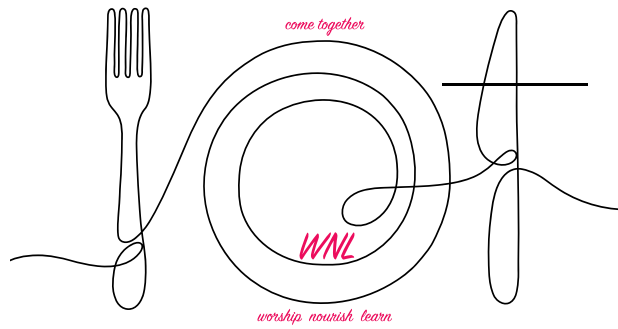


Wednesday Evening Worship • 5:30pm • January 3, 2024
St. John's United Church of Christ • 500 West Main Street • Lansdale, PA • 19446



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

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Arise, shine, for our light has come; and the glory of God is with us today!

The three kings who diligently searched for Jesus moved beyond their familiar surroundings; they understood there was something more in life to be revealed.

Like those Magi of long ago, we come to worship in search of God's word for our lives.

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***OPENING HYMN**

Arise, Your Light Is Come – NCH 164

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

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**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing – Reverse Side of Bulletin

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Worship Leaders: Rev. Dale Davis, Rev. Addie Stong, Andrew Paulson, and members of the congregation.

GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING

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 repetitive, using eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes. The first staff ends with a semibreve note, the second with a quarter note, the third with a quarter note, and the fourth with a semibreve note.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone;
Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own;
In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er,
Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.

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Tune: AR HYD Y NOS, Traditional Welsh Melody

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