



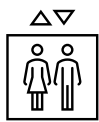
# Cultivating Gratitude

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 23, 2025

10:15 am

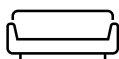
# WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S UCC LANSDALE



**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 23, 2025 — Twenty-Fourth 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 We Praise You, O God.....Arranged by Julia Cory

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator God, you give us life, and we thank you!

**Risen Christ, you bless us with your grace, and we praise you!**

Holy Spirit, you give us the power to create and to work, to love and to bless.

**You have given us such rich and wonderful gifts.**

We come to you joyfully, grateful for your generosity.

**Earth is generous with food and air, with color and beauty.**

You are generous with grace and blessing, with love and grace.

**Teach us, God, how to be generous with our gratitude.**

Weave us together in belovedness and belonging.

**Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia! 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 #422 Come, O Thankful People, Come

*Stanza 1: All*

*Stanza 2: Higher Voices*

*Stanza 3: All*

CONFESSION

**O God, we know that we forget about you.**

**We forget to love you, we forget to help our neighbors, we forget to thank you.**

**Forgive us.**

**Grant us clear minds to know you, new hearts to love you, strong hands to serve you.**

**Help us live this day, this week, and always**

**so that our whole life is a thanksgiving to you. 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

Psalm 107:1-9 .....Pew Bible Page 536

Luke 1:68-79

“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us— to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

### 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 on page 4)

SERMON "Cultivating Gratitude. Or, Fake It 'til You Make It"..... Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan

\*HYMN #425 For the Fruit of All Creation

Stanza 1: All

Stanza 2: Lower Voices

Stanza 3: All

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

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow.....19<sup>th</sup> Century American, ed. William P. Rowan

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.

Hallelujah, amen.

-Psalm 100/Thomas Ken

\*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 - 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

**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 #419 Now Thank We All Our God

Stanza 2 may be sung in harmony.

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Prelude in D Minor.....J.S. Bach

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      David Furniss, Guest Chancel Choir Director  
Rev. Tom Adil, Bridge Support Pastor      Chancel Choir  
Ihna Cho, Guest Organist/Pianist

**Worship Assistants**

<b>Hospitality:</b>	Team 2: Leslie	<b>Chancel Flowers:</b>	Sue & Bill Morris
<b>Elder:</b>	Anne Kinsey	<b>Driver:</b>	Scott Vanderberg
<b>Deacon:</b>	Peter Conver	<b>Social Host:</b>	
<b>Audio Technician:</b>	Robin MacMullen		


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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.

**Chancel Flowers**

 In memory of L. Louella Trout's November 23rd birthday  
from her loving family

 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 (Kay Fiala's mother)

 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

## 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](mailto:office@st-johns-ucc.org)

Nov 23	Sun	<b>Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
		<b>8:00 AM</b> 9:00 AM  <b>10:15 AM</b> 10:45 AM 11:30 AM  2:00 PM	Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary LOFT: In A Broken World 2026 Budget Hearing, Library Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary Connect3, Activity Room Fellowship, Assembly Hall 2026 Budget Hearing, Assembly Hall New Member Welcome, Library
Nov 24	Mon	7:00 PM	Fireside CA 12 Step, Fireside Room
Nov 25	Tues	<b>12:00 PM</b> 1:00 PM 7:00 PM	<b>Tuesday Noon Organ Recital: David Furniss</b> Advent Devotional Folding, Office AA, Assembly Hall
<b>Nov 27</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Thanksgiving – Office Closed</b>	
		12:00 PM	Manna Thanksgiving, Assembly Hall
<b>Nov 28</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Day After Thanksgiving – Office Closed</b>	
Nov 29	Sat	9:30 AM	Hanging of the Greens
Nov 30	Sun	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	
		<b>8:00 AM</b> 9:00 AM  <b>10:15 AM</b> 10:45 AM 11:30 AM	Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary LOFT: Intergenerational Advent Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary Connect3, Activity Room Fellowship, Assembly Hall  <b>Rev. Linda Palestine Presentation</b>

Weekly Current Income Need: \$7,884.62		Weekly OCWM Needed: \$826.92	
<b>The Week of November 9, 2025</b>		<b>The Week of November 16, 2025</b>	
Attendance: 8:00 AM	22	Attendance: 8:00 AM	32
Attendance: 10:15 AM	110	Attendance: 10:15 AM	86
Offering For Current:	\$5,628.01	Offering For Current:	\$6,673.25
Offering For OCWM:	\$358.00	Offering For OCWM:	\$489.00



**TODAY IS THE DAY OF THE  
2026 Budget Hearing**  
Library at 9:00 AM &  
Assembly Hall at 11:30 AM

A meeting will be held after each service this Sunday, to review the 2026 budget. **Please note that the congregational vote for the 2026 budget will be held on Sunday, December 7.**

We appreciate your participation!

**American Guild of  
Organists**

**Tuesday  
Noon  
Organ  
Recitals**

**David Furniss**

November 25  
12 pm

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

**Help put together the  
St. John's  
Advent  
Devotional!**

**Tuesday, Nov 25  
1:30 PM**

This year, St. John's will provide an Advent Devotional that follows the sermon theme! Listen to David Furniss's organ recital at noon and enjoy a light lunch before heading to the office to help!

Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan

**Presentation on Palestine**

**Sunday, Nov 30, 2025 | 12pm**

Join us in the library as Rev. Linda gives a presentation on her most recent visit to Palestine.

Living **Our Faith Together**  
**In A Broken World**

Sundays at 9 AM Activity Room

**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**



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

**Any size welcomed!**

**St. John's 17th Annual  
Women's Christmas Tea**

**Saturday, December 6  
10 am - noon**



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



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## 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.

## I Corinthians 16:1-14

Now about the collection for the Lord's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made. Then, when I arrive, I will give letters of introduction to the men you approve and send them with your gift to Jerusalem. If it seems advisable for me to go also, they will accompany me.

After I go through Macedonia, I will come to you—for I will be going through Macedonia. Perhaps I will stay with you for a while, or even spend the winter, so that you can help me on my journey, wherever I go. For I do not want to see you now and make only a passing visit; I hope to spend some time with you, if the Lord permits. But I will stay on at Ephesus until Pentecost, because a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me.

When Timothy comes, see to it that he has nothing to fear while he is with you, for he is carrying on the work of the Lord, just as I am. No one, then, should treat him with contempt. Send him on his way in peace so that he may return to me. I am expecting him along with the brothers.

Now about our brother Apollos: I strongly urged him to go to you with the brothers. He was quite unwilling to go now, but he will go when he has the opportunity.

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love.