

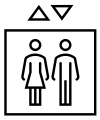
Season of Blessings

October 25, 2026

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

10:15 am

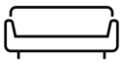
WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S UCC LANSDALE



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 25, 2026 — 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**.*

PRELUDE Largo……Georg-Philipp Telemann

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that you have made, Lord.
Help us to rejoice in it and be glad!
Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as your people;
To come to you in these moments,
To confess our sins,
To receive forgiveness and give it,
To pray and sing and listen,
To renew our fainting spirits,
To rest in all your promises.
Open your eyes to see you, Lord.
Open our ears to hear your word.
Visit us through your Holy Spirit,
And help us to celebrate our faith. 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 #8 Praise to the Living God

CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God,
For the times we have followed the path of the wicked,
Stood in solidarity with those who were wrong,
Or sat quietly and allowed sin to happen,
Forgive us.
Help us to meditate, even delight, in your Word
So that we will flourish with the fruit of your spirit.
Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 84:1-2, 10-12……Pew Bible Page 522
Philippians 1:27-29……Pew Bible Page 182

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 "Not Always Sure Where to Stand"……..……Rev. Elaine Ely

*HYMN #388 Help Us Accept Each Other

Stanza 1: All
Stanza 2: Higher Voices
Stanza 3: Lower Voices
Stanza 4: All

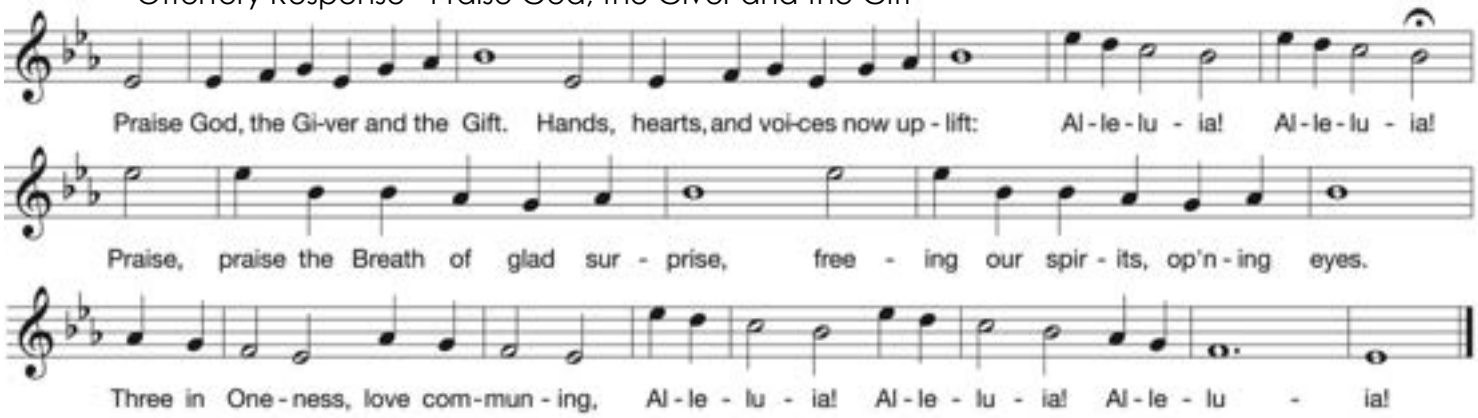
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS.

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Offertory I Love to Tell the Story……...Arr. Mary McDonald

*Offertory Response Praise God, the Giver and the Gift



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dear God, wherever we look, from next door to a world away, we see the places where your creation groans. May these gifts be a faithful response to those cries. Amen.

*HYMN #383 Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Celebration Fanfare……Charles Callahan

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. Elaine Ely Andrew Paulson

Wind Ensemble: Bill Leslie, Grace Bruen, Jason Sands, Jon Sands, Kim Sands, Rickie Lee Sands, Steve Hendricks, Sumiko Booraem

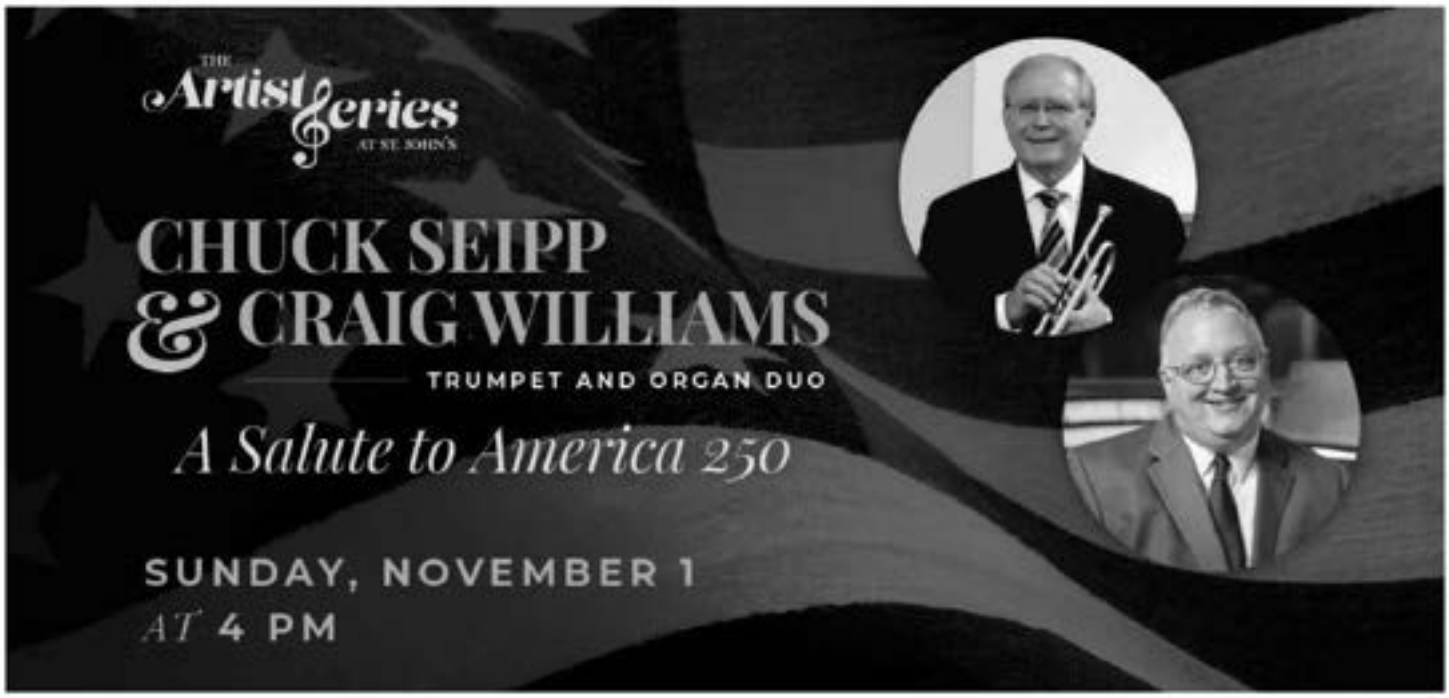
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This Week at St. John's

Sun Oct 25	**22nd Sunday after Pentecost**	
	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:00 AM	L.O.F.T.
	10:15 AM	Worship
	11:30 AM	Fellowship
	2:45 PM	Sarah's Ordination Watch Party
Mon	7:00 PM	Fireside Group (CA)
Tues	7:00 PM	AA
Wed Oct 28	6:30 PM	United Ringers
	7:30 PM	Artist Series Chorus
	8:30 PM	Chancel Choir
Thurs	6:30 PM	Trunk or Treat & Game Night
Fri	6:00 PM	North Penn Chess Club
Sat Oct 3	9:00 AM	Art of Living Foundation
	5:00 PM	Woori Center Drums
Sun Nov 1	**All Saints Sunday**	
	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:00 AM	Praying Hands Stitchers
		L.O.F.T.
	10:15 AM	Worship
	11:30 AM	Fellowship
	4:00 PM	Artist Series Presents: Chuck Seipp & Craig Williams

Acknowledgements:

In memory of
Ian Brown's
October 29th Birthday
To the Memorial Fund from:
wife, Vivienne Brown



No Chancel Flowers
This week

Hospitality: Team Leslie
Umbrella Ministry: Judy Koenig
Elder: Suzy Franks
Audio Tech: Matt Rivett

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

Weekly Current Needed:	$8,700.00	Weekly OCWM Needed:	$865.38
The Week of October 18 **21st Sunday after Pentecost**		**The Week of October 11** **20th Sunday after Pentecost**	
Attendance: 8:00 AM	23	Attendance: 8:00 AM	19
Attendance: 10:15 AM	121	Attendance: 10:15 AM	90
Offering For Current:	$8,231.00	Offering For Current:	$4,313.65
Offering For OCWM:	$540.00	Offering For OCWM:	$444.00



Dear St. John's community,

Our incoming Associate Pastor, Sarah Klockowski, will be ordained at her home congregation of First Parish in Lincoln in Lincoln, Massachusetts today, October 25 at 3:00 pm.

Rev. Linda will be participating in the service and will be there, along with Margie Jewell and Janet Morton, who will represent the Search Committee.

The ordination will be livestreamed and you can watch and celebrate at an "Ordination Watch Party" here in the library at 3:00 pm. Pastor Elaine will facilitate the "Watch Party" gathering. It will be great to feel part of this huge step in her journey to us and a wonderful way to let her know how much we feel she is already part of our St. John's family. Bring light snacks if you'd like to.

If you can't join the Watch Party, you can log into the live stream wherever you are at this link - https://fplincoln.altarlive.com/stream/f918-ia4r-0nx7o .

Pastor Sarah and her congregation will see that we are watching and celebrating this significant moment in shared ministry. We want the people who love her to know she will be in good hands at St. John's!

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.



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.

The Congregational Outbox currently has things for;

- Karen Methlie
- St. John's Stampers
- Praying Hands Stitchers

All Saints List

All Saints Sunday is next Sunday!

If you have a loved one that has passed in the last year and would like them to be recognized during All Saints Sunday, please contact the office with their name by October 28th.

Free Organ Recitals

Every Tuesday in November at 12pm



David Furniss

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 AT 12 PM

Announcements:

Today:

- Rev. Linda, Janet Morton, & Margie Jewell have gone to Sarah's Ordination to represent St. John's.
- LOFT: We're Open and Affirming, Now What?
- Sarah's Ordination Livestream Watch Party **at 2:45 PM in the library.**
    - **Link to the livestream can be found in the bulletin**

This Week:

- Trunk or Treat is **Thursday at 6:30 PM in the Activity & Fireside Rooms**
    - Sign up for a table!!

Next Sunday:

- Praying Hands Stitchers meets next Sunday **at 9 am in the library**
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Joys:

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Concerns:

- Ms. Christine Wiley is in Lansdale hospital

Psalm 84:1-2, 10-12

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!
2 My soul longs, indeed it faints,
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

10 For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.
11 For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
he bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does the Lord withhold
from those who walk uprightly.
12 O Lord of hosts,
happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Philippians 1:27-29

27 Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel 28 and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing.
29 For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well,