom Higgins
- October 28

Matt Crill

COFFEE & HOT CHOCOLATE DRIVE FOR GREAT VALLEY FOOD CUPBOARD

Throughout the month of October, we are collecting coffee and packets of hot chocolate for the Great Valley Food Cupboard. We just ask that the coffee has been purchased recently and is unopened. A collection box has been set up in Fellowship Hall. GVFC greatly appreciates all you do!

GRATITUDE IN ACTION

This year’s stewardship theme is “Gratitude in Action,” and we are featuring members of our church family (like Rich Loomis below!) 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!

“From the moment we first came to St. John’s, we felt welcomed and part of a caring community. It’s a place where our family is growing in faith, finding friendship, and discovering new ways to serve. I’m grateful for the spirit of warmth and openness that makes St. John’s feel like home.” – Rich Loomis

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.

WOMEN’S RETREAT – NOVEMBER 1

Pastor Ridgley and Rev. Maggie Niles will be leading a collaborative women’s retreat with Covenant Presbyterian Church at St. Peter’s in the Great Valley on Saturday, November 1 from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. (with optional workshops from 3–5 p.m.). Please register by October 26 using the link in the weekly email.

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

The complete church calendar is available on our website.

Sun, Oct. 5	World Communion Sunday
	8:15 am Deacon’s Meeting (Kean)
	9:30 am Worship & Communion
	11:00 am Confirmation Session (Kean)
	11:45 am Music Planning Meeting
	4:30 pm Youth Fellowship Kick-Off (Covenant)
Mon, Oct. 6	10:00 am Women’s Book Study (Kean)
Tue, Oct. 7	5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 pm Called Session Meeting (Kean)
Wed, Oct. 8	6:00 pm Supper at St. John’s (Fell. Hall)
Thu, Oct. 9	5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
Sat, Oct. 11	9:00 am Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
Sun, Oct. 12	8:15 am Trustees Meeting (Kean)
	9:30 am Worship & Sunday School

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

“Instead of battering each other with our different perspectives on Jesus Christ, we might listen for what complements and corrects our own view in what others have to say about their knowledge and love of him. Perhaps, if we did that, we could represent him more fully and accurately to a world that doesn’t know him very well. I think that he would be honored if we pooled our efforts on his behalf.”

– Barbara G. Wheeler

Sunday, October 5, 2025
World Communion Sunday