

Order of Worship
 St. John's United Church of Christ
 500 West Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446
 10:15 AM – January 19, 2020

We Gather For Worship
“All That We Are”

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Psalm Prelude: paraphrase of Psalm 40:1-3 (excerpt) - Craig Phillips

INTROIT Lift Every Voice and Sing

*OPENING HYMN All People That on Earth Do Dwell.....#7

*REFLECTION ON THEME

*WE CONFESS OUR SINS

God of Night and Day, Darkness and Light ~ You come to us in this season of Epiphany, inviting us to be our best selves as we seek to live our faith each day. Even as Jesus gave all of himself for us, so we are challenged to commit ourselves wholeheartedly to following him and reflecting his light in a world filled with darkness. Forgive us for our reluctance to be “all in” when it comes to embodying our faith. Forgive us for our halfhearted response to your call to speak the truth in love, to demonstrate compassion, to work tirelessly as instruments of your peace. Empowered by your love, may we dare to do the work of Christmas, spreading hope, love, joy and peace wherever we go. This we pray in Jesus' Name. 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	19	Sun	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Second Sunday after Epiphany Morning Worship, Sanctuary Sunday School for all ages Morning Worship, Sanctuary Gordon Baptism, Fairly Traded Coffee Sales
Jan	20	Mon	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Girl Scouts Prayer Group
Jan	21	Tue	6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM 7:30 PM	Eagle Scout Board of Review Girl Scouts Worship @ Manna AA
Jan	22	Wed	5:30 PM 6:00 PM	United Voices Children's Choir
Jan	23	Thu	7:00 AM 9:30 AM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Prayer Walk Enlightener Folding United Ringers Yoga Chancel Choir
Jan	24	Fri	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Chess Club Lansdale Montessori School Orientation
Jan	25	Sat	10:00 AM 10:00 AM	Set up Assembly Hall for Congregational Dinner Art of Living
Jan	26	Sun	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Third Sunday after Epiphany Morning Worship, Sanctuary Sunday School for all ages Morning Worship, Sanctuary Prayer Shawl Sunday, Congregational Dinner

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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
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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

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- *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 Gerald Linderman; Donald Fretz, Stefanie Giampa, Jennifer Gilbert, Gale Linderman, and Walt & Bonnie Weber

CD Technician: Bob George

Driver: Scott Vanderburg

Greeters: Alan & Judy Johnston

Elder of the Morning: Marcia Stacy

Acolytes: Lexi and Evie Hutchinson

Junior Church: Liz Rivett

Chancel Flower Ministry: Toni & Steve Butz

Nursery Staff: Cindy and Darcy Reese

Social Hosts: Steph Giampa and Jenn Moyer

Kitchen Monitor: Scott Vanderburg

Umbrella Ministry: Sally Jarinko

United Adult Class: Teacher – Gayle George, "Called," Isaiah 49:1-7

Chancel Flowers

In memory of Lorraine Badger's January 24th birthday from her daughter Susan and John Hendricks

In memory of Ethel Shellenberger's January 25th birthday from Lorene Ahrens

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM for Jack Gordon, son of Adam & Becky Gordon

Godparents: Samantha Bentrim and William Alba

Pastor: Jack ~ Baptism is a sacrament of God's boundless grace, a celebration of God's unconditional, never ending love. It is also a promise-making time. Adam & Becky, will you promise, with God's help, to reflect God's "no strings attached", endless love in your relationship with Jack?

Adam & Becky: Yes, we will.

Pastor: Baptism is also a christening. It completes the naming process.

To the name you have given your child, Jack, we will add the name, Child of God, member of God's family. Will you seek to help Jack come to know who he is at the deepest and most basic level?

Adam & Becky: Yes, we will.

Pastor: Baptism is also about anticipation. We anticipate the time when Jack will confirm the decision to live in the power of God's love and grace and follow the ways of Christ.

Will you, with your nurturing and encouragement, prepare Jack for that time?

Adam & Becky: Yes, we will.

Pastor: Samantha and William, as Jack's Godparents, will you support Adam & Becky in this commitment and become a special friend and faith partner to Jack?

Samantha and William: Yes, we will.

Pastor: Will you the congregation of St. John's promise your friendship, prayers, love, and availability to Jack, Adam and Becky?

Congregation: Yes, we will.

Baptism Hymn: Jesus Loves Me..... # 327 (Verse 1)

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

We Listen For God's Word

SCRIPTURE Psalm 40:1-11 (Pg. 496)

John 1:29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Addie Stong

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 I Waited for the Lord - Felix Mendelssohn
Chancel Choir; Allison Deratzian and Kathleen Siddall, Soloists

SERMON "Do You Have a Faith Worth Sharing?"
Rev. Dr. Sue Bertolette

SILENCE

We Respond in Faith

*HYMN I Love to Tell the Story.....#522

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 Psalm Prelude: paraphrase of Psalm 40:1-3 (excerpt) - Craig Phillips

*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 Called as Partners in Christ's Service.....#495

* COMMISSION

* POSTLUDE Toccata on "Great Day" - African-American Spiritual
arr. Adolphus Hailstork

*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!!!

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.