



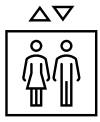
Roots and Branches

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 18, 2026

10:15 am

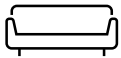
WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S UCC LANSDALE



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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St. John's United Church of Christ
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*You are invited to rise in body or spirit when indicated by an *asterisk and **speak the words in bold.***

PRELUDE #360 Thuma Mina (Send Me, Lord)

The prelude is used to rehearse today's closing hymn. See page 6 for instructions.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Over and over in scripture, people witness the power of God, the love of Jesus, and the movement of the Spirit.

Over and over they whisper, nudge, shout, and proclaim: "Come and see!"

Over and over, we are invited to see, touch, taste, and know that the Lord is good.

How great is our God.

Over and over, we are called to experience, and then to do something with this good news.

God invites us in to see, and sends us out to "Go and tell."

Come, let us worship our God and practice loving one another.

Open us, Lord, to your movement in our lives and teach us to respond in faith.

*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 #522 I Love to Tell the Story

Stanza 1 and Refrain: All

Stanza 2 and Refrain: All in Harmony

Stanza 3 and Refrain: All in Harmony

Stanza 4 and Refrain: All

CONFESSION

God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole. Amen.

ASSURANCE

Beloved in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 40:1-4, 9-11.....Pew Bible Page 496

John 1:35-51.....Pew Bible Page 85

CHILDREN'S SONG This Little Light of Mine

The image shows the musical notation for the children's song "This Little Light of Mine". It consists of three staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine; this lit-tle light of mine,". The second staff contains: "I'm gon-na let it shine; this lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine,". The third staff contains: "let it shine, let it shine, let it shine." The music is written in a simple, child-friendly style with clear note heads and stems.

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 This Little Light of Mine (music above)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS – Carolyn and Greg Shisler

St. John's United Church of Christ, I commend these persons to your love and care.

We celebrate with you this spiritual home. Honoring the diversity of paths to God, we welcome you to this faith community with open hearts and open minds.

Members of the household of God, please pause in silence to affirm your willingness to be present to these persons in times of need and special joy. Pray for them now in silence as you confirm before God your openness to these new members.

Silent Prayer

Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

You belong to us. We belong to you.

Along with the entire universe, we all belong to God.

Though many, we are one body. We all drink of the same Spirit.

We rejoice to recognize you as members of this congregation of St. John's United Church of Christ.

In response to you today, we renew our own vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service.

The God of all grace, who has called us to endless glory and solidarity, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

SERMON "Come and See, Go and Tell"Rev. Amy Yoder McGloughlin

*HYMN Here I Am, Lord (I, the Lord of Sea and Sky)



1. *I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2. *I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3. *I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

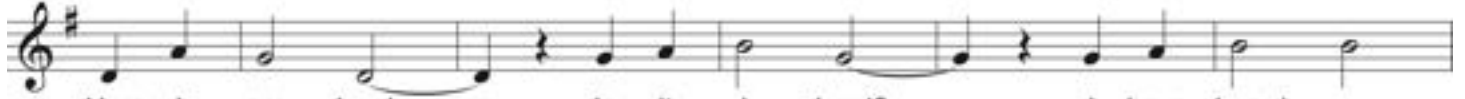


I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin - est bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUNG RESPONSE O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come



O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.



How can we fail to be re - stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?

GENEROSITY TESTIMONY – Sarah Hogan

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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



Offertory I Believe This Is Jesus.....African American Spiritual, arr. Undine Smith Moore

*I believe this is Jesus; come and see.
The Light of God shines in his face,
He offers all his pardoning grace.
I believe this is Jesus; come and see.*

*Offertory Response #159 As with Gladness Those of Old; Stanza 3

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of Compassion, receive these gifts, strengthening us to cultivate affection, solidarity, and delight from the roots and use them to build up a world of mutual care, thriving, and love for all. Amen.

*HYMN #360 Thuma Mina (Send Me, Lord)

When directed, the following stanzas are sung and may be sung in harmony:

- Stanza 1 in isiZulu
- Stanza 1 in English
- Stanza 2 in English
- Stanza 3 in English
- Stanza 1 in isiZulu

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Prelude and Fugue in E Minor, BWV 555.....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

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Chancel Choir

Worship Assistants

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Elder: Anne Kinsey
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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

Jan 18	Sun	Second Sunday after Epiphany	
		8:00 AM	Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary
		9:00 AM	LOFT: Roots & Branches, Activity Room
		10:15 AM	Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary
		10:45 AM	Connect3, Activity Room
		11:30 AM	Fellowship, Assembly Hall
Jan 19	Mon	Martin Luther King Jr Day – Office Closed	
		7:00 PM	Fireside CA 12 Step, Fireside Room
Jan 20	Tues	7:00 PM	AA, Assembly Hall
Jan 21	Wed	6:30 PM	United Ringers Rehearsal
		7:30 PM	Artist Series Chorus Rehearsal
		8:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Jan 22	Thurs	9:30 AM	Enlightener Folding, Library
Jan 23	Fri	6:00 PM	North Penn Chess Club, Assembly Hall
Jan 24	Sat	9:30 AM	Private Event, Assembly Hall
Jan 25	Sun	Anniversary Sunday	
		Third Sunday after Epiphany	
		8:00 AM	Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary
		9:00 AM	LOFT: Roots & Branches -
		10:45 AM	Connect3, Activity Room
		11:30 AM	Congregational Dinner Directory Photo Sign-Up

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.

Congregational Dinner

Sunday, January 25

After worship, we will celebrate heritage with a special pork and sauerkraut (or vegetarian lasagna) dinner! **Please bring PA Dutch style side dishes and desserts!**

Love Sunday Photo Display

Sunday, February 8



We will be holding a special celebration of Love in all forms! **You are invited to bring photos of whom you love: wedding photos, partners, family, friends, pets, etc on Sunday, February 1.** These will be part of a display during Fellowship. Please identify each photo with a card with names, dates, and any other information you would like to share.

Celebrating 10 Years Open & Affirming!

St. John's is proud to be celebrating our tenth year of being an open and affirming congregation! We have made a public covenant of welcome into our full life and ministry to persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions.



Offering Envelopes & Contribution Statements

available in the Narthex



Announcing the 2026 St. John's Directory!



This year, St. John's will be making a picture directory! **Sign-ups for photo slots will begin on Sunday, January 25.** All participants will receive a free 8 x 10 photo and directory. Photography days will be Wednesday, March 18th and Thursday, March 19th. If you are unable to come in person, alternative options are available.

Want to help by being part of the process? Please contact the office.



Women's Retreat

Saturday, February 14

Sarah Bergin, Executive Director

Care & Share Thrift Shoppes

Learn more about Care & Share's history, local and global impact, and future.

Come to the LOFT and Explore St. John's Roots & Branches!

SUNDAYS AT 9:00 AM IN THE ACTIVITY ROOM

JANUARY 18 How the Light Gets In:
Exploring our 100-year-old
Sunday School Windows!

JANUARY 25 NO LOFT -
Anniversary Sunday!



Announcements:

Today:

- LOFT: Roots & Branches – **9:00 am Activity Room**
- Connect3
- 2026 Offering Envelopes & 2025 Contribution Statements in the narthex
- Sign Ups for

This Week:

- Unhanging of the Greens at **9:30 am on Saturday, January 10**

Next Sunday:

- Sign Ups for

Psalm 40

I waited patiently for the Lord;
 he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He drew me up from the desolate pit,^[a]
 out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
 making my steps secure.
He put a new song in my mouth,
 a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear
 and put their trust in the Lord.
Happy are those who make
 the Lord their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
 to those who go astray after false gods.

John 1:35-51

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter)