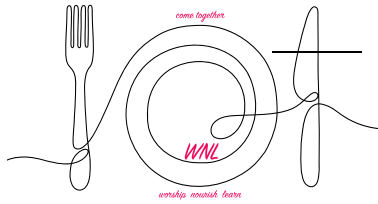


Wednesday Evening Worship • 5:30pm • November 29, 2023
St. John's United Church of Christ • 500 West Main Street • Lansdale, PA • 19446



You are invited to stand when indicated by an asterisk and speak the words in bold if able.

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP AND ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING**

Without love, we have nothing. To love God, to love God's creation,
to love the people God made each and all of us to be ~ this is our purpose as people of faith.

**As Advent, the season of waiting, presses on,
we wait for love by practicing it and by making space for the love we know is coming.**

We seek to live and be known as people of love,
offering a light in the darkness of judgement, loneliness, and fear.

**We are choosing to center our lives around the light of Love. We light this candle today to symbolize
the love that created us, the love we seek to share with the world, the love that guides us,
and the love that we long for as we anticipate the birth of Christ.**

Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn – NCH 107

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-38

REFLECTION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

HOLY COMMUNION

SHARING THE SACRED MEAL

*Holy Communion is served by intinction. You are invited to take a piece of bread and dip it into a chalice
of non-alcoholic grape juice. A gluten-free station is also available. All are welcome!*

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.**

***SUNG BENEDICTION**

Now Bless the God of Israel – Reverse Side of Bulletin

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Worship Leaders: Rev. Addie Stong, Rev. Dale Davis, Andrew Paulson, and Members of the Congregation

NOW BLESS THE GOD OF ISRAEL

The musical score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'In ten - der mer - cy, God will send the day - spring from on high, our ris - ing sun, the light of life for those who sit and sigh. God comes to guide our way to peace, that death shall reign no more. Sing prais - es to the Ho - ly One! O wor - ship and a - dore!' The score ends with a double bar line.

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Tune: FOREST GREEN, Traditional English Melody

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