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

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Sixteenth 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

Minute for Mission

Erik Friend, Wellspring Karitas

Introit

"I Vow to Thee My Country"

Holst arr. Marchand

Answering God's Call to Worship

One: Like the day rises to meet the sun...

All: Awake, my soul, and sing!

One: Like Christ rises to live again...

All: Awake, my soul, and sing!

One: Hush away the hurry. Put to rest the worry. Be here now.

All: God is here now! Awake my soul and sing!

One: Let us worship God!

^ Hymn

"Come Sing, O Church in Joy"

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 (#71 in the red hymnal)

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.

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!

^ 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

Genesis 29:16–30

Ken Coradi

Children's Time

Anthem

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Marchand

Sermon

"Tricks and Truth"

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

"Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"

^ Benediction

^ Postlude

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Lutkin arr. Marlatt

Enriching Our Worship of God

Music Director

Janet Kaido

Usher

Ken Coradi

Greeter

Lynne Hay

Coffee Servers

Jeanne Thompson

Flowers

The flowers are given by Gail, Alex, and Meredith Nelson in loving memory of Dr. Stephen Nelson. a wonderful husband, amazing dad, and caring physician to his patients.

Devon Brass

Mark Ator, Jeff Estabrook, Frank Mercurio, Paul Steege

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

430

Brian Dill, 1988

DARWALL'S 148TH 6.6.6.6.8.8

John Darwall, 1770

1. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
2. Long years have come and gone, And still God reigns su - preme,
3. Let cour - age be our friend, Let wis - dom be our guide,
4. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
Em - power-ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
As we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
For Christ the Lord has tri-umphed o'er the a - ges long!

In bold ac - cord, come cel - e-brate the jour-ney now and praise the Lord!

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with four parts and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next four lines. The third system contains the final line. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, providing a harmonic foundation for the vocal parts.

707 Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord



1 Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we hum - bly pray;
 2 Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are thine own;
 3 Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway;
 4 Take thou our - selves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;



give us the mind of Christ each pass - ing day;
 come thou with - in our souls and claim thy throne;
 have in our in - most souls thy per - fect way;
 through our sur - ren - dered souls thy plans ful - fill.



teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
 help us to shed a - broad thy death - less love;
 guard thou each sa - cred hour from self - ish ease;
 We yield our - selves to thee: time, tal - ents, all;



grant us in all our thoughts to hon - or thee.
 use us to make the earth like heaven a - bove.
 guide thou our or - dered lives as thou dost please.
 we hear, and hence - forth heed, thy sov - ereign call.



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 9 Andy Walsh

July 12 Kris Graham

July 24 Cameron Oliver

July 31 Jason Feldman

Wednesday Men's Day Lunch

Our next men's lunch will be **this 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. **Next 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

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

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.** Many times during the summer it is very quiet, so you can bring some work to do or a book to read while you're here! 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

As of June 30, year-to-date operating income from all sources totaled \$429,891, above budget by \$72,408, 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 averages out as the year progresses.

Expenses year-to-date are \$323,167, under budget by \$11,100.

Income minus Expenses yielded a surplus of \$66,765. Thank you for all the ways that you make the life and ministry of our church family possible!

Looking Ahead...

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 13 - We will once again be packing 10,000 meals for *Rise Against Hunger* in the afternoon.

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 19

9:30 am Worship

11:00 am Welcoming Team Meeting (Kean Room)

Monday, July 20

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

Tuesday, July 21

5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, July 22

Noon Wednesday Men's Day Lunch (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, July 23

5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, July 25

9:00 am Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, July 26

9:30 am Worship

10:45 am Conversation on Immigration (Carriage House)

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 29:16–30

¹⁶Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.

¹⁷Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. ¹⁸Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." ¹⁹Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." ²⁰So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

²¹Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." ²²So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. ²³But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. ²⁴(Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) ²⁵When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" ²⁶Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. ²⁷Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." ²⁸Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife. ²⁹(Laban gave his maid Bilhah to his daughter Rachel to be her maid.) ³⁰So Jacob went in to Rachel also, and he loved Rachel more than Leah. He served Laban for another seven years.

Notes
