

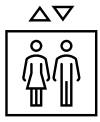


This One Wild and Precious Life

April 12, 2026

10:15 am

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S UCC LANSDALE



The Elevator are 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.



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.



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 on the podium at the front of the sanctuary on the right. If you have an Announcement, Joy or Concern you'd like shared, 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 also available.



For **Our Time with Children**, children and youth are invited to sit up front on the chancel steps for conversation with the pastor. 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. The **Nursery** is available and staffed for babies and toddlers. The Nursery is past the elevator, through the double doors, on the right.



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."



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. We want to be faithful hearers and interpreters of scripture, and pray for the day when Palestinians and Israelis may live in mutual peace, security, and dignity.



We are an **Open and Affirming congregation**, advocating for and supporting lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, nonbinary, and queer individuals in our church and our world, and affirming that all people are beloved children of God.

Order of Worship
St. John's United Church of Christ
500 W. Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446
10:15 am — April 12, 2026

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

PRELUDE Cantabile on We Live by Faith and Not by Sight.....James Biery

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy One, you arise again—between us and among us, within us and beyond us.

**Love without end, breaking out from the tombs of our times
and the containers of our lives.**

Even death could not contain you.

**You are the power to begin again, the power to create anew,
the power to lift us up and draw us on, the power of our power.**

You are not the recipe for living, the blueprint for our future,
or the master plan of the world.

**You are the Hope in spite of ourselves, the Love ever unforeseen,
the Well of Faith in the center of the world, in the middle of the day.**

You are the Life in our living,

**pushing us, pulling us, pointing us in your direction.
Receive us as we gather to worship in this place. 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 #241 Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

Stanza 2 may be sung in harmony.

CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

WORDS OF GRACE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 16.....Pew Bible Page 480

John 20:19-21Pew Bible Page 107

CHILDREN'S SONG Rooted and Grounded in Love

We are root-ed and ground-ed in love. Like a tree by the ri-ver, we're plant-ed so deep.

We are root-ed and ground-ed in love. With each gift that we bring and each pro-mise we keep

as we birth a new world where we all have e-nough. We are root-ed and ground-ed in 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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS – Cindy and Dale Woodling

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 "Sawubona"Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan

*HYMN #237 I Come to the Garden Alone (In the Garden)
The hymn may be sung in harmony.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am is sung before and after the spoken prayers.

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;
 set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

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



Offertory Reflection on We Live by Faith and Not by Sight.....James Biery

*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 - 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

God of risings and revelations, receive these gifts of our hands and the fruit of our labors. Bless them, and bless us as we seek to bring about more faith, more love, and more justice to this world. Amen.

*HYMN #245 The Day of Resurrection

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Carillon on We Live by Faith and Not by Sight.....James Biery

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 Rev. Elaine Ely Andrew Paulson Chancel Choir

Worship Assistants

Hospitality:	Team Leslie	Chancel Flowers:	Sue & Mike Donahue
Elder:	Bill Cagney	Umbrella Ministry:	Joyce Huisenga
Deacon:	Scott Vanderburg	Connect 3 Helper:	Barbara MacMullen
Audio Technician:	Matt Rivett	Social Host:	Sumiko & Paula
Driver:	Gale Linderman		

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Youth Group Corner

NEXT MEETING:

Saturday, April 18th at 9 AM

Grab some gloves, and let's get digging for Earth Day! Our Youth Group is volunteering at the Garden of Health in Hatfield to help get those gardens ready for spring planting! Through their community gardens, Garden of Health grows, donates, and delivers healthy foods to food pantries, low-income senior housing and community groups in Montgomery and Bucks Counties. Bring hats, gloves, boots, and a friend!

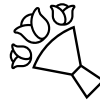
Permission Forms are in the church library on the YA shelf. All participants and their guardians must fill out a form before taking part in Youth Group. One form is good for all local Youth Group Events! Feel free to take some for your friends!

Check back every month for updates about the St. John's Youth Group.

Questions? Email youthgroup@st-johns-ucc.org



This Week at St. John's



Chancel Flowers:



In memory of **Mary C. Fritz's April 16th birthday** from her family

In honor of **the April 16th Wedding Anniversary of Dr & Mrs. Edgar Willard Hartzell** from Dee Reedman & Family

In memory of **Marvin Roshong's April 17th birthday** from his wife, Jean & family

Sun April 12	Second Sunday of Easter	
	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:00 AM	Praying Hands Stitchers LOFT: Time to Mourn
	10:15 AM	Worship
	11:30 AM	Time To Mourn Fellowship
	4:00 PM	Artist Series Presents: Latitude 39
Mon	7:00 PM	CA Fireside Meeting
Tues	7:00 PM	AA
Wed April 15	6:30 PM	United Ringers
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir
Fri	6:00 PM	North Penn Chess Club
Sat	9:30 AM	Art of Living Foundation
Sun April 19	Easter	
	8:00 AM	Worship
	10:15 AM	Worship
	11:30 AM	We Are St. John's Spud Lunch

Deadlines

Enlightener Deadline	TODAY
Basket Raffle Sign Ups	NEXT SUNDAY

Stained Glass Window Tours
Saturday, May 30, 2026

We are looking for a few volunteers to help with our upcoming Stained Glass Window Tour on May 30th during our 150th Anniversary. We'd love your help greeting guests and lending a hand. **If you are interested, please contact Robin MacMullen.**



ADDED ATTRACTION: A 'FAMOUS' ST. JOHN'S

SPUD LUNCH



APRIL 19 IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL - 11:30 AM

2026 Offering Envelopes &
2025 Contribution Statements
available in the Narthex 

Information Update Forms

We are requesting that our St. John's community complete **both sides of the gold information forms** available by the bulletins. These will be used internally to update our records. If you do not wish to be included in the directory, please indicate that on the forms.

Please pay special attention to the publication and envelope section at the bottom of the sheet.

Thank you!

It's Basket Raffle Time!

Individuals, families, and church groups are encouraged to donate themed baskets. Be creative with your theme! It can be as simple or elaborate as you wish. Wrap your basket in cellophane and be sure to include a list of the contents of your basket.

Names of donors and themes must be submitted to the Deacons by NEXT SUNDAY April 19.

This fun tradition has been a wonderful fundraiser for special projects over the years, and your participation is much appreciated!



Game Night

Thursday, April 16 at 6:30 pm

Join us in the Assembly Hall for Game Night every third Thursday! We supply a large selection of games and invite you to bring your own to share! Meet some new friends and enjoy a fun night of gaming!

Snacks & Beverages are provided! 

We Are St. John's

Sunday, April 19, 2026 at 11:30 AM

The 150th Anniversary Committee invites all St. John's groups to tell who you are and what you do in a special exhibit during Fellowship on Sunday, April 19! We will invite the congregation to see displays you create and talk to you about your group!

Announcements:

Today:

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Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;

I have no good apart from you." [a]

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones
in whom is all my delight.

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; [b]

their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out

or take their names upon my lips

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;

you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel;

in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the Lord always before me;

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;

my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol

or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy;

in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

John 20:19-21

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week,

and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for

fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and

said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed

them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced

when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace

be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."