

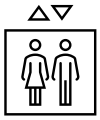
Season of Blessings

October 18, 2026

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

10:15 am

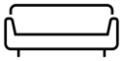
WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S UCC LANSDALE



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.



Our **Soft Worship Space** at the front right of the Sanctuary is available for all.



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. <u>These will not be read during service.</u> **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, <u>feel free to write inside before service begins</u>!



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.



Children are invited to come to the steps during **Time with Children** for a conversation with the pastor. The **Nursery** is available and staffed for babies and toddlers. The Nursery is past the elevator, through the double doors, on the right. We believe the sound of children in worship is not a distraction – it is evidence of life, growth, and the future of the church. If your child makes noise, it is not a bother. It is a blessing!



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 — October 18, 2026 — Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

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

PRELUDE *Praise* from *Suite Sunday*……..Emma Lou Diemer

Today's prelude and postlude are selections from Andrea's and Andrew's upcoming Organ/Piano Recital at 12pm on Tuesday, November 24 at St. John's. We hope you will join us!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved One, in the midst of worrisome and troubled days,
we seek refuge in your presence.

Through prayer and practice, help us pursue what is just, what is true, what is kind.

With each new day, we hope for Love to lead us.

With discernment, we wade bravely into the struggles of life together.

In your care, we find a place to tend our fears and air our grief, to hold our anger, and to renew our passion for collective good.

Draw us near to you, O God, and meet us as we are with your restorative love. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to greet your neighbor with a sign of peace. If you prefer a "no-contact greeting, you can place your hand over your heart as you acknowledge your neighbor.

*HYMN #565 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Stanzas 2 and 3 may be sung in harmony.

CONFESSION

We grieve the broken and unjust economic systems that surround us.
We remember all who are left without needs met this day.

Help us to be faithful, just, and generous in the stewardship of all our resources.
When we are not, set us on a new path.

Help us to renounce all loyalties to wealth and power.
When we do not, remind us of our belonging in you.

For that which we have done and that which we have left undone, forgive us, we pray.

WORDS OF GRACE

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Welcoming Lori Boco and Amy Sutcliffe (Sponsors: Luchi Luzares and Armin Fernando).

Do you promise to support this congregation with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, or your service?

St. John's United Church of Christ, I commend these siblings 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 brothers in times of need and special joy.

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. There are many paths to God,
and 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.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a full member of this community of faith. 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, now and forever.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 33:12-23……Pew Bible Page 78

Matthew 22:15-22 ……Pew Bible Page 23

CHILDREN'S SONG #423 Great Is Your Faithfulness - Stanza 3 & Refrain

The hymn may be sung in harmony.

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.

SERMON "Show Me the Money"……..Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan

*HYMN #562 Take My Gifts

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS.

For online giving, please use the QR code.

Offertory Ngothando……..…….Mbuso Ndlovu

Sung in isiZulu *Susan Pashos and Debby Hendricks, Readers*

Ngothando kuphela	Through love, only,
sonqoba konke,	we will conquer everything,
izimo zonke,	all situations,
azinakusigwinya	cannot devour us.
Sivul' iinhliziyo zethu,	Let us open our hearts,
singesabi lutho,	and let us fear nothing,
Ngothando…	Through love…

*Offertory Response Praise God, the Giver and the Gift



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Merciful God, with humility, we keep seeking to understand your truths more deeply and to build the world you imagine for us all. With thanks and determination, we offer our gifts to you. Amen.

*HYMN Soli Deo Gloria (Glory to God Alone)



*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Final* from *Duet Suite*……Denis Bédard

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; Chancel Choir
Andrea Baxter, Director of Worship and Music; Trinity Lutheran Choir*

**We welcome Trinity Lutheran Choir with their director Andrea Baxter to worship! This combined ensemble led worship earlier this morning at Trinity and look forward to leading worship with you at St. John's.*

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The Week of October 11 20th Sunday after Pentecost		**The Week of October 4 19th Sunday after Pentecost**	
Attendance: 8:00 AM	19	Attendance: 8:00 AM	*
Attendance: 10:15 AM	90	Attendance: 10:15 AM	103
Offering For Current:	$4,313.65	Offering For Current:	$6,172.00
Offering For OCWM:	$444.00	Offering For OCWM:	$933.00

*Attendance was not recorded

This Week at St. John's

Sun	**21st Sunday after Pentecost**	
Oct 18	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:00 AM	L.O.F.T.
	10:15 AM	Worship
	11:30 AM	Fellowship
	1:00 PM	Lansdale Singing Resistance
Mon	6:30 PM	NAMI: PPD Group
Oct 19	7:00 PM	Fireside Group (CA)
Tues	7:00 PM	AA
Wed	11:30 AM	Dock Woods Cluster
Oct 21	6:30 PM	United Ringers
	7:30 PM	Artist Series Chorus
	8:30 PM	Chancel Choir
Thurs	11:30 AM	Enlightener Folding
Oct 22	6:00 PM	Book Club
	6:30 PM	Girl Scouts
Fri	6:00 PM	North Penn Chess Club
Sat	9:00 AM	Art of Living Foundation
Oct 24	10:00 AM	LMS Storytime
	5:00 PM	Woori Center Drums
Sun	**22nd Sunday after Pentecost**	
Oct 25	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:00 AM	L.O.F.T.
	10:15 AM	Worship
	11:30 AM	Fellowship

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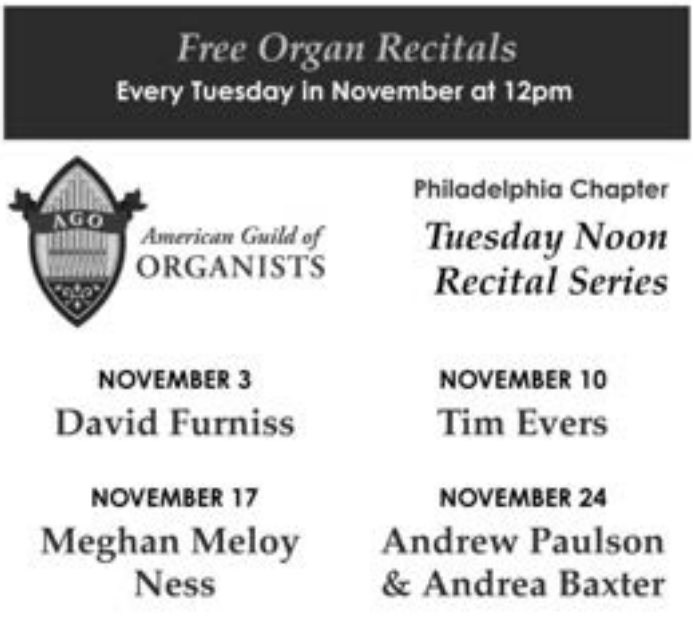
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In memory of
George Ruth
from Chrstine Ruth Bodde & Family

Hospitality: Team MacMullen
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Elder: Suzie Franks
Audio Tech: Matt Rivett

Chancel Flowers: Tracey & Mark O'Neill
Driver: Scott Vanderburg
Deacon: Sumiko Booraem
Social Hosts: The Hogans





Living Our Faith Together (The LOFT)

SUNDAYS AT 9:00 AM | ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S OFFICE

October 18 - November 1 WE'RE OPEN AND AFFIRMING: NOW WHAT?

Isn't it enough to just say we're Open and Affirming? What does this commitment ask of us? We will hear personal testimony from LGBTQ+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and more) folks, learn more about the differences between sexual orientation, gender expression, and gender identity, and explore what it means to be church in the world today.

Open Community Sing

With Singing Resistance MontCo

TODAY | 1:00 PM | Sanctuary

Come sing with us! Simple songs for courage and solidarity. All voices welcome. No experience needed!

No RSVP required - just show up!

Trunk or Treat Game Night

Thursday, October 29 | 6:00 PM
Fireside & Activity Room

Come in costume, bring some games to share, and enjoy a fun night of gaming with your family and ours! There will be Halloween goodies at themed "Trunk or Treat" tables for ghouls & goblins of all ages!

We want YOU to have a table at our Trunk or Treat! Provide treats and decorate your table! Sign up on the Educator's bulletin board in the Elevator Lobby!

Congregational Outbox

For those who do not have Council Mailboxes, there are designated spots on the white shelves in the Church Office that will serve as a mailbox.

St. John's Evening Book Club!

Thursday, October 22nd
6:00 pm | Church Library

This month, we are discussing **A Discovery of Witches by Deborah Harkness.** Bring a book recommendation and stay to chat!

Each month, members can bring up to two book suggestions for the next month. Each suggestion must have an audio book and be 500 pages or less. From the suggestions, the next month's book is chosen at random.

national giving alliance

The Hatfield-Lansdale Giving Alliance is collecting donations for their upcoming Ingathering on October 26th. Clothing for all ages, toiletries, diapers, blankets, sheets, towels, and monetary donations are much appreciated. Donations can be brought to the church office.

Questions can be answered by Sally Atkiss or Suzanne Franks.

Announcements:

Today:

- LOFT: We're Open and Affirming, Now What?
- Lansdale Singing Resistance **Sanctuary at 1:00 PM**
- Directories are in the library – please sign them out when you take them.
    - If you did not get your picture taken for the directory at the church this year, the suggested donation is $20
    - QR Code available

This Week:

- Dock Cluster **Wednesday at 11:30 AM**
- Enlightener Folding **Thursday at 11:30 AM**
    - Note: This is two hours later than usual!
- Book Club **Thursday at 6:00 PM**
    - You do not have to have read the book for your first meeting!

Next Sunday:

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Joys:

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Concerns:

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Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this
people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with
me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also
found favor in my sight.' 13 Now if I have found favor in your sight,
please show me your ways, so that I may know you and find
favor in your sight. Consider, too, that this nation is your people."
14 He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."
15 And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not bring
us up from here. 16 For how shall it be known that I have found
favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In
this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every
people on the face of the earth."

17 The Lord said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have
asked, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by
name." 18 Moses said, "Please show me your glory." 19 And he
said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will
proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord,' and I will be gracious
to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will
show mercy. 20 But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no
one shall see me and live." 21 And the Lord continued, "See, there
is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, 22 and while
my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will
cover you with my hand until I have passed by; 23 then I will take
away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not
be seen."

Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he
said. 16 So they sent their disciples to him, along with the
Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and
teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show
deference to no one, for you do not regard people with
partiality. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to
Caesar or not?” 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are
you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin
used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. 20 Then he
said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” 21 They
answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to
Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that
are God’s.” 22 When they heard this, they were amazed, and they
left him and went away.