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

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Ministry Implementation Team Update

Introit "Morning Has Broken" arr. Bill Ingram

Answering God's Call to Worship

From Isaiah 40:27–31

One: Do you not know? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth!

All: God does not faint or grow weary!
God's understanding is unsearchable!

One: God gives *power* to the faint and *strengthens* the powerless.

All: Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted.

One: But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

All: They shall mount up with wings like eagles!
They shall run and not be weary!
They shall walk and not faint!

One: Let us worship God.

\*Hymn **Insert** "Great God of Every Blessing"

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

A Modern Affirmation

We believe in God the Father,

infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works,

and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man,

the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,

the ground of our hope,

and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ,

and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

Scripture Reading Matthew 6:5–15 (pg. 5, N.T.) Libby Dalrymple

### 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 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Scripture Reading Luke 18:1–8 (pg. 81, N.T.)

Sermon PERSISTENT PRAYER Rev. Dr. Marshall

Musical Interlude "Seek Ye First"

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia! Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find; knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!

Gratitude in Action Katie Yoder

\*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 **140**, vss. **1**, **3** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

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 Susanne & Alex Engheta
Usher Libby & Dave Dalrymple

**Coffee Servers** Chrissy Bouvier

**Bell Choir** Betsy Miller (Director), Diane Alleva, Stephanie Crill,

Christina Fish, Karen Huang, Jim Tiede

Guest Pianist Dwight Jaggard

### 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.

### ANNIE ON VACATION

Our Church Administrator Annie Carruthers is on a well-deserved vacation and will be back in the office on Monday, Oct. 27. Volunteers will be in the office to answer the phone and let people in. While Annie is gone, please send any announcements for the bulletin or weekly email to Ridgley at rbeckett@stjohnsdevon.com.

### ST. JOHN'S FALL FESTIVAL – TODAY (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.

### SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S IS BACK!

Join us at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for a delicious (free) dinner. Instead of class, this week we will be having am all-ages mission project in the Carriage House – packing buckets and hygiene kits for people who have experienced natural disasters. You can still help us purchase supplies by donating on our website, selecting "Disaster Relief – Sponsor Essentials" for the fund in the drop-down menu. Even if you can't stay for the project, you can still come to dinner (and vice versa). We hope to see you there!

### MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR LAURA JEAN MCCLINTICK

There will be a memorial service for Laura Jean McClintick this Saturday, October 25 at Noon, at <u>Paoli Presbyterian Church</u>. All are welcome to come and celebrate her life! There will be a reception following.

### POUR SOME LOVE: BE A SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR HOST!

The Women's Fellowship 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. To sign up, please contact Wanda Odom or Nancy Phillips if you'd like to assist.

# 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).

### MEN'S GROUP THIS WEEK

The Men's Group will meet this Wednesday, October 22 at 7:00 a.m. in the Carriage House to begin a study on the book of Isaiah. Contact Pastor Patrick to get more information. All men are welcome!

# 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 15 Jim Little
October 7 Garrick Bellew	October 17 Patrick Marshall
October 8 Nader Engheta	October 19 Andrew Ward
October 12 John Shaw	October 26 Tom Higgins
October 13 Troy Fisher	October 28 Matt Crill

### COFFEE & HOT CHOCOLATE DRIVE FOR GREAT VALLEY FOOD CUPBOARD

Throughout 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.

#### GRATITUDE IN ACTION

This year's stewardship theme is "Gratitude in Action," and we are featuring members of our church family (like Katie Yoder today!) 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!

### WHY ST. JOHN'S?

Our St. John's family has been our home away from home for 30+ years. St. John's has played, and continues to play, an integral role in my faith journey through worship, many Supper at St. John's study groups, the Sunday morning women's book study, teaching Sunday School, mission trips, and Christian fellowship in various ways through the years. I am grateful that our St. John's family helped raise our children in a loving, compassionate, faithful community. Benevolence at St. John's has always been a priority and it is important to me to try to help others both locally and around the world. Giving to St. John's is critical to me as a way to give thanks for all our many blessings and to continue to support those programs, including worship, that have impacted, and continue to impact, my faith journey. – Libby Dalrymple

### WOMEN'S RETREAT – NOVEMBER 1

Rev. Ridgley Beckett 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 using the link in the weekly email.

# FALL FAMILY FUN DAY – NOVEMBER 2 (1:45–4:00 P.M.)

Children, youth, and their families are invited to join us at Linvilla Orchards for a hayride, corn maze, and apple catapulting! We will meet Pastor Ridgley under a purple umbrella outside the food store at Linvilla and walk together to the hayride that begins at 2 p.m. Please RSVP by clicking the link in the youth and families newsletter.

### INOUIRERS' 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

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Sun, Oct. 19	8:15 am	Women's Book Study (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	9:45 am	Confirmation Class (Carriage House)
	4:00 pm	Fall Festival (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 pm	Youth Grog (Carr. House)
Mon, Oct. 20	10:00 am	Women's Book Study (Kean)
Tue, Oct. 21	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
Wed, Oct. 22	7:00 am	Men's Group (Carr. House)
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's (Fell. Hall)
	7:00 pm	Mission Project (Carr. House)
Thu, Oct. 23	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
Sat, Oct. 25	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
	Noon	Laura Jean McClintick Memorial (Paoli)
Sun, Oct. 26	8:15 am	Women's Book Study (Kean)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	11:00 am	Outreach Meeting (Kean)
	6:00 pm	Trunk or Treat (Covenant Frazer)

# This Week in the Church Office

Annie is out of the office on vacation and 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 <a href="mailto:rbeckett@stjohnsdevon.com">rbeckett@stjohnsdevon.com</a> 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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"Prayer is not something we do because it 'works'...When the great saints of the Church speak of prayer, they very rarely talk about whether it works or not. For them, prayer is all about love, the creation of communion with the God from whom the soul cannot bear to be apart."

 From The Beautiful Work of Learning to Pray by James Howell

> Sunday, October 19, 2025 Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost