



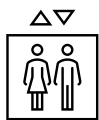
Witness

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 26, 2025

10:15 am

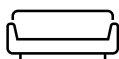
WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S UCC LANSDALE



The Elevator can be found at the end of the hall, through the door on the right front side of the sanctuary. **Accessible Bathrooms** are on the basement level. Once within the elevator, press "B". Exit and go left down the ramp. Once in the hallway, turn left, go the length, and turn right. The bathrooms are to the left at the top of a small ramp.



Wheelchairs & First Aid Kit are stored in the labeled "First Aid Closet" near the Main Street entrance to the sanctuary. **AED (Defibrillator)** is in the church library on the wall closest to the Sanctuary by the window. When entering from the Sanctuary, turn left.



Our **Soft Worship Space**, the front right of the Sanctuary, is available for all ages to engage their bodies in a way that allows them to be more present in worship. The **Nursery** is open for you to use mindfully, and the service is audible from there. The Nursery is past the elevator, through the double doors, on the right.



Hearing Assistance Devices are available in a basket at the back of the sanctuary if you are having trouble hearing the service. If the service is too loud, you may spend worship in the **Library**, which is to the right of the front of the Sanctuary, through the wall door.



Prayer Request and Information Cards are in pews for visitors, or anyone who would like to share information or a prayer request. Prayer requests will go to our prayer chain and pastors. These will not be read during service. **Visitors**, we are so glad you are here! Completed cards can be placed in the offering plates.



The **Book of Joys & Concerns** is a green binder on the podium at the front of the sanctuary on the right. If you have an Announcement, Joy or Concern you'd like stated, celebrated or prayed about during **Prayers of the People**, 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. **Large Print Hymns** are available for those who need them.



For **Our Time with Children**, children and youth are invited to sit up front on the chancel steps for conversation and an age-appropriate message. They will then 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!



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

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Order of Worship
St. John's United Church of Christ
500 W. Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446
10:15 am — October 26, 2025 — Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit when indicated by an *asterisk
and **speak the words in bold.***

PRELUDE Meditation on "O for a World".....Robert A. Hobby

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Paul wrote to the early Christians, encouraging them to rejoice in hope,
be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer, and do everything in love.

**In a world that often pressures us to conform and lose hope,
we find strength in God's promises and in our community of love and acceptance.**

The early Christians faced persecution but persisted in their faith and hope.

**We too face trials, yet we hold on to our faith,
resisting the pressure to abandon our beliefs and values.**

We stand firm in our commitment to be a welcoming and affirming church.

Our resilience is a testament to our faith. We trust that God's love and justice will prevail.
Let us stand together, resisting oppression and embodying hope, creating spaces of
safety and bravery for all.

We are called to lead with love.

Let us worship with hearts full of hope and voices raised in praise. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*If you prefer a "no-contact" greeting, you are invited to place your hand over your heart
as you acknowledge your neighbor.*

***HYMN #400 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**

Stanza 2 may be sung in harmony.

CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that sometimes we lose sight of hope in the face of trials.

We allow fear and doubt to overshadow our faith.

**At times, we have not created the safe and brave spaces needed
by our children, siblings, and elders.**

Forgive us for the times we failed to support others in their struggles.

Renew our hearts, strengthen our resolve, and help us to embody your love and hope.

**Transform us into beacons of persistence and resilience,
shining your light in the difficult places.**

Help us to stand with the marginalized and resist all forms of hate. Amen.

ASSURANCE

God's love and forgiveness are ever-present. In our moments of doubt and despair,
God's grace lifts us up. Rejoice in the knowledge that we are forgiven and renewed.
Let us forgive others as we have been forgiven, living in the hope and peace of God's
unending love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Proverbs 3:1-4Pew Bible Page 475

I Corinthians 16:1-14

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CHILDREN'S SONG Gathered in God's Name

Gath - ered in God's name 'round the ta - ble and font.

Gath - ered as one fam - 'ly in the name of love.

Gath - ered from near and far, gath - ered in this ho - ly place,

gath - ered as strang - ers and friends, gath - ered and gift - ed by grace.

Gath - ered in God's name 'round the liv - ing Word.



Gath - ered as one fam - 'ly in the name of love,
 in the name of love, in the name of love,
 in the name of love, in the name of love.

OUR TIME WITH CHILDREN

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

CHILDREN'S SONG Gathered in God's Name *(music on page 4)*

SERMON "All You Need Is Love"..... Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan

RITUAL OF RECOMMITMENT



Love, love, love. As you need is love, love, love. All you need is

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUNG RESPONSE #772 Nothing Can Trouble (Nada te turbe)

The response is sung twice and may be sung in harmony; first in English, second in Spanish.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offering plates will be passed to the congregation in the pews. For online giving, use the QR code.



Offertory We Walk in Love.....Deanna Witkowski

*We walk in love united in purpose.
 We join our hands and lift up one voice.
 We speak the truth with strength and compassion,
 resounding with hope, with courage, and joy.
 We cry for peace and rights for all people.
 We welcome friends from far and near.
 We fight for those whose voices are silenced,
 resisting in faith until all are free.
 We dream a world of justice and kindness.
 We build a bridge creating new paths.
 We march with joy as all walk together.
 Embracing each one, we boldly stand.*

-Deanna Witkoski and Lemuel Colon

*Offertory Response Praise God, the Giver and the Gift

Praise God, the Gi-ver and the Gift. Hands, hearts, and voi-ces now up - lift: Al - le - lu - ial

Al - le - lu - ial 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 - ial! Al - le - lu - ial! Al - le - lu - ial

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we offer these gifts as a symbol of our gratitude and our commitment to Your work. Bless and multiply these gifts to bring hope, justice, and healing to those who are suffering, and to bring your light to the world. Amen.

*HYMN #575 O for a World

Stanza 1: All Stanza 3: Higher Voices Stanza 5: All
Stanza 2: All in Harmony Stanza 4: Lower Voices

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Toccata on "O for a World"Robert A. Hobby

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

The Assembly Hall is located downstairs. From the Narthex – the room at the back of the Sanctuary – go down the steps on the left as you exit the Sanctuary and straight down the hallway. From the Elevator, go to the "B" level, go down the ramp and turn right

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan, Senior Pastor Andrew Paulson, Minister of Music
Rev. Tom Adil, Bridge Support Pastor Chancel Choir

Worship Assistants

Hospitality:	Team 2: Leslie	Chancel Flowers:	Mary Billy
Elder:	Chris Bodde	Driver:	Kay Peebles
Deacon:	Sumiko Booraem	Social Host:	Kim Sands
Audio Technician:	Matt Rivett		

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A note on "Israel" language in worship: In our music and scriptures, "Israel" and "Israelites" refer to ancient Israel and its people, not the modern political state. At various times in history, it meant the collective name of the twelve tribes descended from Jacob, the Hebrew people, "the people of Israel," the nation of Israel as a whole, or the Northern Kingdom. We want to be faithful hearers and interpreters of scripture, and pray fervently for the day when Palestinians and Israelis may live in mutual peace, security, and dignity.

This Week at St. John's

If you would like more information about St. John's, please speak with one of the staff or contact the church office at 215.855.5489 or office@st-johns-ucc.org

Oct 26	Sun	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
		Open & Affirming Anniversary	
		8:00 AM	Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary
		9:00 AM	Living Our Faith Together, Activity Room
		10:15 AM	Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary
		10:45 AM	Connect3, Activity Room
		11:30 AM	Fellowship, Assembly Hall
Oct 27	Mon	7:00 PM	Fireside CA 12 Step, Fireside Room
Oct 28	Tues	7:00 PM	AA, Assembly Hall
Oct 29	Wed	6:30 PM	United Ringers Rehearsal
		7:30 PM	Artist Series Chorus Rehearsal
		8:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Oct 31	Fri	Halloween	
Nov 1	Sat	9:30 AM	Art of Living Foundation, Assembly Hall
Nov 2	Sun	All Saints Sunday	
		8:00 AM	Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary
		9:00 AM	Praying Hands Stitchers, Library
			Living Our Faith Together, Activity Room
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		11:30 AM	Fellowship, Assembly Hall
	Stewardship, Fireside Room		
		4:00 PM	Artist Series Presents: Philadelphia Brass

Weekly Current Income Need: \$7,884.62		Weekly OCWM Needed: \$826.92	
The Week of October 12, 2025		The Week of October 19, 2025	
Attendance: 8:00 AM	34	Attendance: 8:00 AM	25
Attendance: 10:15 AM	92	Attendance: 10:15 AM	123
Offering For Current:	\$3,235.00	Offering For Current:	\$6,570.00
Offering For OCWM:	\$265.00	Offering For OCWM:	\$293.00

Acknowledgements:

 In memory of Ian Brown's Oct 29th birthday
from his wife, Vivienne Brown.



All Saints List

If you have a loved one who passed between October 2024 and October 2025, and you would like them included in our All Saints List, **please contact the office by Wednesday, October 29, 2025** with their name and relation to you.

THE **Artist Series** AT ST. JOHN'S presents

Philadelphia

Brass

Sunday,
November 2
4:00 PM

All concerts are free to

American Guild of Organists

Tuesday Noon Organ Recitals

Every Tuesday
in November
12 pm

Light luncheon to follow
in the library
All concerts are free to
attend

Living Our Faith Together

Care For the Caregiver

Taught by Rev. Tom Adil



Sundays at 9 AM Activity Room

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, Nov 8 at 9:30 am

We will be filling Christmas Stockings for Norristown State Hospital and enjoying a presentation about advocacy from the National Alliance on Mental Illness Philadelphia and the Family Training and Advocacy Center for Mental Illness.

Coffee, tea, and light refreshments will be served.

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!

St. John's 17th Annual

Women's Christmas Tea



Saturday, December 6, 2025

10 am to noon | St. John's Assembly Hall

Wonderful Fellowship and a speaker from Redeemed for a Cause, a program that works to help trafficked women and girls realize their intrinsic worth and true potential.

Please contact Janet Morton at mortfam116@gmail.com if you would like to bring a food item to share. Gluten Free items will be available.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 3, to Sally Jarinko text 215-421-6678, call 215-256-8289 or email sjarinko@comcast.net (Space is limited!)

Bulletin Board Hallway!

Have you checked out our Bulletin Board Hallway recently?

Maintained by our ministries and Office Manager, the hallway includes Thank Yous from the community on the St. John's Impact Board, a seasonal health message from the Health Ministry, the latest Heralds and Enlighteners, information from the LOFT, a breakdown of our wonderful Council Boards and their responsibilities, the latest from the Artist Series at St. John's, and much more! Check out the hallway between the library and Pastor Tom's office today!



Andrew at A Longwood Christmas!

December 14 – bus leaves at 2 pm!



Join us on a bus trip to Longwood Gardens on Sunday, December 14 as Andrew performs classic carols, favorites from The Nutcracker, and other holiday hits on the Longwood organ! The bus leaves St. John's at 2pm and will return at approximately 9:15pm. If interested, please contact Debby Hendricks at dchendricks111@gmail.com 267-664-5490. Additional information can also be found on the community bulletin board and in the office.

Volunteers ✦ Needed ✦

St. John's is looking for help with our many ministries!

SUNDAY MORNINGS:



Driver Ministry – Help people to and from church who cannot drive themselves on your assigned Sunday.

Greeters/Umbrella Ministry – Greet folks at the doors on Sunday mornings and direct them to the Sanctuary. On rainy days, hold umbrellas over the heads of those who do not have them.

Hospitality Teams – Hand out bulletins and large print hymns in the Sanctuary on Sunday Mornings, know key locations in the church, and answer questions from visitors.



Liturgists - Read the Scripture, Joys, Concerns, Announcements, and give the Prayer for the People during the 10:15 worship service.

Chancel Flowers – Sign up for a Sunday and take our fresh flowers to whomever you wish to. Vases are provided, as are ribbons and a card.

Social Hosts – Provide food at Fellowship after the 10:15 service with the help of the Deacon of the Morning. Offer your own choice of food while the church provides drinks.

Youth Group Leaders – Adult Volunteers WITH CLEARANCES OR WILLING TO GET THEM to chaperone the Youth Group Lock-In on November 15-16.

THROUGHOUT THE WEEK:



Creation Stewards – Help water and upkeep the gardens around St. John's

Prayer Chain - Pray for those who need it and contact the next person in the chain.

Visitation - Offer emotional support to our Home Congregation (previously called Homebound) by visiting them 4 times a year. Team members also bring Easter Lilies and Christmas Poinsettias, as well as Prayer Shawls along with them to give to those folks.

Helping Hands – State what you are comfortable helping with (cooking, driving throughout the week, and anything else!) and if the need arises, be put in contact with the request. Helping Hands is physical, as needed, and for all our St. John's members!

Praying Hands Stitchers - Knit and crochet for good causes, provide prayer shawls, love squares for newborns, and other needle crafts!



Office Helpers – Help shred every bulletin we print for donations to local pet stores (as bedding) and gardeners (for compost)! There is ALWAYS more to shred!

If you are interested in volunteering at St. John's, please contact the Church Office office@st-johns-ucc.org (215) 855-5489



FILL MANNA'S PANTRY!

With cuts to benefits for the food-insecure, let us recommit to helping stock Manna's pantry. Food donations accepted each week and can be put in the Narthex (main entrance to the sanctuary). Thank you!

MOST IMMEDIATE NEEDS:

- **Tomato Sauce (for pasta)**
- **Green Bean cans**
- **Canned Tuna**
- **Cereals – Healthy and Sugar**
- **Sugar, Baking Powder, Baking Soda**
- **Soups – Bean, Seafood**
- **Granola Bars**
- **Hygiene Products (Body wash, shampoo, conditioner, soap, etc)**
- **Rice Sides (Rice A Roni, Knorr products, etc)**
- **Pasta Sides (Chef Boyardee, Knorr products, etc)**
- **Dried Fruit**
- **Canned Meats (especially Spam)**
- **Condiments (ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard)**
- Peanut Butter
- Tomato Products (diced, crushed, whole, paste, etc)
- 100% Fruit Juices
- Applesauce (both sweetened and unsweetened)
- Long Pasta (spaghetti, linguine, etc)
- Short pasta (penne, elbows, egg noodles, etc)
- Tomato Soups
- Asian Noodles (Ramen)
- Baby Wipes
- Paper Towels
- Canned/Jar Fruit in Juice
- Canned/Jar Fruit in Syrup
- Fruit Cups and Applesauce Cups
- Instant White Rice, Instant Brown Rice
- Beef Stew
- Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Mustard

For a full list of things to donate (updated weekly), scan the QR code Or go to <https://mannaonmain.org/give-food/what-is-needed>



To volunteer at manna, please contact meg@mannaonmain.org

Proverbs 3:1-4

My son, do not forget my teaching,
but keep my commands in your heart,
for they will prolong your life many years
and bring you peace and prosperity.

Let love and faithfulness never leave you;
bind them around your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.
Then you will win favor and a good name
in the sight of God and man.

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