



FAITH • LOVE • SERVICE
ST. JOHN'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Reflecting God's unconditional love to all!

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Twentieth 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.

This hymn can be found on page 4 of the bulletin.

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

"Oceans"

Hillsong

Opening Prayer

Answering God's Call to Worship

One: We wonder together, "Who is God?"

All: God is the Creator who formed the trees that surround us, who set the stars that twinkle in the night sky, who designed jellyfish, giraffes, axolotls, and even humans.

One: Who is God?

All: God is our Redeemer, who knows us better than even our best friends, who sees our strengths and our weaknesses, and who loves us always.

One: Who is God?

All: God is our Sustainer who guides us and accompanies us, who goes behind, beside, and before us all the days of our lives.

One: Come, let us worship the Lord.

^ Hymn

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

Prayer of Confession

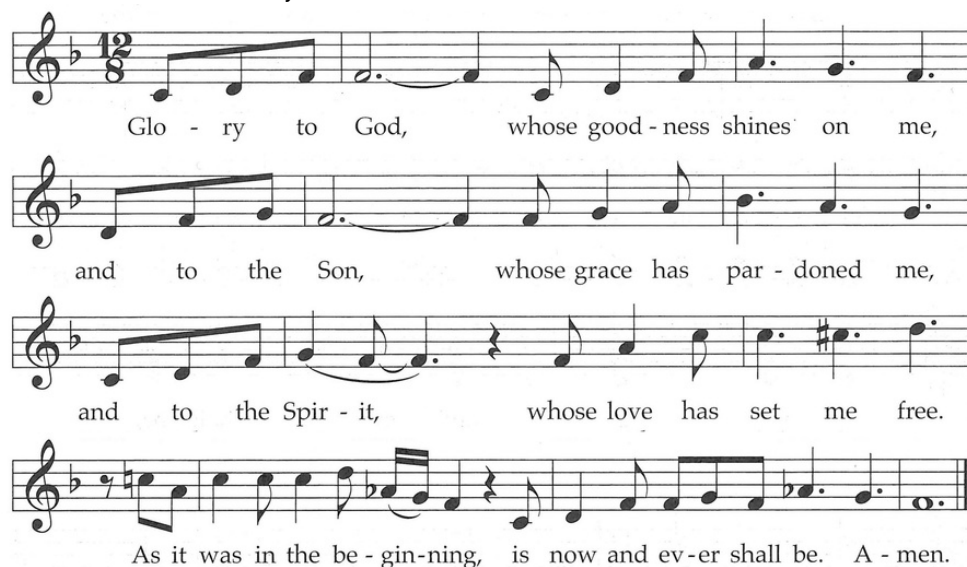
Promise of Forgiveness

From August 1-8, our high schoolers went to Montreat, North Carolina with over 200 other youth from around the country for the annual Montreat Youth Conference.

Each day at Montreat had a theme, a keynote speaker in the morning, two small group gatherings, and a sermon at night (along with fun rec. activities in between!). The youth this morning are sharing something that they learned from each day of the conference.

The youth that went on the trip were **Garrick Bellew, Gen Bellew, Teagan Bullock, Sophie Coradi, Sarah Crill, Ellie Fisher, Graham Hillier, Emily Marshall, Ryan Marshall, Ellie Baughman** (our former pastor Victor Wilson's granddaughter), **Jack Simmington**, and **Kylie Simmington** (both from Covenant Pres.). Going with them were adult leaders **Annie Carruthers** and **Michael Whalen**, along with **Pastor Ridgley**.

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



^ Affirming Our Faith

From the PC(USA)'s "A Declaration of Faith"

God still works through the processes that shape and change the earth and the living things upon it.

We acknowledge God's care and control in the regularity of the universe, as well as in apparently random happenings.

There is no event from which God is absent, and God's ultimate purpose in all events is just and loving.

The Creator works in all things toward the new creation that is promised in Christ.

Anthem

"All in All"

Jernigan

Day One - We belong

Written by Ellie Baughman, Sophie Coradi, Gen Bellew

Scripture - Matthew 2:1-12

*Come now see the Lord of Heaven in a lowly manger laid
King deserving of a throne room, born a poor, powerless babe
Oh, the mystery, oh, the wonder, somehow God is one of us
Such is greatness in His kingdom, He descended to our dust*

Day Two - We are blessed

Written by Ellie Fisher, Kylie Simmington

Scripture - Genesis 12:1-4; 15:1-5

*Christ the Word, holy expression of the humbleness of God
Herald of a prideless kingdom, one of sacrificial love
Mighty One who made the heavens, knelt to wash His brother's feet
And the earth that He created, He bestowed unto the meek*

Day Three - We matter

Written by Garrick Bellew, Teagan Bullock, Ryan Marshall

Scripture - Matthew 26:36-48

*King of glory became nothing, humbled to the point of death
Stretched His arms out like a beggar and forgave with His last breath
What God started with a manger ended with an empty grave
Suffering servant now exalted; Jesus, name above all names*

Day Four - We are favored

Scripture - Luke 1:26-48

Written by Jack Symington, Graham Hillier

*The light eternal in the darkness, He shall not be overcome
Shining over all our shadows, every curse has been undone
Heaven breaks forth like the springtime through the winter of our souls
Now His life is life abundant is forever ours to know*

Day Five - Remember

Scripture - Luke 24:13-35

Written by Sarah Crill, Emily Marshall

*Come now church, let us adore Him, tune your heart to sing His grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's redeeming love*

^ 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 (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.**

This hymn can be found on
page 5 of the bulletin.

^ Hymn

"Come, Live in the Light"

^ Benediction

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!

^ Postlude

"Dance with the Spirit"

Strathdee

Enriching Our Worship of God

Music Director Janet Kaido

Usher Joe Arico

Greeter Nancy Arico

Coffee Server Doris Humphrey

Joy Messengers Patrick Bullock, Ryan Crill, Lauren Feldman, Nancy Kimmons,
John Senior, Kylie Simmington, Jeff Wagner

For the Fruit of All Creation

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1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



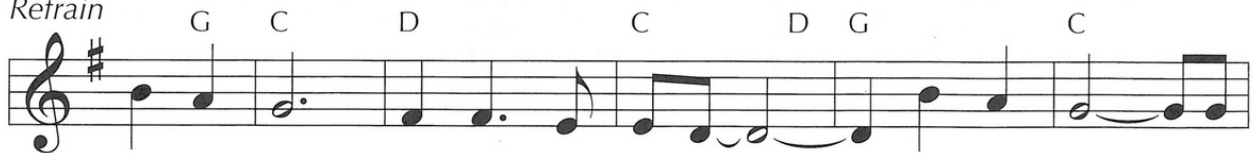
joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

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. If you would like to be included in our birthday lists, please contact Barbara McConnell (blbmcconnell@aol.com).

August 3 Jean Converse

August 6 Megan Hillier

August 10 Nancy Coradi

August 11 James Adams

August 11 Teagan Bullock

August 11 Connor Loftus

August 15 Michael Kaskey

August 17 Claire Hangen

August 17 Kate Little

August 17 Betsy Miller

August 18 Brian Binkley

August 18 Gavin Kerr

August 18 Brandon Marshall

August 18 Mark Ntow

August 19 Caroline Hillier

August 19 Ann Roberts

August 22 Emily Marshall

August 29 Brian Bouvier

August 29 Patricia Marshall

Wednesday Men'sDay Lunch

Our next men's lunch will be **this Wednesday, August 19 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.

Memorial Service

A memorial service for longtime St. John's member **Sue Parsons** will take place **today at 1:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary. All are welcome to come give thanks to God for the life of our beloved sister in Christ! If you cannot attend in person, there is a link to the livestream in yesterday's weekly email.

Service

Food Cupboard Project - Today!

Immediately following worship this morning, we will be packing 30 bags of groceries for the Great Valley Food Cupboard to help people in need in our community. We have all of the groceries, we just need your help! Join us in Fellowship Hall for an easy but meaningful act of service.

Children & Youth

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



Children and youth will receive their back to school blessing packs next Sunday. Please bring your backpack to church!

Sunday School for K-7 begins September 20.

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 will resume on September 23 at 7:00 a.m. in the Carriage House. 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

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

Friday is Patrick and 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 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!

Looking Ahead

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.

Sunday, September 27

Middle & High School Youth Kickoff at Covenant Pres.

Wednesday, September 23

Supper at St. John's returns!

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 July 31, year-to-date operating income from all sources totaled \$471,015, above budget by \$56,690, 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 \$431,314, under budget by \$16,741.

Income minus Expenses yielded a surplus of \$39,700. Thank you for all the ways that you make the life and ministry of our church family possible!

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This Week at St. John's

Scan this QR Code for the complete church calendar:



Sunday, August 16

9:30 am Worship (Montreat Sunday)

10:30 am Grocery Packing for Food Cupboard (Fellowship Hall)

11:00 am Youth Advisory Council Retreat (Youth Room)

1:00 pm Sue Parsons Memorial Service (Sanctuary & Memorial Garden)

Monday, August 17

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

Tuesday, August 18

5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, August 19

Noon Wednesday Men's Day Lunch (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, August 20

5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, August 22

9:00 am Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, August 23

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