

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

Welcome & Announcements

Introit “Laudate Omnes Gentes” Bell

Answering God’s Call to Worship

One: Jesus said, “I am the Light of the World.”

All: “Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

One: Jesus said, “You are the light of the world.”

All: “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to God!”

One: May Christ’s light shine on us and in us as we worship God.

*Hymn (Insert) “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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.

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:13–16 (pg. 4, N.T.) Jim Ryland

The Sacrament of Baptism Lilly Anne Eck, Forrest Windle Eck
Children of Tyler & Sandy Eck

As part of the baptismal liturgy, we profess our faith using 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.

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 “Higher Ground” Gabriel

Scripture Reading Luke 6:27–36 (pg. 64, N.T.)

Sermon SALT & LIGHT Rev. Dr. Marshall

*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 560 “Help Us Accept Each Other”

*Benediction

*Postlude “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” Willan

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 Alex Engheta, Susanne Engheta
Usher Genevieve Bellew, Alberto Urbina
Coffee Servers Tom & Nancy Higgins

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 scripture reading, grades K–12 will leave with their teachers. 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.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES – TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Today after worship in Fellowship Hall we will be making cards and packing college care packages as a congregation this year during coffee hour! This event is for all ages.

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!

WOMEN’S BOOK STUDY – 2 OPPORTUNITIES!

The Sunday book meets at 8:15 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).

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.

BLESSING OF THE PETS – SATURDAY, 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!

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.

DISASTER RELIEF MISSION PROJECT – WEDNESDAY, OCT. 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!

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.

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.

ANNIE ON VACATION

Starting tomorrow (Monday, Oct. 13), our Church Administrator Annie Carruthers will be on a well-deserved vacation for the next two weeks. She will be back in the office on Monday, Oct. 27. We will have volunteers in the office to answer the phone and let people in. There are still some open time slots, so if you would be willing to help, please contact Jim Ryland (jrryland@comcast.net). Shifts are typically 9:30–1:00 and 1:00–4:30, but we welcome any help we can get! **While Annie is gone, please send any announcements for the bulletin or weekly email to Ridgley at rbeckett@stjohnsdevon.com.**

CHURCH WEBSITE UPDATE

Our church website has recently been updated with new pictures and a cleaner, easier-to-navigate main page. Go check it out and share it with a friend or on social media!

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. If you have an October birthday and would like to be included on this list, please contact Barbara McConnell at blbmcconnell@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 Ashlee Oliver 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!

“St. John’s offers a welcoming and nurturing environment where youth can experience and grow in God’s love – both for themselves and for others. Whether you are a toddler or a teenager, it’s a community that embraces and uplifts young people, providing meaningful opportunities for connection, growth, and service both within the church and beyond. My family and I are grateful for the love, support, and fellowship we have found in our St. John’s family.” – Ashlee Oliver

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.

INQUIRERS’ CLASS – NOVEMBER 2 & 9

In November, we will be hosting classes led by our pastors for those interested in learning more about St. John’s and becoming a member. This two-class series will be held on **Sunday, November 2 and Sunday, November 9 at 11:15 AM in the Carriage House.** We will be talking about what it means to be Presbyterian, what it means to be a member of a church, and telling you more about St. John’s. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Barbara McConnell (blbmcconnell@aol.com) for more information.

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

The complete church calendar is available on our website.

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| Sun, Oct. 12 | 8:15 am | Women’s Book Study |
| | 8:15 am | Trustees Meeting (Kean Room) |
| | 9:30 am | Worship & Sunday School |
| | 10:45 am | College Care Packaging (Fell. Hall) |
| | 11:00 am | Women’s Fellowship Meeting (Sunday School Room) |
| Mon, Oct. 13 | 11:00 am | Implementation Team (Kean) |
| | 10:00 am | Women’s Book Study (Kean) |
| | 7:00 pm | Session Meeting (Kean) |
| Tue, Oct. 14 | 5:00 pm | Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall) |
| Wed, Oct. 15 | 6:00 pm | Supper at St. John’s (Fell. Hall) |
| Thu, Oct. 16 | 5:00 pm | Exercise Class (Fell. Hall) |
| Sat, Oct. 18 | 9:00 am | Exercise Class (Fell. Hall) |
| Sun, Oct. 19 | 8:15 am | Women’s Book Study (Kean) |
| | 9:30 am | Worship & Sunday School |
| | 4:00 pm | Fall Festival |
| | 6:00 pm | Youth Grog (Carriage House) |

This Week in the Church Office

Annie will be out of the office on vacation beginning tomorrow, Oct. 13. She will be back in the office on Monday, Oct. 27. We will have volunteers in the office to answer the phone and let people in. Please send any bulletin announcements to rbeckett@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



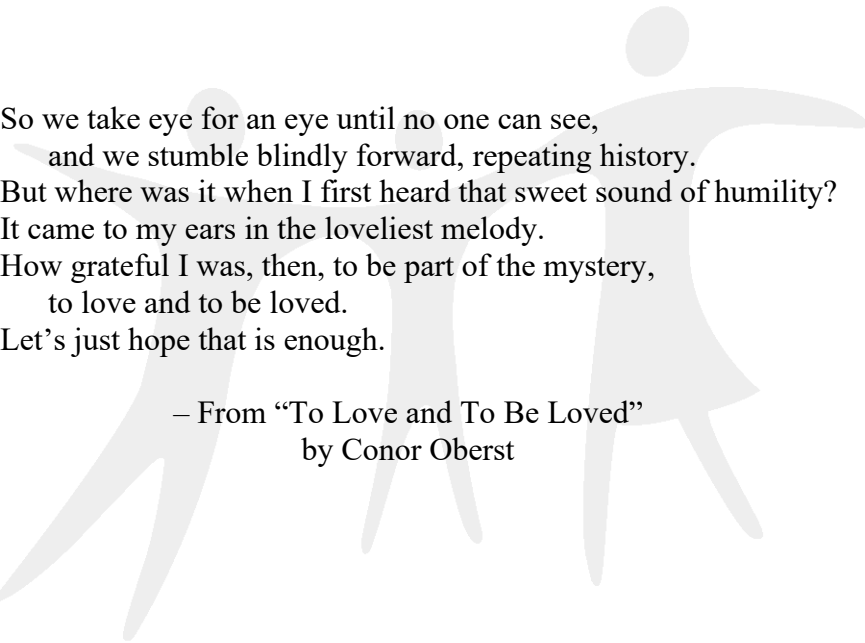
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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



So we take eye for an eye until no one can see,
and we stumble blindly forward, repeating history.
But where was it when I first heard that sweet sound of humility?
It came to my ears in the loveliest melody.
How grateful I was, then, to be part of the mystery,
to love and to be loved.
Let’s just hope that is enough.

– From “To Love and To Be Loved”
by Conor Oberst

Sunday, October 12, 2025
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost