

The earliest known surviving depiction of Jesus Christ as Pantocrator — literally ruler of all — is found in Saint Catherine's Monastery in Egypt. It is one of the oldest religious icons dating from the 6th century AD and is among the most important works of Byzantine art as well as Eastern Orthodox and Eastern Catholic Christianity. This work is in the public domain.

Tough Love from a Loving God

Reign of Christ
November 24, 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

Andrew Paulson, Minister of Music

Rev Dr Hilary Barrett, Bridge Support Pastor

Chancel Choir

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E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

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Grant Us Wisdom to Perceive You

Text: Rae Whitney © 1994, Selah Publishing Co., Inc.

Praise God, the Giver and the Gift

Text: Brian Wren © 1989, Hope Publishing Company

Order of Worship

St. John's United Church of Christ

500 W. Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446

10:15 am—November 24, 2024— Reign of Christ

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

PRELUDE

Princess Anne March.....Alan Malachowski

Today's prelude and postlude are settings by St. John's member Alan Malachowski of the tune ST. ANNE, the tune often paired with the text "O God, Our Help in Ages Past". The prelude is composed in the style of the English baroque composer Jeremiah Clarke, and the postlude combines ST. ANNE with another tune that is often set to texts proclaiming God's presence and foundation, MELITA.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to praise our God.

The One who created everything;

The One who keeps faith with us.

We gather to follow Jesus.

Who comes to build justice on the ruins of despair;

Who comes to set us free from our fears.

We gather to listen to the Holy Spirit.

Who teaches us to care for the most vulnerable;

Who shows us how to see the forgotten in our midst.

*OPENING HYMN

Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing.....Hymn 303

Stanzas 2 and 3 may be sung in harmony.

*CONFESSION

Lord, every time we gather in this place, we pray for your Kingdom to come here and now.

We pray that you would bring a Kingdom of justice, righteousness, hope, and love.

We pray for a Kingdom where peace, mercy and grace pour out in abundance for all.

Every time we gather in this place, we ask that you would rule in our hearts,
lead in this world, and govern our lives.

But honestly, Lord, we often have our own plans and agendas
and we want to be rulers of our own kingdoms.

We have trusted in the things of this world more than in you.

We put security in money. We give ourselves over to politicians.

We spend more time following celebrities and sports teams than your precious Son, Jesus.

Forgive us, we pray.

Help us to live as your Kingdom People in these times.

Help us to spread the good news of the different kind of King you are.

We ask for your saving grace, in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.

*ASSURANCE

Beloved in Christ, the Giver of Grace, the Healer of the Nations
showers us with a love that recreates and makes us new!

Forgiven, healed, and blessed, we are empowered to faithful discipleship so that we may boldly profess:

We are not of this world! We belong to the Kingdom of God!

*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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 18:33-37Page 105

Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
 every eye will see him,
 even those who pierced him,
 and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him.

So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God,
 who is and who was and who is to come,
 the Almighty.

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

E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come.....Paul Manz

*Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins,
 who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.
 Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,
 who was and is and is to come; Sing holy, holy, Lord!
 Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
 for Christ is coming, is coming soon, for Christ is coming soon!
 E’en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;
 They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!
 -Revelation 22 (Adapted by Ruth Manz)*

SERMON

“The Alpha and The Omega”Rev. Dr. Hilary J. Barrett

Worship Assistants

Hospitality:

Bill Leslie, Bob Bertolette,
Margie Jewell, Gale Linderman,
Rick O'Connor, Scott Vanderburg

Elder of the Morning:

Bill Cagney

Deacon of the Morning:

Sumiko Booraem

Audio Technician:

Robin MacMullen

Chancel Flower Ministry:

Mary Billy

Driver:

Kay Peebles

Greeters:

OPEN

Social Host:

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Weekly amount needed for Current Income 2024	\$7,884.62
Weekly amount needed for OCWM 2024	\$798.00
A Look at the Week of November 10, 2024	
Attendance: November 10, Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	138
Offering For Current Income	\$6,651.50
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$367.50
A Look at the Week of November 17, 2024	
Attendance: November 17, Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	178
Offering For Current Income	\$6,254.63
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$304.50

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Urban Promise

Love Gift Sunday Wish List!

Please remember to bring your gifts unwrapped!

Always Popular

Bikes 📺 Scooters 📺 Walmart/Amazon Gift Cards

Ages 5-10

Lego Sets 📺 Squishmallows 📺 Slime
Science Kits 📺 Play-Doh 📺 Pokemon Cards

Ages 11-16

Headphones 📺 Wireless Speakers 📺 Hoodies
LED Strip Lights 📺 Anime 📺 Polaroid Cameras

For more ideas & info see the eHerald, website, or Educators Bulletin Board

Do you know someone who might be interested in working part time for St. John's?

We are looking for someone with light maintenance skills and cleaning experience for our church. The job description is posted on our website and FB page.

You can apply on our website, Indeed, or at personnel@st-johns-ucc.org

Any questions contact

Margie Jewell

personnel@st-johns-ucc.org



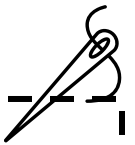
Warming Tree

In the spirit of the season, we are collecting mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves to help those in need.



Located in the Narthex of the church. We will be collecting NEW items during the month of November.

ALL SIZES WELCOMED!



Praying Hands Stitchers

9:00 am

December 1st

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!

November 26 – Kathleen Scheide

Church of the Loving Shepherd, West Chester



Hangin' of the Greens

**Saturday, November 30th
9:30am**



We will be decorating the church for the advent season.

Please plan to join us in making the church festive for the holidays.

Coffee and light refreshments will be provided.

This Week at St. John's

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Nov	24	Sun	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:45 am 11:30 am	Reign of Christ Confirmation Class, Associate Pastor's Office Morning Worship, Sanctuary Connect3, Activity Room Stampers Greeting Card Sale, Assembly Hall Fellowship, Assembly Hall
Nov	26	Tues	12:00-12:40 pm 7:00 pm	American Guild of Organist Philadelphia Chapter Tuesday Noon Recital Series, Sanctuary AA, Assembly Hall
Nov	27	Weds		No Wednesday Night Live Happy Thanksgiving!
Nov	28	Thurs		Thanksgiving Day Office Closed
Nov	30	Sat	9:30 am	Hanging of the Greens
Dec	1	Sun	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:45 am 11:30 am	First Sunday of Advent Love Gift Sunday Stitchers, Library Morning Worship, Sanctuary Connect3, Activity Room Fellowship, Assembly Hall

Chancel Flowers

In memory of George A. Filson Jr.'s November 26th birthday from his family

In memory of Catharine L. Kinter's November 26th birthday from her children and grandchildren

In memory of Laura Burkholder's Nov. 27th birthday from her daughter Judy Johnston and family

In memory of Eric Kirk's November 29th birthday from his mother, Barbara Kirk



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John 18:33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”