

Order of Worship
 St. John's United Church of Christ
 500 West Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446
 10:15 AM – February 2, 2020

We Gather For Worship
“The Vision Beautiful”

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Musical Selection by Don & Cindy Reese

*OPENING HYMN We Worship You, God.....#26

*REFLECTION ON THEME

*WE CONFESS OUR SINS

Loving God ~ When you created the world and all that is in it, you had a vision beautiful. You could see us caring for your Creation, loving our neighbor, laboring together for justice, working tirelessly for peace, ever seeking to demonstrate the kind of mercy and compassion your Son repeatedly showed to people from all walks of life. Obviously, we have fallen short of your vision beautiful, and for that we ask your forgiveness. Knowing that you will never give up on us, may we not give up on trying to better live our lives so that the beauty you intended might be experienced by all you have created. This we ask 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

Feb	2	Sun	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Morning Worship, Sanctuary Sunday School for all ages Morning Worship, Sanctuary Chancel Choir singing @ Trinity Lutheran Church, Health Ministry Meeting
Feb	3	Mon	6:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Girl Scouts Search Committee Prayer Shawl Stewardship / New Council Member Orientation
Feb	4	Tue	1:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Quilters NAMI Girl Scouts AA
Feb	5	Wed	6:00 PM 6:00 PM	United Voices Children's Choir
Feb	6	Thu	6:15 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	United Ringers Yoga Chancel Choir
Feb	7	Fri	6:00 PM	Chess Club
Feb	8	Sat	9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Women's Retreat Art of Living
Feb	9	Sun	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM 4:00 PM	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Morning Worship, Sanctuary Sunday School for all ages Morning Worship, Sanctuary Trinity Lutheran Choir singing @ St. John's, Installation of New Council Officers and Board Members, Manna Sunday, Blanket Sunday, New Member Informational Gathering, Enlightener Due Date Artist Series – Richard Spotts

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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

The Vision Beautiful

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed is the family bankrupted by medical costs. Blessed is the elder who stands with a cardboard sign asking for money at the end of the on-ramp.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed is the one who has lost loved ones to preventable illness. Blessed is the one who grieves the loss of a job to retirement or restructure.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed is the one who flees the violence of war in one nation, only to experience the violence of detention in another. Blessed is the one who cannot speak for himself, whose only language is the anguish in his eyes.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed is the one who travels by three busses to find affordable groceries in her city. Blessed is the one whose kitchen is empty, but who can't find a food pantry in his rural area.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed is the one on social media who asks a genuine question rather than starts a fight. Blessed is the one who offers solace to the addict without demanding proof that she is worthy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed is the one who tells the truth, even when a lie would be easier. Blessed is the one who receives the truth with grace and curiosity.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed is the one who marches in the streets for peace in the world. Blessed is the one who sits on a prayer cushion for peace in their heart.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed is the one who is wrongfully accused and imprisoned. Blessed is the one who has served time, only to find himself barred from housing and work upon his release.

These blessings from Christ, known as the Beatitudes, continue to have resonance in our world today. Spend some time in prayerful consideration of the Beatitudes you have witnessed in your community.



We Respond in Faith

*HYMN O God of Love, O God of Peace.....#571

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 Musical Selection by Don & Cindy Reese

*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 Be Now My Vision.....#451

* COMMISSION

* POSTLUDE Musical Selection by Don & Cindy Reese

*Denotes Congregation Standing, if Able

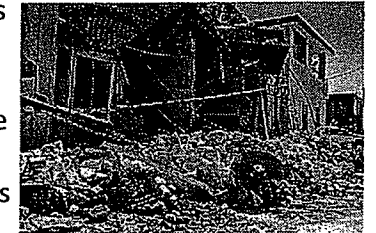
Please join us after worship for fellowship and refreshments in Assembly Hall, the room below the sanctuary. All Are Welcome!!!

A special "thank you" to Don & Cindy Reese, musicians, and Gayle George, organist, for helping with the music this morning while David Furniss and St. John's Chancel Choir are singing at Trinity Lutheran Church. Our Choir and Trinity Choir will be here at St. John's next Sunday.

Weekly amount needed for Current Income	\$7,902.88
Weekly amount needed for OCWM	\$893.46
A Look at the Week of January 19, 2020 - Snow & Ice	
Attendance 8:00 AM	31
Attendance 10:15 AM	125
Offering For Current Income	\$3,766.32
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$322.00
A Look at the Week of January 26, 2020 - Congregational Dinner	
Attendance 8:00 AM	45
Attendance 10:15 AM	205
Offering For Current Income	\$11,682.68
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$1,153.00

Update on Puerto Rico Earthquakes

I'm sure many of you are keeping our sisters and brothers in Puerto Rico in your prayers today, and likely already fielding some questions regarding how folks can help and the UCC response.



For those who are unaware, Puerto Rico was struck by a 6.4 magnitude earthquake at 3:24am local time today 8 miles west of Ponce (on the southeastern coast), and numerous aftershocks have been reported. This follows a 5.0 magnitude earthquake yesterday. Numerous homes and structures have been damaged and one casualty has been reported. Folks on the island are in the midst of assessing damage and needs.

We have launched the information and giving pages for the Puerto Rico appeal, with a goal of raising \$250,000.
https://www.ucc.org/earthquake_recovery_puerto_rico

Prayer: "Holy God, source of light and life, our hearts are once again grieving as we witness the many tragedies around us. We pray today for our siblings in Puerto Rico who have awakened to the challenges of these earthquakes. We pray their strength and resilience. We pray for those who experienced loss and ask their peace and comfort. Help us to be a source of your presence and love with all in this moment. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen."

February 2, 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 Leader Thomas Beggs; Richard Boorse, Don Huntsinger, Rickie Sands, Ted Kasander, Ben Kasander, Donna Walter, Jean Parks, Patti Thomas and Dean Meacham

CD Technician: Bob George

Driver: Jo-Ann Sine

Greeters: Clare & Harry Sherlock

Elder of the Morning: Judy Leslie

Acolyte: Mitchell O'Neill

Junior Church: Patti Thomas

Chancel Flower Ministry: Sarah Baker and Bob Keim

Nursery Staff: Charlene & Paul Herrick

Social Hosts: Ted, Jack and Ben Kasander

Kitchen Monitor: Frances Fraelich

Umbrella Ministry: Marcia Stacy

United Adult Class: Teacher – Steve Butz, "Blessed," Matthew 5:1-12

Chancel Flowers

In memory of Albert C. Munzinger's February 6th birthday from his daughter and grandson, Kay & Tony Fiala

In memory of Bud Moyer from his wife, Ruth, and family

We Listen For God's Word

SCRIPTURE Micah 6:1-8 (Pg. 817)

Matthew 5:1-12

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"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

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"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

SOLO Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring - J.S. Bach
Don Reese

SERMON "Nothing to Sneeze At"
Rev. Dr. Sue Bertollette

SILENCE