

**This Week At St. John's**

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Jan	22	Sun	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM 11:30 AM 11:45 AM	<b>Third Sunday after Epiphany</b> Morning Worship, Sanctuary In-Person Children's Choir Morning Worship, Sanctuary Fellowship Time Confirmation Class
Jan	24	Tue	1:00 PM 6:45 PM 7:00 PM	Access Services Girl Scouts AA
Jan	25	Wed	7:00 PM	Zoom Children's Choir
Jan	26	Thu	6:30 PM 7:30 PM	United Ringers Chancel Choir
Jan	27	Fri	6:00 PM	Chess
Jan	30	Mon	7:30 PM	Wind Ensemble
Jan	29	Sun	9:00 AM <b>10:15 AM</b> 11:30 AM	<b>Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</b> In-Person Children's Choir <b>One Worship Service, Sanctuary</b> New Member Sunday Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary Congregational Dinner, Assembly Hall
Jan	30	Mon	7:30 PM	Wind Ensemble
Jan	31	Tue	7:00 PM	AA
Feb	1	Wed	7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Artist Series – Svyati Duo Zoom Children's Choir
Feb	2	Thu	6:30 PM 7:30 PM	United Ringers Chancel Choir & Friends
Feb	3	Fri	6:00 PM	Chess
Feb	5	Sun	8:00AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM	<b>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</b> Morning Worship, Sanctuary In-Person Children's Sunday School Praying Hands Stitchers, Library Morning Worship, Sanctuary

**St. John's United Church of Christ**

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- Rev. Dale Davis, M. Div., Interim Senior Pastor
- Rev. Adelaide L. Stong, M. Div., Associate Pastor
- Andrew G. Paulson, M.M., M.M.Ed., Minister of Music
- Abbie Lampe, Minister of Music for Children & Youth
- Lisa Delp, Church Administrator
- Leroy Horst, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor
- Bill Bergey, Custodian
- Bill Leslie, Council President



***Followship: Called Together***

Order of Worship  
St. John's United Church of Christ  
500 West Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446  
10:15 AM – January 22, 2023 – Third Sunday after Epiphany

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**We Gather For Worship**  
**“Fellowship: Called Together”**

CHIMES

PRELUDE Variations on “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”.....Robert Hobby  
*Jesus! The name that calms our fear, and bids our sorrows cease,  
Is music in the sinner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*OPENING HYMN I Sing the Praise of Love Almighty.....#50  
*Stanza 2 is sung in harmony.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We are called together. That could be interpreted in 2 ways...We could be called together, as in, called at the same time...or we could be called together, as in, intentionally instructed to join one another.

**ALL: What if God has both in mind?**

Pastor: Yes, we as a church community are called together, and called together.

**ALL: Called to gather in this place at this time, called to common ministry, called to pray for one another, called to care for one another...called to join one another as we discern and answer God's call for our lives.**

Pastor: It's not always easy...it's not always pretty...but we are created and called to be in community...called to be in fellowship as we, together, follow the one who is present with us always...even now as we gather, side by side, for worship in the name of God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: Amen.**

**January 22, 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:** Robin MacMullen, Team leader; Peter Conver, Griff Francis, Stefanie Giampa, Jenn Moyer

**Elder of the Morning:** Barbarann Probst

**CD Technician:** Griff Francis

**Chancel Flower Ministry:** Tracey & Mark O'Neill

**Driver:** Jo-Ann Sine

**Umbrella Ministry:** Sally Atkiss

**Chancel Flowers**

In memory of Michelle Leigh's January 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday from her Mum (Anne Haines)

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

In memory of Ethel Shellenberger's January 25<sup>th</sup> birthday from Lorene Ahrens

Weekly amount needed for Current Income 2023	\$7,788.46
Weekly amount needed for OCWM 2023	\$865.00
<b>A Look at the Week of January 1, 2023</b>	
Attendance 10:15 am	65
Offering For Current Income	\$5,952.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$675.00
<b>A Look at the Week of January 8, 2023</b>	
Attendance: 8:00 am	24
Attendance 10:15 am	110
Offering For Current Income	\$11,762.68
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$1,045.00
<b>A Look at the Week of January 15, 2023</b>	
Attendance: 8:00 am	22
Attendance 10:15 am	102
Offering For Current Income	\$3,766.50
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$487.50

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### 2022 Contribution Statements

You may pick up your 2022 contribution statements on Sunday mornings in the Narthex and throughout the week in the Church Office.

### Message from Incoming Council President, Liz Rivett

The Church Council of St. John's UCC has called for a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 29th, following the 10:15 Worship service (the only worship service that day), to be held in the Sanctuary prior to the Congregational Dinner to be held in Assembly Hall. The Agenda topics will include the Election of new members of Church Council, information about our Visioning, Search and Call process for a new Sr. Pastor, and planning for Pastor Addie's upcoming Sabbatical. We encourage all members to attend this meeting to participate in this important work of our St. John's community of faith.

### \*EPIPHANY RESPONSE Gather Us In

-Marty Haugen  
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### \*WE CONFESS OUR SINS

**Gracious God, few of us are fishermen and rarely do any of us find ourselves casting nets into the sea, but your call to us is still the same as it was to your first disciples: to set aside the things that hold us back, to leave the familiarity of what we know, and to follow you. Forgive us when we find every excuse to not listen and when we become anchored by our own fear, expectations, and agendas. When we turn away and pretend not to recognize you or hear you calling, make your presence undeniable and unavoidable. Call us again, oh God, and keep calling us, that we might hear your voice, feel your pull on our lives, and let go of our nets enough to catch the abundance of new life that you have waiting for us. AMEN.**

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

### We Listen For God's Word

SCRIPTURE Psalm 27:1, 4-9 (Pg. 487)

Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
 on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—  
 the people who sat in darkness  
 have seen a great light,  
 and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
 light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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 Variations on “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”.....Robert Hobby  
*My gracious Savior and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.*

SERMON ”Followship”  
Rev. Addie Stong

SILENCE

**We Respond in Faith**

\*HYMN Will You Come and Follow Me  
*Stanza 1 is sung by the soloist and stanzas 2-5 are sung by all.*

1. "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
2. "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?  
3. "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?  
4. "Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?  
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
Will you set the pris - 'ners free and nev - er be the same?  
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at - tract or scare?  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
Will you use the faith you've found, to re - shape the world a - round,  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go, where your love and foot - steps show.

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
Will you let me an - swer pray'r in you and you in me?"  
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

-John Bell  
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JOYS, CONCERNS, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE HAND OVER TO GOD OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS  
O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come (Tune: TALLIS’ CANON)

O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.  
How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends?

-Fred Pratt Green  
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\*WE OFFER UP OUR GIFTS As with Gladness Those of Old.....#159 (Stanza 3)  
*The response may be sung in harmony.*

As they offered gifts most rare at that manger plain and bare,  
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin’s alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you from whom they spring.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing.....#42  
*Stanzas 2 and 3 are sung in harmony.*

\*COMMISSION & BENECTION

\*POSTLUDE Variations on “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”.....Robert Hobby  
*Glory to God, and love and praise be ever, ever given,  
By all the saints in every age, the church in earth and heaven.*

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\*Denotes Congregation Standing, if Able

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**Where is the Chancel Choir?**

The Chancel Choir is leading worship in a combined ensemble with the Trinity Choir this morning at Trinity Lutheran Church. The combined ensemble will lead worship at St. John’s next Sunday, January 29.

**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!