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ST. JOHN'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Reflecting God's unconditional love to all!

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July 12, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship Notes

There are offering trays located at each entrance to the sanctuary. If you would like to give, you can put your offering there before worship. You can also give online using this QR code.



If you have a prayer request, there are blue prayer cards in your pew racks that can be put in the trays, as well.

The ^ symbol indicates that you are invited to stand, as you are able.

The hymns can be found on pages 3 and 4 of the bulletin, and the scripture reading is printed on the back.

Please note: This service is being live-streamed and archived through our social media channels. While the video focuses on the worship leaders, participants may also appear in the recordings.

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 greeters located at the sanctuary doors. We would love for you to join us for refreshments downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship. We are so glad that you are here and hope you will worship with us again soon!

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

"Ten Thousand Angels"

McCracken

***Love has come;
love has come for you***

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: Surely the Lord is in this place;

All: This is the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!

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

"Be Still for the Presence"

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.

Promise of Forgiveness

^ Gloria Patri "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"



^ Affirming Our Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 28:10–22

Susanne Engheta

Children's Time

Anthem

"One Voice"

Moody

Sermon

"The House of God"

Rev. Dr. Marshall

Summer Sermon Series: "Anything but Ordinary"

^ Presentation of Offering & Doxology

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

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

^ Benediction

^ Postlude

"Let It Be"

Lennon/McCartney

After the children's time, the children will return to their seats. Sunday School will resume in September.

After the sermon, there will be a brief musical interlude, offering time for reflection.

After the Postlude, you are encouraged to greet one another (especially people you don't already know!) and come downstairs for a time of refreshments and fellowship. If you see someone standing alone, go talk to them!

Enriching Our Worship of God

Music Director Janet Kaido

Ushers Mark Ntow

Greeter Nancy Wolfe

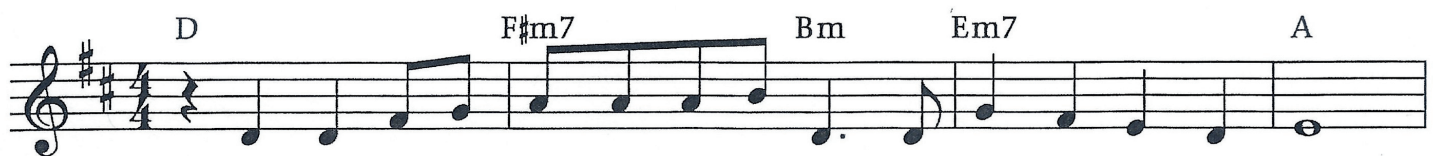
Coffee Servers Tom & Nancy Higgins

Joy Messengers Patrick Bullock, Lauren Feldman, Ethan Fisher, Troy Fisher,
Lisa Howell, Nancy Kimmons, Katy Love, John Senior, Jeff Wagner

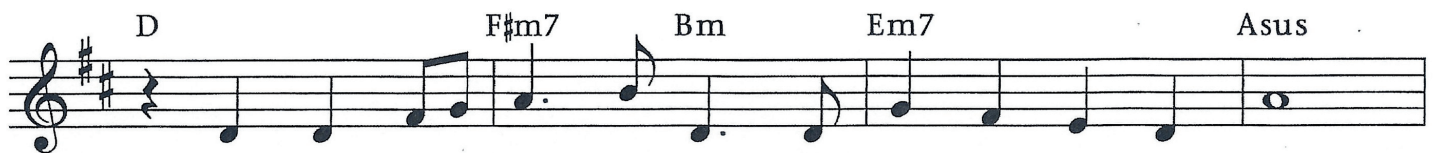
Flowers The flowers are given by a grateful congregation in loving memory of
Irene A. McElreavy, a 49-year member of St. John's, whose generous estate
gift made it possible for us to renovate the lower level in 2017.

Be Still, for the Presence

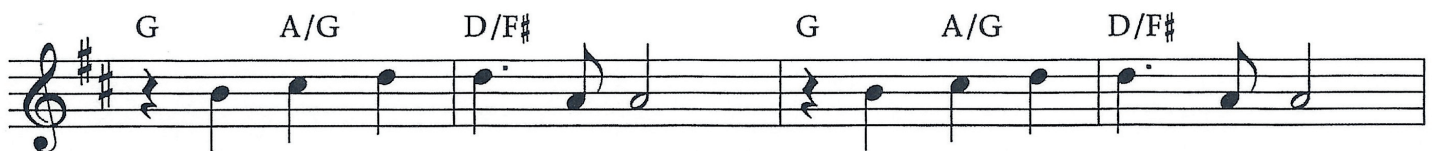
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1 Be still, for the pres-ence of the Lord, the Ho - ly One, is here.
2 Be still, for the glo - ry of the Lord is shin-ing all a - round.
3 Be still, for the pow - er of the Lord is mov-ing in this place.



Come bow be - fore him now, with rev - er - ence and fear.
He burns with ho - ly fire; with splen-dor he is crowned.
He comes to cleanse and heal, to min - is - ter his grace.



In him no sin is found; we stand on ho - ly ground.
How awe-some is the sight, our rad - iant King of light!
No work too hard for him; in faith re - ceive from him.

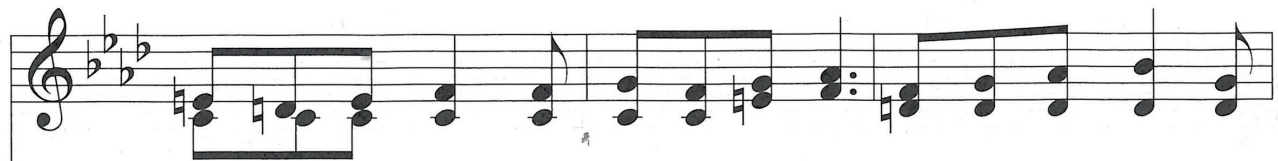


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Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



- 1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou hast for me.
- 2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear.
- 3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where.



Place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - clasp and
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery - thing false will
O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with thy chil - dren



set me free. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
thus to share. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy



will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
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Announcements

Congregational Life

July Birthdays

Happy birthday to everyone in our church family who is celebrating a birthday this month! Please wish them a happy birthday in person at church or send them birthday wishes by text, email, or a card in the mail. Join us after worship today for cake in Fellowship Hall to celebrate our July birthdays. If you would like to be included in our birthday lists, please contact Barbara McConnell (blbmccconnell@aol.com).

July 1 Meredith Carty

July 4 Nancy Arico

July 4 Mimi Wright

July 5 Bruce Phillips

July 6 Logan Carty

July 9 Bob Miller

July 12 Kris Graham

July 24 Cameron Oliver

July 31 Jason Feldman

Wednesday Men's Day Lunch

Our next men's lunch will be on **Wednesday, July 22 at Noon**. Men of all ages are invited to bring their lunch to the church and eat together in Fellowship Hall! No RSVP needed, and there's no agenda; just an informal time of food and fellowship together. Come a little late or leave early if you need to. If you have any questions, just ask Pastor Patrick.

Conversation on Immigration

Immigration can be a controversial political topic in our country. But so often, we lose sight of the personal aspects of this subject and the real lives that are involved with it. On **Sunday, July 26**, the Outreach Committee will be hosting a conversation in the Carriage House with some members of our church family who have left their home countries and immigrated to the United States. The hope is that as we hear their unique stories about the blessings and challenges that they experienced, we might understand the issue of immigration on a more personal level. We would love for you to join us after worship for this deeply meaningful conversation.

Children & Youth

Scan the QR code to subscribe to
our Children & Youth Newsletter:



Vacation Bible School 2026

OPERATION RESTORATION: Mending God's World

Join us August 3–7 from 9 a.m. to Noon at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Devon for VBS! We will gather for music, Bible study, games, crafts, and FUN. Registration for students and volunteers is open now. You can register through May 30 using the link in the weekly email through. We are looking for volunteers to help with shepherding, station leading, and more! We have a volunteer position for everyone, even those who can only come one day. For more information, contact Pastor Ridgley!

Youth Bible Study will not be meeting for the summer and will resume in the Fall!

Faith Formation

Women's Book Study – 2 Opportunities

The Sunday book group will be taking the summer off. They will resume with a new book study in September. 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 Resources). They started the book *From Widows to Warriors: Women's Stories from the Old Testament* by Lynn Japinga on July 6. Copies are available in the church office. If you would like to find out more, Contact Nancy Arico (nancy.arico@verizon.net) for more info.

Men's Group

The Wednesday morning men's group is taking a break for the summer and will resume in the fall. Until then, come to one of our Wednesday Men's Day lunches!

Interested in Joining St. John's?

We would love for you to become a part of our church family! You can indicate your interest on the Fellowship Pad or contact one of our pastors. They will get in touch with you to set up time for coffee to discuss your interest.

This Week in the Church Office

Pastor Ridgley is currently cycling 260 miles across South Carolina with over 500 cyclists in the annual Ride to End Alzheimer's. She will be back in the office on Thursday.

Any announcements for next week's bulletin or email must be sent to Annie 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

Nursery Help Needed

We are need volunteers to help our nursery worker on Sundays this Summer! We have people in the nursery who can pick up kids and handle any physical parts of nursery work, but we need an adult to sit in the rocking chair and engage with our kids to help fulfill our child protection policy requirements. If we cannot have two adults in the nursery, then we cannot provide nursery care, which is one of the most hospitable things we can do for our young families (and visitors!) **We are especially in need of a volunteer next Sunday, July 19.** Please contact Pastor Ridgley or click the link in the weekly newsletter if you can help!

Office Subs Needed

Annie will be out of the office **Monday, August 3 through Friday, August 7**, attending the Montreat Youth Conference as an adult leader with Pastor Ridgley and our high school youth. We are need of some help in the church office, primarily answering the phone and letting people into the building. (Training is provided for those unfamiliar with the phone and door systems. **There will be two shifts each day, mornings from 9:00-12:00, and afternoons from 1:00-4:00.** If you are able to help, click on the link in the weekly email to sign up!

Giving

If you would like to support the life and ministry of St. John's, you can scan this QR code to give online.



Financial Update

An update for the month of June will be available next week. As of May 31, year-to-date operating income from all sources totaled \$365,962, above budget by \$81,755, due largely to some people already giving their full pledges for the year. That always slightly inflates the financial picture in the first part of the year, but will average out over the coming months.

Expenses year-to-date are \$302,615, under budget by \$12,676.

Income minus Expenses yielded a surplus of \$63,358. Thank you for all the ways that you make the life and ministry of our church family possible!

Looking Ahead...

Sunday, July 19 - Erik Friend from Karitas (one of St. John's mission partners) will be with us in worship to update us on the work they are doing in Cuernavaca, Mexico!

Sunday, July 26 - We will saying goodbye to the Ntow family in worship and sending them with a blessing, as they move to Texas for Mark to begin his PhD studies. After worship we will be holding a conversation on immigration in the Carriage House.

Sunday, August 16 - Our High School youth will lead worship, sharing what they experienced at their annual Youth Conference in Montreat, NC!

Sunday, September 20 - Save the date for our Fall Kickoff! We will gather for our first Sunday School class of the year followed by a meal together as a church family after worship.

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This Week at St. John's

Scan this QR Code for the complete church calendar:



Sunday, July 12

8:30 am Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)

9:30 am Worship

11:00 am Women's Fellowship Meeting (Sunday School Room)

Monday, July 13

10:00 am Women's Book Group (Kean Room)

Tuesday, July 14

5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, July 16

5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, July 18

9:00 am Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, July 19

9:30 am Worship

St. John's Mission Statement

Reflecting God's unconditional love to all!

Core Values

Faith

We seek to grow in our faith and to recognize God's presence in our lives through scripture, worship, music, fellowship, study, and prayer.

Love

All people are welcome here.
We are a caring, inclusive, intergenerational community, following Jesus Christ's example to love everyone, to be with one another in difficult times, and to share in each other's joys.

Service

We are passionate about helping those in need within our church family, in our local communities, across the country, and throughout the world. Led by the Holy Spirit, we are generous with our time, talents, and resources to bring hope to others in tangible, transformative ways.

Vision Statement

A spiritual home for the community where...

- everyone is welcomed with open hearts, showing each other grace in a complicated world
- people find belonging as they are known, valued, and loved
- together, we grow in our knowledge and love of God
- Jesus inspires us to serve others with compassion

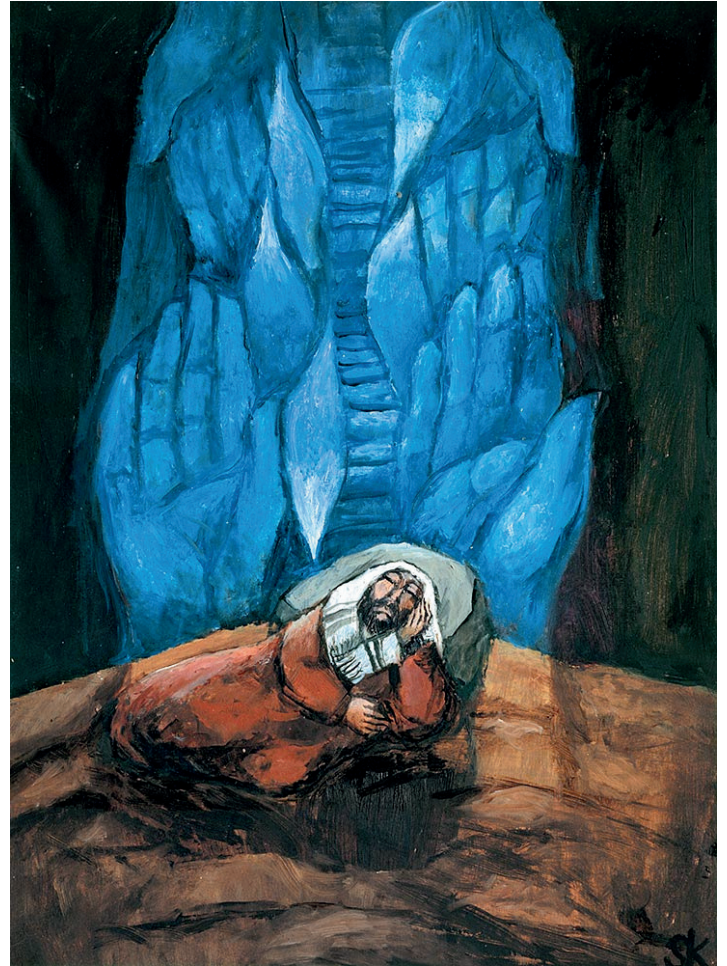
Today's Scripture Reading

Genesis 28: 10-22

¹⁰Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." ¹⁸So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

²⁰Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, ²¹so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God, ²²and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house; and of all that you give me I will surely give one-tenth to you."



"Vision" by Sieger Koder