

Order of Worship
 St. John's United Church of Christ
 500 West Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446
 10:15 AM – December 29, 2019

We Gather For Worship
“Cosmic Praise”

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE The Little Road to Bethlehem - Michael Head
 Susan Sands, Soloist

*OPENING HYMN Angels, from the Realms of Glory.....#126

*REFLECTION ON THEME

*WE CONFESS OUR SINS

Loving God, on this Sunday after Christmas, we set unwrapped presents and leftovers aside to take time to pause and to praise. The whole world is different now that your son Jesus has been born, but rarely do we take time to live differently because of this miracle. Help us, as we step from one year into the next, to keep our eyes and hearts open to the ways in which all of creation praises You for such a gift. Walk with us as we seek to offer our praise in ordinary ways, in the midst of ordinary days, by who we are, what we do, and how we do it. Amen.

*WE ASK FOR MERCY Hymn #133, Stanza 4

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
 Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
 We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
 O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

*WE RECEIVE GOD'S GIFT OF GRACE

*WE OFFER OUR PRAISE AND THANKS Hymn #125, Refrain
 Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

This Week At St. John's

If you would like more information please contact the church office 215.855.5489 or office@st-johns-ucc.org

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| Dec | 29 | Sun | 8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM | First Sunday after Christmas Morning Worship, Sanctuary Sunday School for United Adult Class Morning Worship, Sanctuary Christmas Carols sung by the Congregation |
| Dec | 30 | Mon | | |
| Dec | 31 | Tue | 7:30 PM | New Year's Eve AA |
| Jan | 1 | Wed | | New Year's Day Office Closed |
| Jan | 2 | Thu | 7:00 PM | Yoga |
| Jan | 3 | Fri | 6:00 PM | Chess Club |
| Jan | 4 | Sat | 10:00 AM | Art of Living |
| Jan | 5 | Sun | 8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM | Second Sunday after Christmas – Epiphany Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary Sunday School for All Ages Morning Worship, Sanctuary Communion |

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Susan C. Bertollette, D. Min., Senior Pastor
 Adelaide L. Stong, M. Div., Associate Pastor
 Lisa Delp, Church Administrator
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 Abbie Lampe, Minister of Music for Children and Youth
 Leroy Horst, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor Bill Bergey, Custodian
 Pricilla Ponist, Council President

- A nursery for children kindergarten age and younger is available. While children are always welcome in worship, this is available for your convenience if they become restless.
- Junior Church is available following the children’s message for children 1st through 4th grade. Parents may pick up children downstairs following the 10:15 service.
- If you would benefit from having the worship bulletins or hymns in large print, please see one of our ushers.
- Please ask an usher for an audio device if you are having difficulty hearing the service.
- CD’s of this morning’s service are available by contacting the church office. Recent sermons can be heard on the Audio-Sermons page of our website <http://st-johns-ucc.org/podcast-audio>
- Reminder: The wheelchairs and first aid kit are stored in the "First Aid Closet" in the narthex (the door is clearly labeled). **The automatic external defibrillator (AED) is located in the church Library on the wall closest to the Sanctuary.**

Worship Assistants

Ushers: Team Leader Thomas Beggs; Richard Boorse, Don Huntsinger, Rickie Sands, Ted Kasander, Ben Kasander, Donna Walter, Jean Parks, Patti Thomas, Dean Meacham and David Douglass

CD Technician: Don Groff

Driver: Jo-Ann Sine

Greeters: The Kasander Family

Elder of the Morning: Sumiko Booraem

Acolytes:

Junior Church: NO Jr. Church – Holiday Break

Chancel Flower Ministry: Jeane & Bob Fritz

Nursery Staff: Liz & Matt Rivett

Social Hosts: Judy & Alan Johnston

Kitchen Monitors: Scott Vanderburg

Umbrella Ministry: Marilyn Nannen

United Adult Class: Teachers – Pat Rieker, “Choose Praise,” Matthew 2:13-23

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 148

Praise the Lord!
 Praise the Lord from the heavens;
 praise him in the heights!
 Praise him, all his angels;
 praise him, all his host!
 Praise him, sun and moon;
 praise him, all you shining stars!
 Praise him, you highest heavens,
 and you waters above the heavens!
 Let them praise the name of the Lord,
 for he commanded and they were created.
 He established them forever and ever;
 he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.
 Praise the Lord from the earth,
 you sea monsters and all deeps,
 fire and hail, snow and frost,
 stormy wind fulfilling his command!
 Mountains and all hills,
 fruit trees and all cedars!
 Wild animals and all cattle,
 creeping things and flying birds!
 Kings of the earth and all peoples,
 princes and all rulers of the earth!
 Young men and women alike,
 old and young together!
 Let them praise the name of the Lord,
 for his name alone is exalted;
 his glory is above earth and heaven.
 He has raised up a horn for his people,
 praise for all his faithful,
 for the people of Israel who are close to him.
 Praise the Lord!

SERMON

Proclaim Go Tell It on the Mountain.....#154, Stanza 3
Rejoice Good Christian Friends, Rejoice.....#129, Stanzas 2 and 3
Ask What Child Is This?.....#148, Stanza 1
Imagine Sing a Different Song.....#150, Stanzas 1 and 3
Shine O Little Town of Bethlehem.....#133, Stanza 1
Enjoy Joy to the World!.....#132, Stanzas 1, 2, and 3
 Rev. Addie Stong

SILENCE

We Respond in Faith

JOYS, CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

WE HAND OVER TO GOD OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS Hymn #124, Stanza 3

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with you there.

INVITATION TO SHARE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Three Jolly Shepherds - Alec Rowley
Susan Sands, Soloist

*WE OFFER UP OUR GIFTS Hymn #128, Stanza 4
What can I offer, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise one, I would do my part;
But what can I offer: all my heart.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child.....#136

* COMMISSION

* POSTLUDE

*Denotes Congregation Standing, if Able

Please join us after worship for fellowship and refreshments in Assembly Hall, the room below the sanctuary. All Are Welcome!!!

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| Weekly amount needed for Current Income | \$7,902.88 |
| Weekly amount needed for OCWM | \$893.46 |
| A Look at the Week of December 15, 2019 | |
| Attendance 8:00 AM | 63 |
| Attendance 10:15 AM | 182 |
| Offering For Current Income | \$9,356.84 |
| Offering For Our Church’s Wider Mission | \$1,132.00 |
| A Look at the Week of December 22, 2019 | |
| Attendance 8:00 AM | 57 |
| Attendance 10:15 AM | 187 |
| Offering For Current Income | \$7,734.84 |
| Offering For Our Church’s Wider Mission | \$760.00 |

*****Important Notice*****

All donations designated for **2019** must be received in the Church office **today, Sunday, December 29.**

All donations received after today will be credited to your 2020 donation account.