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**ST. JOHN'S**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Reflecting God's unconditional love to all!

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Eighteenth 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 readings are 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 "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior" *Crosby & Doane*

### Answering God's Call to Worship

One: Here, in this place, God welcomes the dreamers, as well as the doubters.

**All: Here, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.**

One: Here, in this time, we can remember all the ways God has graced us.

**All: Here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us, always!**

One: So let us come with our dreams and our doubts, our worries and our wanderings.

**All: There is a place at God's table for all of us!**

^ Hymn "God Is Here"

### 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.**

In response to the good news of our forgiveness in Jesus Christ, we profess our faith in Christ each week through the Affirmation of Faith. Today's Affirmation comes from the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.'s *Declaration of Faith*, written in 1977.

The Lord's Supper 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 dip in the shared cup.

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

**God keeps his promises and gives us hope.  
In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God kept his promises.  
All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ.  
But the work of God in Christ is not over.  
God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.  
The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence  
that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.  
In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth,  
certainty of victory over death,  
assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.  
This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.  
We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom.  
But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil  
that are possible now in the world, the church, and our individual lives.  
Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition,  
however invincible it may seem,  
for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming.  
Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning.  
He will be Lord at the end. Even now, he is Lord.**

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| Scripture Reading | Genesis 37:1-11                                                            | Jim Ryland        |
| Children's Time   |                                                                            |                   |
| Anthem            | "Come Sunday"                                                              | Ellington         |
| Scripture Reading | Genesis 37:18-36                                                           |                   |
| Sermon            | "From Pit to Well"<br><i>Summer Sermon Series: "Anything but Ordinary"</i> | Rev. Dr. Marshall |

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

The Lord's Supper

^ 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 "Hymn of Promise"

^ Benediction

^ Postlude "The Lord's Prayer" *Brian Hall & Liz Vice*

Enriching Our Worship of God

|                |                        |
|----------------|------------------------|
| Music Director | Janet Kaido            |
| Usher          | Susanne Engheta        |
| Greeter        | John McClintick        |
| Coffee Servers | Gail Nelson            |
| Musicians      | Katy Love & Donn Young |

1. God is here! As we your peo-ple meet to of - fer

3. Here our chil-dren find a wel-come in the Shep - herd's

4. Lord of all, of church and king-dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea-sure

flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak-en,

change and doubt keep us faith - ful to the gos-pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a -

Christ sus-tains us, as of old. Here the ser-vants of the

help us work your pur-pose out. Here, in this day's ded - i -

round us, all our var - ied skills and arts wait the

Ser-vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore what it

ca-tion, all we have to give, re - ceive; we, who

com-ing of the Spir-it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.

means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.

can-not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

## Hymn of Promise

*Unison*

1. In the bulb there is a flow-er; in the seed, an ap-ple tree;  
 2. There's a song in ev-ery si-lence, seek-ing word and mel-o - dy;  
 3. In our end is our be - gin-ning; in our time, in-fin-i - ty;

in co-coons, a hid-den prom-ise: but-ter - flies will soon be free!  
 there's a dawn in ev-ery dark-ness, bring-ing hope to you and me.  
 in our doubt there is be - liev-ing; in our life, e-ter-ni - ty.

In the cold and snow of win-ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
 From the past will come the fu-ture; what it holds, a mys-ter - y,  
 In our death, a res-ur - rec-tion; at the last, a vic-to - ry,

un - re-vealed un-til its sea-son, some-thing God a-lone can see.

## Announcements

### Congregational Life

#### August 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 August birthdays.** If you would like to be included in our birthday lists, please contact Barbara McConnell (blbmccconnell@aol.com).

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>August 3</b> Jean Converse   | <b>August 18</b> Brian Binkley     |
| <b>August 6</b> Megan Hillier   | <b>August 18</b> Gavin Kerr        |
| <b>August 10</b> Nancy Coradi   | <b>August 18</b> Brandon Marshall  |
| <b>August 11</b> James Adams    | <b>August 18</b> Mark Ntow         |
| <b>August 11</b> Teagan Bullock | <b>August 19</b> Caroline Hillier  |
| <b>August 11</b> Connor Loftus  | <b>August 19</b> Ann Roberts       |
| <b>August 15</b> Michael Kaskey | <b>August 22</b> Emily Marshall    |
| <b>August 17</b> Claire Hangen  | <b>August 29</b> Brian Bouvier     |
| <b>August 17</b> Kate Little    | <b>August 29</b> Patricia Marshall |
| <b>August 17</b> Betsy Miller   |                                    |

#### Wednesday Men'sDay Lunch

Our next men's lunch will be **this Wednesday, August 5 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.

### Children & Youth

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



#### High School Summer Trip

Our high schoolers left yesterday for Montreat, NC, where they will spend this week at the annual Montreat Youth Conference. For many of our youth, this is one of their favorite places in the world, and it always provides amazing opportunities for spiritual growth. Please pray for our youth this week, that they would have a safe, incredible experience: **Garrick Bellew, Gen Bellew, Teagan Bullock, Sophie Coradi, Sarah Crill, Ellie Fisher, Graham Hillier, Emily Marshall, Ryan Marshall**, and adult leaders **Ridgley Beckett, Annie Carruthers, Michael Whalen**

**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 is taking the summer off and 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 are reading *From Widows to Warriors: Women's Stories from the Old Testament* by Lynn Japinga. 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'sDay 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

**Annie and Ridgley are both away at Montreat with the high school youth. They will be back in the office Tuesday, August 11.** Volunteers will be assisting in the office throughout the week.

Any announcements for next week's bulletin or email must be sent to **Pastor Patrick** by Noon on Wednesday.

Friday is Pastor Patrick'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 looking for volunteers to help our nursery worker on Sundays this Summer. We already have people in the nursery who can pick up kids and handle any physical parts of the role, but we need another 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!) Please contact Pastor Ridgley or click the link in the weekly newsletter if you can help!

## Congregational Care

### The Ntow's New Address

Last Sunday in worship, we said goodbye to the Ntow family as they move to Texas where Mark will be working on his PhD. If you would like to keep in touch with them (or send Mark a birthday card on August 18!), their new address is:

**Mark Ntow**  
**600 N. Onyx Ave, Unit #1**  
**Edinburg, TX 78541**

## 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, 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.

**Wednesday, September 23** - Supper at St. John's returns!

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## This Week at St. John's

Scan this QR Code for the complete church calendar:



### Sunday, August 2

9:30 am Worship & Communion

### Monday, August 3

9:00 am VBS @ St. Luke Lutheran

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

### Tuesday, August 4

9:00 am VBS @ St. Luke Lutheran

5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

### Wednesday, August 5

9:00 am VBS @ St. Luke Lutheran

Noon Wednesday Men's Day Lunch (Fellowship Hall)

### Thursday, August 6

9:00 am VBS @ St. Luke Lutheran

5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

### Saturday, August 8

9:00 am Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Evening Youth Return from Montreat (Swarthmore Pres.)

### Sunday, August 9

8:15 am Trustee's Meeting (Kean Room)

9:30 am Worship

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

## 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 37:1–11

<sup>1</sup>Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. <sup>2</sup>This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. <sup>3</sup>Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. <sup>4</sup>But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him. <sup>5</sup>Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Listen to this dream that I dreamed. <sup>7</sup>There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it, and bowed down to my sheaf." <sup>8</sup>His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words. <sup>9</sup>He had another dream, and told it to his brothers, saying, "Look, I have had another dream: the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me." <sup>10</sup>But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him, and said to him, "What kind of dream is this that you have had? Shall we indeed come, I and your mother and your brothers, and bow to the ground before you?" <sup>11</sup>So his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

### Genesis 37:18–36

<sup>18</sup>They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. <sup>19</sup>They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. <sup>20</sup>Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." <sup>21</sup>But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." <sup>22</sup>Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. <sup>23</sup>So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; <sup>24</sup>and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. <sup>25</sup>Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. <sup>26</sup>Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? <sup>27</sup>Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. <sup>28</sup>When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt. <sup>29</sup>When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes. <sup>30</sup>He returned to his brothers, and said, "The boy is gone; and I, where can I turn?" <sup>31</sup>Then they took Joseph's robe, slaughtered a goat, and dipped the robe in the blood. <sup>32</sup>They had the long robe with sleeves taken to their father, and they said, "This we have found; see now whether it is your son's robe or not." <sup>33</sup>He recognized it, and said, "It is my son's robe! A wild animal has devoured him; Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces." <sup>34</sup>Then Jacob tore his garments, and put sackcloth on his loins, and mourned for his son many days. <sup>35</sup>All his sons and all his daughters sought to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted, and said, "No, I shall go down to Sheol to my son, mourning." Thus his father bewailed him. <sup>36</sup>Meanwhile the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard.

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