

Order of Worship
 St. John's United Church of Christ
 500 West Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446
 10:15 AM – February 9, 2020

We Gather For Worship
“Restoring Beauty”

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Alleluia! O Praise the Lord Most Holy - J. S. Bach
 Trinity Choir and Chancel Choir; Andrea Baxter, Director

INTROIT O Grant Us Light

*OPENING HYMN This Little Light #524
 1. This little light... 2. Everywhere I go... 3. All through the night...

*REFLECTION ON THEME

*WE CONFESS OUR SINS
 God, from the very start we learn that you are a God who creates, and that all you make is so very beautiful and so very good. But even things created perfectly cannot and do not stay perfect. We confess that at times, we have not stood in awe of the beauty you entrusted to our care, but rather, we have been forces of destruction and have treated your creation, even our fellow humans created in your image, like you made them for us to mindlessly use and abuse. Help us to open our eyes and be about the work of restoring, which is, seeing the beauty that lies within all things and doing the work to make known the “good-ness” that you intended from the very beginning. And as we do this work, may you restore our hearts, patiently and compassionately bringing us back to who you created us to be, reminding us of the goodness that you wove into each fiber of our being. 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	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
Feb	10	Mon	7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Boards Council
Feb	11	Tue	9:30 AM 1:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Men's Breakfast Quilters Girl Scouts AA
Feb	12	Wed	6:00 PM 6:00 PM	United Voices Children's Choir
Feb	13	Thu	7:00 AM 1:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Prayer Walk Stampers Yoga Chancel Choir
Feb	14	Fri	6:00 PM	Chess Club
Feb	15	Sat		
Feb	16	Sun	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Sixth Sunday after Epiphany Morning Worship, Sanctuary Sunday School for all ages Morning Worship, Sanctuary Frey Baptism Fairly Traded Coffee Sales

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 Susan C. Bertolette, D. Min., Senior Pastor
 Adelaide L. Stong, M. Div., Associate Pastor
 Lisa Delp, Church Administrator
 David L. Furniss, M.S.M., Minister of Music
 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 Jim Lederach; Mary Billy, Frances Fraelich, Griff Francis, Jenn Moyer, Kelly Bresadola, Joe Slover, Ethan Moyer, and Steve Bossert

CD Technician: Don Groff

Driver: Ted Kasander

Greeters: Cindy & Don Reese

Elder of the Morning: Barbarann Probst

Acolytes: Bella Bonanno and Hannah Zeigler

Junior Church: Amy Hutchinson

Chancel Flower Ministry: Phil & Wendy Hunt

Nursery Staff: Jen and Olivia Gilbert

Social Hosts: Judy & Alan Johnston

Kitchen Monitor: Bonnie Moyer

Umbrella Ministry: Joyce Huisenga

United Adult Class: Teacher – Steve Butz, "Shine," Matthew 5:13-20

Chancel Flowers

In memory of Dick Yocum's February 9th birthday from his family

In memory of Barbara Wenner's February 10th birthday from her husband, Bill, and Shelly and Marissa Longcoy

In memory of David T. Evans' birthday from his daughter, Jeane, Bob and Beth Fritz

We Listen For God's Word

SCRIPTURE Psalm 112:1-9 (Pg. 539)

Matthew 5:13-20

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot."

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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 Heilig (Holy) - Felix Mendelssohn
Holy is God the Lord Sabaoth! All the nations are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Praise him who comes in the name of the Lord.
Trinity Choir and Chancel Choir

SERMON "Pass the Salt!"
Rev. Addie Stong

SILENCE

We Respond in Faith

*HYMN Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Jesus, the Light of the World).....#160

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.

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL (^Indicates New Council Members)

DEACONS: Jessica Carson, Matt Carson, ^Francis Fraelich, Barbara MacMullen,
^Bonnie Moyer, Scott Vanderburg

EDUCATORS: Mary Billy, ^Michelle Forsythe, Jen Gilbert, Janet Morton, Lisa Thim,
Rev. Patti Thomas

ELDERS: Sue Clemens, Judy Leslie, ^Ted Kasander, Barbarann Probst, ^Jim Stevenson

TRUSTEES: Mark Bruen, Mike Donahue, ^David Douglass, Brian Hutchinson,
^Alan Johnston, Harry Sherlock

OFFICERS:

President – Don Atkiss
Vice President – Deborah Dayton
Secretary – Wendy O’Connor
Co-Treasurers - Sandy & Bob Taylor
Finance Committee Chair – Grace Bruen
Personnel Committee Chair – Liz Vanderburg

Pastor: Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for particular service in the ministry of the church, whether gathered or scattered. Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve with the help of God in Christ’s name and for the glory of God?

Council Members: I am

Pastor: Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

Council Members: I do, relying on God’s grace.

Pastor: Members of this community of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God’s call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them.

Congregation: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

INVITATION TO SHARE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Siyahamba/Thuma Mina - arr. Mark Sedio
A Marriage of Africa & American Jazz
Andrea Baxter, Piano

*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 In the Midst of New Dimensions.....#391

* COMMISSION

* POSTLUDE Fantasy in G - J. S. Bach

*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!!!

Today we welcome the Trinity Choir from Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansdale, Andrea Baxter, Director, joining St. John’s Chancel Choir for today’s music.

The 2020 Contribution Envelopes and St. John’s Activity Calendars are available in the Narthex.

You may pick up your 2019 contribution statements Sunday mornings on the round table in Rev. Sue’s office and throughout the week in the Church Office.