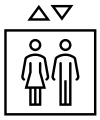


Season of Blessings

ALL SAINTS DAY
November 1, 2026
10:15 am

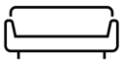
WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S UCC LANSDALE



The Elevator is 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 — November 1, 2026 — All Saints Day

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

PRELUDE/BUILDING AN ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE

During the prelude, you may bring forward photographs of loved ones who have died.

Remembering……James Behnke

Gather at the River……Susan LaBarr

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river, the river that flows by the throne of God.

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul.
-Horatio Gates Spafford and Robert S. Lowry

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This morning we gather to call forth the holiness of the ancestors and all those who have gone before us as we dare remember those whom we loved and who have died.

We call their names and we feel the divine connection surge through us.

We remember those who died this year who were woven into the fabric of this congregation.

We remember those in our own lives we have loved and lost.

We remember those who have died in war and acts of violence.

We remember and celebrate those who were wise and have given their special gifts to the world.

We gather where the sparks of God fly as we celebrate the connection that is still alive between us.

May we feel God's grace and the bond that joins us to one another in this time of depth, grief, longing, and mystery.

May we be comforted and inspired by our connection to Christ and to the greater whole.

Come, Holy Spirit. Dance among us, and open our hearts to the fire of your 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 #18 Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

Stanza 2 may be sung in harmony.

CONFESSION

Gracious God, there is so much these days to burden our souls:
heartbreak and outrage over the ravages of war and domination;
fear for our democracy and the stability of our country;
anxiety about the safety and well-being of our neighbors and loved ones.
These burdens can overwhelm our confidence in the promises of faith
and deplete our energy for justice-seeking.
Forgive us should we concede to the way things are. Give us courage, O God,
that we might be renewed in hope, and fierce in our determination to be
channels of your peace and bearers of your love for our hurting world.

WORDS OF GRACE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 34:1-10, 22……..……..……..…Pew Bible Page 491
Hebrews 12:1-3……..…….Pew Bible Page 207

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 "This Great Cloud of Witnesses"……..……..…..Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan

REMEMBERING ALL THE SAINTS

Candles will be lit in remembrance of those who have died.

*HYMN #299 For All the Saints

Stanza 1: Choir
Stanza 2: All
Stanza 3: Lower Voices
Stanza 4: Higher Voices
Stanza 5: All

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS.

For online giving, please use the QR code.

Offertory Rhosymedre……Ralph Vaughan Williams

Today's offertory and postlude are played by Chuck Seipp (trumpet) and Craig Williams (organ). This duo will be performing in today's Artist Series concert at 4pm, A Salute to America 250. We hope you will join us!

*Offertory Response Praise God, the Giver and the Gift



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dear God, with thanksgiving for those who have gone before us and offered their gifts to the world and this church, receive our offering now. Multiply it and use it to provide more love and more care to those in need.

*HYMN When the Saints Go Marching In



The below stanzas follow:

When we raise our voice in song…
When our leaders learn to cry…
When the trumpet sounds the call…
When the sun begins to shine…
When the saints go marching in…

*BENEDICTION

THE TOLLING OF THE CHIMES

We remember the saints that have gone before us with the tolling of the chimes.

POSTLUDE Rejoicing……G.F. Handel

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 Andrew Paulson Sally Jarinko, Liturgist Chancel Choir United Ringers

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This Week at St. John's

Sun	**All Saints Sunday**	
Nov 1	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
Mon	6:30 PM	NAMI
Nov 2	7:00 PM	Fireside Group (CA)
Tues	12:00 PM	American Guild of Organists: David Furniss
Nov 3	7:00 PM	AA
Wed	6:30 PM	United Ringers
Nov 4	7:30 PM	Artist Series Chorus
	8:30 PM	Chancel Choir
Fri	6:00 PM	North Penn Chess Club
Sat	8:00 AM	Art of Living Foundation
Nov 7	9:30 AM	Women's Retreat
	5:00 PM	Woori Center Drums
Sun	**24th Sunday after Pentecost**	
Nov 8	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:00 AM	L.O.F.T.
	10:15 AM	Worship
	11:30 AM	Fellowship



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This Week





No Chancel Flowers
This week

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Umbrella Ministry: Judy Johnston

Elder: Emilie Truscott

Audio Tech: Robin MacMullen

Chancel Flowers: Mary Billy

Driver: Gale Linderman

Deacon: Paula White

Social Hosts: Kim Sands

Weekly Current Needed:	$8,700.00	Weekly OCWM Needed:	$865.38
The Week of October 25 22nd Sunday after Pentecost		**The Week of October 18 21st Sunday after Pentecost**	
Attendance: 8:00 AM	12	Attendance: 8:00 AM	23
Attendance: 10:15 AM	92	Attendance: 10:15 AM	121
Offering For Current:	$2,294.00	Offering For Current:	$8,231.00
Offering For OCWM:	$155.00	Offering For OCWM:	$540.00



All Saints List 2026



Members:

Marie Boulton
Betty Canfield
Joan Haag-Beiter
Shirley Hale
Deborah Krail
Betty J Saukaitis
Johanna Shetler
Mary Ellen Snyder
Robert “Bob” Tanis

Friends:

Joan Austin Waldron	Aunt of Amy Ryan Faga
Rebecca Bearden Welsh	Friend of Deb Ahrens
Betty Booraem	Mother of Sumiko Booraem
Robert John Boyle	Uncle of Jack & Ben Kasander
Ronald Cooley	Father of Veronica Cooley
Charles Fritz	Brother of Judy Koenig & Connie May
David Gottshall	Friend of Sumiko Booraem
Doug Hanson	UCC Pastor
Robert “Bob” Herr	Uncle of Sumiko Booraem
Maureen Hogan	Friend of St. John’s
Bob Krause	Friend of St. John’s
Sonja Noonan	Mother of Linda Noonan
Alice M. Peacock	Friend of St. John’s
Rodney W. Rogers	Friend of St. John’s
Anthony Salmon	Friend of St. John’s
Audrey Lynnette Smith	Mother of Susan Fitzpatrick

Grief Group

Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 PM starting November 17th

When Grief Feels Extra Heavy... We want to help you carry the load. St. John's is providing 5 weeks of Grief Support as we move into fall months, shorter days, longer nights, colder weather, and the dread of faing the holidays with loved ones missing and traditions changing.

The November 17th session will focus specifically on facing the holidays while mourning a loss. The remaining four weeks will be more interactive with sharing, asking questions, and gaining an understanding of "normal" grief. These sessions are open to the community.

Feel free to invite friends or family. RSVPs are not required, but would be helpful to ensure enough seats and handouts. You can let Pastor Elaine (215) 915-4370 or the Ofice (215) 855-5489 know which sessions you plan to attend.





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.

Announcements:

Today:

- 4 PM Artist Series Concert

This Week:

- Tuesday Noon Recital – David Furniss!

Next Sunday:

- Carolyn Rivett is preaching!
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Joys:

-

Concerns:

- Ms. Christine Wiley is in Lansdale hospital

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
2 My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
3 O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
5 Look to him, and be radiant,
so your[a] faces shall never be ashamed.
6 This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord
and was saved from every trouble.
7 The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him and delivers them.
8 O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.
9 O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.
10 The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,[a] and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of[b] the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners,[c] so that you may not grow weary in your souls or lose heart.