



Tough Love from a Loving God

All Saints Sunday

November 3, 2024

10:15 am

Welcome to St. John's UCC Lansdale!

Visitors, please complete the ivory visitor's card found in the pew pocket so we can thank you for joining us this Sunday!



Completed cards go in the basket by the narthex.

The **Book of Joys & Concerns** is a green binder on the podium at the front of the chancel. If you have an Announcement, Joy or Concern you'd like stated, celebrated or prayed about during the service, feel free to write inside before service begins!

Hymnals are on the back of the pew in front of you.

Bibles are on a shelf beneath the pew in front of you.



For **The Children's Message**, youth are invited to sit up front on the chancel steps for a direct and intentional age-appropriate message.



After the Children's Message, children will be dismissed and escorted downstairs for our youth programming; **Connect 3**. Connect 3 is aimed at ages 3 through 12, but all youth are welcome!

Hearing Aids are available if you are having trouble hearing the service.

Please ask a Hospitality Team Member.



Wheelchairs & First Aid Kit are stored in the labeled "First Aid Closet" in the narthex.



AED (Defibrillator) is in the church library on the wall closest to the Sanctuary by the window. When entering from the Sanctuary, turn left.

Audio Recordings of service can be found online on St. John's Facebook Page, Website, or Youtube. Sermons are available on Spotify; "St John's UCC Lansdale Sermons".

If you would like a physical copy, contact the church office.

The Nursery will be open for you to use mindfully. No volunteers will be on duty.

A parent, grandparent, or responsible adult **must** stay with their child.



Worship Leaders

Pastor Tom Adil, Acting Lead Bridge Pastor

Marge Jewell, Liturgist

Abbie Lampe, Children's Message

Andrew Paulson, Minister of Music

United Ringers

Chancel Choir

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Praise God, the Giver and the Gift

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Order of Worship

St. John's United Church of Christ

500 W. Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446

10:15 am—November 3, 2024—All Saints Sunday

*You are invited to stand if able when indicated by an *asterisk and **speak the words in bold.***

PRELUDE

The River (*Shall We Gather at the River* and *I've Got Peace Like a River*).....arr. Anna Laura Page

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator God, we thank you and praise you for creating every human being in your image.

We commit to choosing life, defending life, and protecting life in every peaceful way.

Show us how to walk with the woman or family facing the tragedy of ending a pregnancy as we commit to defending the rights of women, upholding justice for the poor, and educating ourselves and others in all the ways of Jesus.

Help us, Lord, to understand that our moral, political, and economic responsibilities as Christians do not stop at the moment of birth.

We commit to actively promote dignity in human love for all that are powerless.

Show us how to lead our government toward policies that promote life, especially for the poor, prisoners, elders, the sick, the weak, children, and the unemployed.

With God's help, we commit to resist violence, promote peace, and choose life this day and every day.

For it is in you, O God, that we live and move and have our being.

Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

For All the Saints.....299

Stanza 1: All

Stanza 2: Lower Voices

Stanza 3: Choir

Stanza 4: Higher Voices

Stanza 5: All

*CONFESSION

Heal us followers of Jesus; the overly content, the malcontent,

The self-willed and shriveled of heart, the secret weepers,

The self-defeated, the defaulters, the proud of place

Drinking the empty wind of honor. Help the workhorses

Slow; speed the laggards, give back to routine and rote

Their lost soul.

Institution, constitution, order, law,

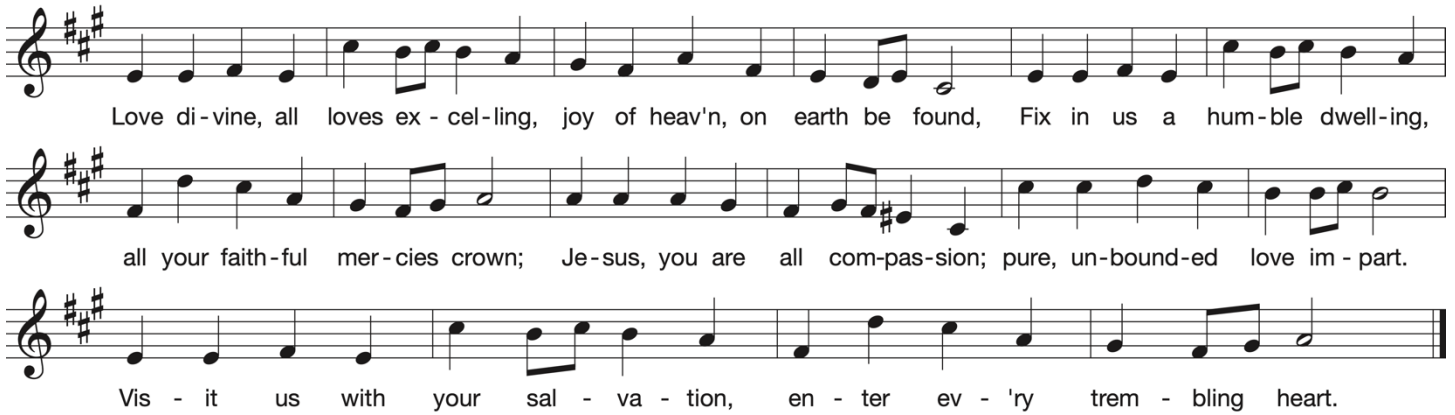
O kiss the dead awake!

Your Holy Spirit, come!

*ASSURANCE

Beloved, you are loved, and you have power to choose love in every moment and every encounter. Love has the power to lift, to heal, and to change. Let Holy Love move the mountains before you and the valleys within you.

*SUNG RESPONSE



Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, joy of heav'n, on earth be found, Fix in us a hum-ble dwell-ing,
 all your faith-ful mer-cies crown; Je-sus, you are all com-pas-sion; pure, un-bound-ed love im-part.
 Vis-it us with your sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25:6-9.....Bible Page 617

GOSPEL READING

John 11:32-44

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Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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.

ANTHEM

When Memory Fades.....Jayne Southwick Cool, arr. Eric Nelson

*When memory fades and recognition falters, when eyes we love grow dim, and minds confused,
 speak to our souls of love that never alters; speak to our hearts by pain and fear abused.
 O God of life and healing peace, empower us with patient courage, by your grace infused.*

*As frailness grows and youthful strengths dimmish in weary arms which worked their earnest fill,
 your aging servants labor now to finish their earthly tasks, as fits your mystery's will.
 We grieve their waning, yet rejoice, believing your arms, unwearied, shall uphold us still.*

*Within your Spirit, goodness lives unfading. The past and future mingle into one.
 All joys remain, unshadowed light pervading. No valued deed will ever be undone.
 Your mind enfolds all finite acts and offerings. Held in your heart, our deathless life in won!*

When memory fades and recognition falters, your arms unwearied, shall uphold us still. -Mary Louise Bringle

SERMON

“The Play’s the Thing”.....Pastor Tom Adil

*HYMN

How Firm a Foundation.....407

Stanza 1: All

Stanza 2: Higher Voices

Stanza 3: Lower Voices

Stanza 4: All in Canon; Choir First, Lectern Side Second, Pulpit Side Third

Stanza 5: All

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

We remember each saint that has gone before us since last All Saint’s Sunday with the tolling of a chime.

JOYS & CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/SUNG RESPONSE

Grant us wis - dom to per - ceive you, hearts a - wak - ened to re - ceive you,
 minds a - lert to thoughts that grieve you, God of mer - cy, hear us.

STEWARDSHIP SPEAKER – MARK METHLIE

OFFERING & OFFERTORY MUSIC

Behold the Host Arrayed in White.....Norwegian Folk Tune, arr. Edvard Grieg

Offering plates will be passed to the congregation in the pews during the Offertory music. The plates will then be dedicated during the Offertory Sung Response. You may also donate by scanning the QR code found in the bulletin and on laminated cards in the pews.

*SUNG RESPONSE

Praise God, the Gi-ver and the Gift. Hands, hearts, and voi-ces now up - lift: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Breath of glad sur - prise, free - ing our spir-its, op'n-ing eyes.
 Three in One-ness, love com-mun - ing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN

Shall We Gather at the River.....597

Stanza 1: All

Refrain: All

Stanza 2: All in Harmony

Refrain: All in Harmony

Stanza 3: All

Refrain: All

Stanza 4: All in Harmony

Refrain: All in Harmony

*BENEDICTION

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

As you depart, you are invited to light a candle in honor of saint that has gone before. Whether you light a candle or not, please depart in silence as we remember the servants whose labor is now finished.

Following worship, you are invited to join us for Fellowship in the Assembly Hall.

Worship Assistants

Hospitality:

Mark Methlie, Jen Gilbert, Sarah Hogan,
Bonnie & Walt Weber

Elder of the Morning:

Anne Kinsey

Deacon of the Morning:

Judy Johnston

Audio Technician:

Griff Francis

Chancel Flower Ministry:

Sarah Hogan

Driver:

Scott Vanderburg

Greeters:

OPEN

Social Host:

Alan & Jane Malachowski

Weekly amount needed for Current Income 2024	\$7,884.62
Weekly amount needed for OCWM 2024	\$798.00
A Look at the Week of October 20, 2024	
Attendance: October 20, Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost	135
Offering For Current Income	\$5,037.50
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$196.50
A Look at the Week of October 27, 2024	
Attendance: October 27, Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost	111
Offering For Current Income	\$4,759.50
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$317.50

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Support the UCC's Hurricane Helene Appeal

The impact of Hurricane Helene is widespread and devastating, as more than 100 people have been confirmed dead, over 2 million people are without power, and damages are estimated to be over \$140 billion. Two UCC congregations on Florida's Gulf Coast have buildings with significant flood damage, and another experienced structural damage from high winds. The UCC has a long history of supporting communities as they recover from disaster well after their plight fades from the headlines. As we continue to pray for and respond to those who have experienced unimaginable loss this past week, please consider a gift to the Hurricane Helene Recovery Appeal. Gifts can be made through PSEC here:



Bring your loose change to church to benefit
St. John's Child Sponsorship Project
Change for the Children Offering
Sunday, November 10

American Guild of Organists Philadelphia Chapter Tuesday Noon Recital Series

Every Tuesday in November

12:00 pm – 12:45 pm
St. John's Sanctuary

This free concert series is sponsored by the American Guild of Organists Philadelphia Chapter and rotates to different churches around the Philadelphia area from October to May – November is St. John's month!

Women's Retreat

Saturday, November 9

9:30 am Church Library

First up will be the annual packing of Christmas stockings for Norristown State Hospital, followed by this month's program. Bonnie Weber will speak about the origin and evolution of St. John's Goodie Boxes.

Light refreshments will be served.

All women are welcome!

THE *Artist Series* AT ST. JOHN'S

Presents

Mainstreet Brass

Sunday, November 10th

4:00 pm

The Lehigh Valley based ensemble Mainstreet Brass will present a free program that is sure to reach listeners of all ages! The glorious sounds of trumpet, horn, trombone, tuba, and percussion will fill the sanctuary to begin this season. This is the first Artist Series concert of the year.

A freewill donation will be taken to support the Artist Series at St. John's.

CHARITABLE *Gift Market*

AT ST. JOHN'S UCC

OUR
20TH
YEAR!



As usual, there will be a large selection of "Gifts from the Heart" offered by 17 charities! You can choose the perfect gift to honor those on your gift list with donations to organizations such as Doctors Without Borders and The Seeing Eye that help people, animals and the environment. Alex's Lemonade Stand will be there, and soft pretzels and baked goods will be available for purchase. You can find the shopping list on St. John's website and on the CGM bulletin board in the corridor outside the Library.

See you on November 17 at the Market!

This Week at St. John's

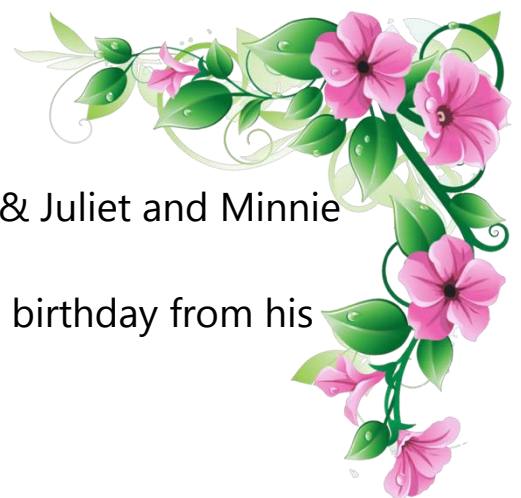
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Nov	3	Sun	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:45 am 11:30 am 11:45 am	All Saints Sunday Stitchers, Library Morning Worship, Sanctuary Connect3, Activity Room Fellowship, Assembly Hall CGM 2024, Library
Nov	5	Tues	12:00-12:40 pm 7:00 pm	American Guild of Organist Philadelphia Chapter Tuesday Noon Recital Series, Sanctuary AA, Assembly Hall
Nov	6		5:45-6:45 pm 6:00-6:45 pm 6:15-6:45 pm 7:00-7:20 pm 7:30-8:30 pm 8:30-9:30 pm	Wednesday Night Live! Community Meal, Activity Room Wind Ensemble, Sanctuary Adult Education, Library Children's Choir, Music Room Holden Evening Prayer, Sanctuary Artist Series Chorus, Sanctuary Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
Nov	8	Fri	6:00 pm	North Penn Chess Club, Assembly Hall
Nov	9	Sat	9:30 am	Women's Retreat, Library
Nov	10	Sun	10:15 am 10:45 am 11:30 am 11:45 am 4:00 pm	Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Stewardship Sunday Enlightener Due Change for Children Offering Morning Worship, Sanctuary Connect3, Activity Room Stewardship, Church Office Fellowship, Assembly Hall CGM Meeting, Library The Artist Series at St. John's presents Mainstreet Brass

Chancel Flowers

In memory of Nancy & Bob Schultz and Harry & Juliet and Minnie Schultz from Merle

In memory of Charles R. Trout's November 8th birthday from his loving family



All Saints List 2024



Members:

Grace Ehly
Joan Gallagher
Wendy Hunt
Dr. Richard H. Kriebel
Jean MacKinstry Rogers
Alfred Prisco
Judith Reitz



Friends:

Charles Booraem (Father of Sumiko Booraem)
Jahleel Cassett (Cousin of Kay Peebles)
Kenneth Cressman (Friend of St. John's)
Elizabeth Dettory (Friend of St. John's)
Joseph Drenth (Friend of St. John's)
Tammie Forry (Friend of Anne & Eric Kinsey)
Aimee Giampa (Sister-in-Law of Stephanie Giampa)
Beverly Jackson (Sister of Scott Vanderburg)
Helen Jankowski (Family Friend of Sumiko Booraem)
John Josten (North Penn Music Teacher)
Margaret (Peggy) Kannenstine (Sister of Abbie Lampe)
Mason Kinsey (Grandchild of Eric & Anne Kinsey)
Robert Krause (Friend of St. John's)
Marjorie Masten (Wife of Olin Masten (North Penn Chess Club))
Merv Nolt (Brother-in-Law of Susan Fitzpatrick)
Phyllis Patton (Artist Series Friend Singer)
Dottie Rittenhouse (Friend of St. John's)
Pete Scrivano (Friend of Becky Gordon)
Timothy S. Shisler (Brother of Lisa Delp)
Rev. Arlene Studer (Mother of Beth Studer)
Trudi Tocum (Wife of Dick Yocum)

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might
save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

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