

Questions for Reflecting on the New Year

(Take a moment and jot down some of your thoughts)

- What was your biggest learning from 2022?
- What moment, event, or experience would you like to celebrate from 2022?
- What new thing would you like to try to do in 2023?
- Is there something you're facing as you enter 2023 that you'd like to engage or address?
- Is there something you'd like to give to yourself or to a loved one in 2023?



Order of Worship
 St. John's United Church of Christ
 500 West Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446
 10:15 AM – January 1, 2023 – First Sunday after Christmas Day

We Gather For Worship
“The Light of Christ”

CHIMES

PRELUDE Angels We Have Heard on High.....Rebecca K. Owens

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING HYMN What Child is This.....#148

*ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING Centering Around the Light of Christ

Pastor: During this season of Christmas and New Year, hope is born anew. We light the candle of hope, our lives pointing toward the future.

People: In Christ, hope has come!

Pastor: Love has come down to earth. We light the candle of love because God so loved the world and will never stop loving it.

People: In Christ, love has come!

Pastor: We who have waited for joy know that it came in the meagerness of a manger. Shepherds witnessed that same joy, and so do we. We light the candle of joy.

People: In Christ, joy has come!

Pastor: To know God is to know peace. Our hearts yearn for it, and the world dreams for it to become a reality. We light the candle of peace knowing its source is from God.

People: In Christ, peace has come!

Pastor: During this season of Christmas, we are reminded that God came down, full of grace and truth. We light the Christ candle as we celebrate the light that came into the world. It shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

All: In Christ, the word became flesh! And we have seen his glory! Amen!

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	1	Sun	10:15 AM	First Sunday after Christmas Day One Worship Service Morning Worship, Sanctuary
Jan	2	Mon		Church Office Closed – New Year's Day Observed
Jan	3	Tue	1:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Access Services Stewardship AA NAMI
Jan	5	Thu	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir
Jan	6	Fri	6:00 PM	Chess
Jan	8	Sun	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM 11:30 AM	The Baptism of Christ Morning Worship, Sanctuary, Communion Praying Hands Stitchers Morning Worship, Sanctuary, Communion Fellowship Time Enlightener due date, Manna Sunday
Jan	9	Mon	7:00 PM	Council – location TBD
Jan	10	Tue	9:00 AM 1:00 PM 6:45 PM 7:00 PM	Men's Breakfast Access Services Girl Scouts AA
Jan	11	Wed	7:00 PM	Zoom Children's Choir
Jan	12	Thu	1:00 PM 7:30 PM	Stampers Chancel Choir
Jan	13	Fri	6:00 PM	Chess
Jan	15	Sun	8:00 AM 10:15 AM	Second Sunday after Epiphany Morning Worship, Sanctuary Morning Worship, Sanctuary

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January 1, 2023

- The Nursery will be open for you to use mindfully, if your little one needs a break. No volunteers will be on duty, so a parent, grandparent, or responsible adult must stay with their child. We ask that all those that make use of the nursery wear a mask if you are sharing that space with other families.
- **Today's worship available later online on St. John's Facebook Page, Website or YouTube Channel:** [youtube.com/stjohnsucclansdalepa](https://www.youtube.com/stjohnsucclansdalepa)
- Please ask a Hospitality Team member 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.*
- 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

Hospitality: Bill Leslie, Team leader; Bob Bertolette, Brian Hutchinson, Gale Linderman, Scott Vanderburg

Elder of the Morning: Ken & Bonnie Hales

CD Technician: Griff Francis

Chancel Flower Ministry: Bill & Sue Morris

Driver: Jo-Ann Sine

Umbrella Ministry: Judy Johnston

Chancel Flowers

In memory of Marie Evans' January 6th birthday from her daughter, Jeane, Bob Fritz and family

In memory of Yvonne DelCiotto's January 6th birthday from her husband, Joe

***WE CONFESS OUR SINS**

God of new beginnings, as we celebrate the dawn of a new year, we also look back and are mindful of all the ways you have been near to us, present to us, and we didn't realize it. We confess we can easily get swept up in our activities and agendas, losing sight of the wonder and majesty that surrounds us. Renewing and restoring God, may the miracle of Christmas remind us that you work in quiet, subtle and unassuming ways. Empower us to carry the light of Christ in our hearts this coming year as we join you in the work of Christmas, the caring for the weak, the weary, the lonely, and lost. May this year flow with abundant grace, light, and peace. Amen.

***WE ASK FOR MERCY** Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child.....#136
Sing twice

Jesus, Jesus, oh, what a wonderful child.
Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek, and mild;
New life, new hope the Child will bring.
Listen to the angels sing,
"Glory, glory, glory," let the heavens ring!

***WE RECEIVE GOD'S GIFT OF GRACE**

We Listen For God's Word

SCRIPTURE John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Sermon "Shining a Light"
Rev. Dale Davis

SILENCE

We Respond in Faith

SHINING YOUR LIGHT: An opportunity to come forward to light a candle in memory of someone, to offer a prayer for the new year, or to simply acknowledge God's presence.

Congregational Song Nothing Can Trouble.....#772
 Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
 Those that seek God shall never go wanting.
 Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
 God alone fills us.

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 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

*CLOSING HYMN This Is a Day of New Beginnings.....#417

*COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Carillon.....Herbert Murrill

*Denotes Congregation Standing, if Able

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We DO want to greet you!

One of the marvelous aspects of worship following the second service each Sunday is the "Postlude." The pastors find it to be a moment of spiritual richness and delight; so you probably won't find us exiting until it is finished. Though there is no expectation that you sit for the Postlude, we want you to know that we will try to be available to greet you following the postlude each Sunday. If you'd like to greet either or both of us, please feel free make your way to the front of the sanctuary!

Weekly amount needed for Current Income 2022	\$7,788.46
Weekly amount needed for OCWM 2022	\$928.31
A Look at the Week of December 4, 2022	
White Gift Sunday - One Service	
Attendance 10:15 AM	189
Offering For Current Income	\$17,770.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$634.00
A Look at the Week of December 11, 2022	
Attendance 8:00 AM	31
Attendance 10:15 AM	143
Offering For Current Income	\$10,717.84
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$1,377.00
A Look at the Week of December 18, 2022	
Attendance 8:00 AM	31
Attendance 10:15 AM	90
Offering For Current Income	\$10,945.50
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$758.50
A Look at the Week of December 24, 2022	
Attendance - Dec. 20 - Service of Longest Night	35
Attendance - Dec. 24 - 5:00 PM	120
Attendance - Dec. 24 - 11:00 PM	130
Offering For Current Income	\$11,423.84
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$590.00

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