



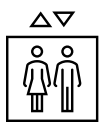
# Cultivating Gratitude

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

November 9, 2025

10:15 am

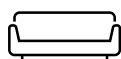
# WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S UCC LANSDALE



**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."

## St. John's United Church of Christ

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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 9, 2025 — Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

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

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PRELUDE Come, O Fount of Every Blessing.....Setting by Johnnie Vinson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Guard me as the apple of your eye, O God.

**You wondrously show us your steadfast peace.**

Hide me in the shadow of your wings, Divine Spirit.

**You wondrously show us your steadfast strength.**

I behold your face in righteousness, Christ of Hope.

**You wondrously show us your steadfast love. 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 #459 Come, O Fount of Every Blessing**

**CONFESSION**

**So often, we concern ourselves about the afterlife. We wonder who will be there, what we need to believe, and more. Yet, on this side of heaven, in your earthly Realm, there are many still hurting from the pains accumulated in this life. From illnesses to poverty, and from the lack of kindness to the overwhelming injustices, we overlook the needs of our siblings. Open our hearts to the gaps happening in our world. Allow us to be more compassionate and less judgmental about our neighbors who need additional help. Help us to set aside our worries about the afterlife as we know you will care for us there and then. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE**

Even when we are overwhelmed by our thoughts of life after death, God shares hope. May God's grace transform us here in this world as we build the Realm of God on Earth. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Psalm 17: 1-9 .....Pew Bible Page 480

Luke 20:27-38

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Jesus replied, "The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord 'the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

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.

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 above*)

SERMON "Nothing Personal"..... Rev. Tom Adil



## Worship Leaders

Rev. Tom Adil, Bridge Support Pastor  
Bill Leslie

Andrew Paulson, Minister of Music  
Wind Ensemble

## Worship Assistants

**Hospitality:** Team 4: Bruen  
**Elder:** Anne Kinsey  
**Deacon:** Judy Johnston  
**Audio Technician:** Scott Cunningham

**Chancel Flowers:** Sarah Hogan  
**Driver:** Gale Linderman  
**Social Host:** The Hogans

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Weekly Current Income Need: \$7,884.62	Weekly OCWM Needed: \$826.92
<b>The Week of October 26, 2025</b>	<b>The Week of November 2, 2025</b>
Attendance: 8:00 AM 32	Attendance: 8:00 AM 33
Attendance: 10:15 AM 109	Attendance: 10:15 AM 105
Offering For Current: \$11,953.00	Offering For Current: \$6,173.50
Offering For OCWM: \$1,287.00	Offering For OCWM: \$700.50

This year's local Love Gift Sunday organization is....



### LANSDALE CODE BLUE WOMEN'S SHELTER

765 E Main St, Lansdale, PA.



### Wish List

#### Toiletries

Travel size to smaller bottles of Shampoo/Conditioner  
Lotion, Deodorant, and ANY size and type FEMININE Products



#### NEW Clothes

Large to XL Sweatpants / Sweatshirts  
Medium to XL Underwear  
Larger-sized Sports Bras  
Medium to XL Thermal Underwear  
Hats



#### Other

Backpacks  
Gift Cards to Sudz & Starbucks

**Reminder: Gifts are to be unwrapped.** Please add a tag as to which organization your gifts should be donated to, Urban Promise or Lansdale Code Blue Women's Shelter.

## This Week at St. John's

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Nov 9	Sun	<b>Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
		<b>Enlightener Due Date</b>	
Nov 10	Mon	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary
		9:00 AM	Living Our Faith Together, Activity Room
		<b>10:15 AM</b>	Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary
		10:45 AM	Connect3, Activity Room
		11:30 AM	Fellowship, Assembly Hall
Nov 11	Tues	6:00 PM	Elders, Library
		7:00 PM	Council
			Fireside CA 12 Step, Fireside Room
Nov 11	Tues	12:00 PM	Free Organ Concert: Kathleen Scheide
		7:00 PM	AA, Assembly Hall
Nov 12	Wed	6:30 PM	United Ringers Rehearsal
		7:30 PM	Artist Series Chorus Rehearsal
		8:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Nov 13	Thurs	1:00 PM	Stampers, Activity Room
Nov 14	Fri	6:00 PM	North Penn Chess Club
Nov 15	Sat	9:30 AM	Art of Living Foundation, Assembly Hall
		5:00 PM	Youth Group Quasi-Lock In
Nov 16	Sun	<b>Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
		<b>8:00 AM</b>	Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary
		<b>10:15 AM</b>	Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary
		10:45 AM	Connect3, Activity Room
		11:30 AM	Fellowship, Assembly Hall

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.



## 2026 Calendar

The 2026 printed calendar is available in the Narthex, elevator lobby, and library. Thank you to all our sponsors and photographers!

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!



With cuts to benefits for the food-insecure, **let us recommit to helping stock Manna's pantry.** For information on Manna's needs and how you can help, see the form at the Sanctuary entrances.

### GAME NIGHT Thurs. Nov 20 6:30 pm



### Youth Group Lock-In

THIS Saturday  
November 15  
5 PM – 11 PM

Our Lock-In includes a pizza making contest, movie night, and more!

Living Our Faith Together

### In A Broken World

Taught by Rev. Tom Adil

Sundays at 9 AM Activity Room

St. John's 17th Annual

### Women's Christmas Tea

Saturday, December 6

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!)



### Hanging of the Greens!

November 29<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am



Please join us to decorate our church and make it festive for the Christmas season. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

Please help decorate St. John's

### WARMING TREE

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

Any size welcomed!

The Warming Tree is in the narthex of the church. We will be collecting **NEW** items during the month of November.



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 Educators Bulletin Board

## Psalm 17: 1-9

Hear me, Lord, my plea is just;  
listen to my cry.

Hear my prayer—  
it does not rise from deceitful lips.  
Let my vindication come from you;  
may your eyes see what is right.

Though you probe my heart,  
though you examine me at night and test me,  
you will find that I have planned no evil;  
my mouth has not transgressed.

Though people tried to bribe me,  
I have kept myself from the ways of the violent  
through what your lips have commanded.

My steps have held to your paths;  
my feet have not stumbled.

I call on you, my God, for you will answer me;  
turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.

Show me the wonders of your great love,  
you who save by your right hand  
those who take refuge in you from their foes.

Keep me as the apple of your eye;  
hide me in the shadow of your wings  
from the wicked who are out to destroy me,  
from my mortal enemies who surround me.

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