

Order of Worship
 St. John's United Church of Christ
 500 West Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446
 10:15 AM – January 12, 2020

We Gather For Worship
“Possibilities Unfolding”

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him – Jan Bender

INTROIT Praise to the Lord

*OPENING HYMN Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You.....#4

*REFLECTION ON THEME

*WE CONFESS OUR SINS

Loving God, with a new year and new decade come new possibilities ~ for renewal, for reconciliation, for new life and new growth. Instead of letting these possibilities unfold the way that you would have them unfold, however, we seek to control every detail of every new thing you are seeking to do in our lives, thinking that the tighter our grip on the steering wheel, the easier and safer life will be. Help us to surrender, move over, and let you in the driver's seat, not in a way that renders us passive passengers, but rather present participants on the open road of possibilities before us. Anything is possible with you, O God, our strength and our hope. May that knowledge and promise indeed give us strength and hope. Amen.

*WE ASK FOR MERCY

God, tender and just, forgive our sins; forgive our sins.

*WE RECEIVE GOD'S GIFT OF GRACE

*WE OFFER OUR PRAISE AND THANKS #760
 Amen, we praise your name, O God.
 Amen, we praise your name, O God.
 Amen, amen, amen, amen,
 Amen, we praise your name, O God

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

Jan	12	Sun	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM	The Baptism of Christ Morning Worship, Sanctuary Sunday School for All Ages Morning Worship, Sanctuary Confirmation Class, Manna Sunday, Soup Sale, Enlightener Due Date
Jan	13	Mon	7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Boards Council
Jan	14	Tue	9:00 AM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Men's Breakfast Girl Scouts AA
Jan	15	Wed	5:30 PM 6:00 PM	United Voices Children's Choir
Jan	16	Thu	6:15 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	United Ringers Yoga Chancel Choir
Jan	17	Fri	6:00 PM	Chess Club
Jan	18	Sat	10:00 AM	Art of Living
Jan	19	Sun	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Second Sunday after Epiphany Morning Worship, Sanctuary Sunday School for United Adult Class Morning Worship, Sanctuary Gordon Baptism, Fairly Traded Coffee Sales

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 or visit our **website** at <http://www.st-johns-ucc.org>
 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

January 12, 2020

- 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 Leaders Sally Jarinko, Mark Methlie; Mark Bruen, Peter Conver, Nicole Groff, Vernon Hunsberger, Judy Koenig, and Charles Sisian

CD Technician: Bob George

Driver: Ted Kasander

Greeters: Wendy O'Connor and Judy Leslie

Elder of the Morning: Barbarann Probst

Acolytes: Alex and Jessica Ace

Junior Church: Kelly Bresadola

Chancel Flower Ministry: Kelly Bresadola

Nursery Staff: Betty Elliott, Emily Donahue

Social Hosts: Cindy Reese and Judy Haiges

Kitchen Monitor: Jessica & Matt Carson

Umbrella Ministry: Marcia Stacy

United Adult Class: Teacher – Pat Rieker,

"Loved," Matthew 3:13-17

Chancel Flowers

In memory of Eileen Crockett Laird's January 13th birthday from her sister Pat, and Jonathan and Ken Rieker

In memory of Pat Salter's birthday on January 17th from her family

In memory of her husband Bill's birthday from Nancy Roberts

We Listen For God's Word

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 42:1-9 (Pg. 634)

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Dr. Sue Bertollette

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

ANTHEM Beautiful Savior - arr. F. Melius Christiansen
Chancel Choir

SERMON "In This Together"
Rev. Addie Stong

SILENCE

We Respond in Faith

*HYMN Jesus Loves Me.....#327

JOYS, CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE HAND OVER TO GOD OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS
 O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
 When I call answer me.
 O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer,
 Come and listen to me.

INVITATION TO SHARE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Jesus Loves Me – arr. David Schelat

*WE OFFER UP OUR GIFTS
 Praise God, the Giver and the Gift. Hands, hearts and voices now uplift:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise, praise the Breath of Glad Surprise, Freeing our spirits, opening eyes:
 Three in Oneness, love communing, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens.....#556

* 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!!!

Weekly amount needed for Current Income	\$7,902.88
Weekly amount needed for OCWM	\$893.46
A Look at December 24, 25, & 29, 2019	
December 24 - Attendance 5:00 PM	212
December 24 - Attendance 11:00 PM	205
December 25 - Attendance: 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	52
December 29 - Attendance 8:00 AM	53
December 29 - Attendance 10:15 AM	104
Offering For Current Income	\$12,308.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$1,056.00
A Look at the Week of January 5, 2020	
Attendance 8:00 AM	66
Attendance 10:15 AM	162
Offering For Current Income	\$6,897.52
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$1,579.00



**Congregational Dinner
 Sunday, January 26
 Following 10:15 worship!**

An Italian meal will be served compliments of the Deacons. New Council members will be introduced during this event.

Sign-up sheets located in the Narthex and Elevator Lobby.