



A Star Guides You

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 9, 2025
10:15 am

Welcome to St. John's UCC Lansdale!

Visitors, please complete the ivory visitor's card found in the pew pocket so we can thank you for joining us this Sunday!



Completed cards go in the basket by the narthex.

The **Book of Joys & Concerns** is a green binder on the podium at the front of the chancel. If you have an Announcement, Joy or Concern you'd like stated, celebrated or prayed about during the service, feel free to write inside before service begins!

Hymnals are on the back of the pew in front of you.

Bibles are on a shelf beneath the pew in front of you.



For **The Children's Message**, youth are invited to sit up front on the chancel steps for a direct and intentional age-appropriate message.



After the Children's Message, children will be dismissed and escorted downstairs for our youth programming; **Connect 3**. Connect 3 is aimed at ages 3 through 12, but all youth are welcome!

Hearing Assistance Devices are available if you are having trouble hearing the service. Please ask a Hospitality Team Member.



Wheelchairs & First Aid Kit are stored in the labeled "First Aid Closet" in the narthex.



AED (Defibrillator) is in the church library on the wall closest to the Sanctuary by the window. When entering from the Sanctuary, turn left.

Audio Recordings of service can be found online on St. John's Facebook Page, Website, or YouTube. Sermons are available on Spotify; "St John's UCC Lansdale Sermons".

If you would like a physical copy, contact the church office.

The Nursery will be open for you to use mindfully. No volunteers will be on duty.

A parent, grandparent, or responsible adult **must** stay with their child.



Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Hilary Barrett, Bridge Support Pastor
Andrew Paulson, Minister of Music
Abbie Lampe, Minister of Music for Children & Youth

Susan Fitzpatrick, Liturgist
Chancel Choir

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Order of Worship

St. John's United Church of Christ

500 W. Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446

10:15 am—February 9, 2025— Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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

PRELUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy.....Setting by Robert Buckley Farlee

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come at the invitation of Christ, who calls: "Follow me! Be my disciples!"

We have come to follow Jesus.

We come to accept the cost and joy of discipleship.

We have come to follow Jesus.

When cruelty abounds and despair threatens to swallow us whole.

We have come to follow Jesus.

In life, in death, in life beyond death.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Come, let us share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

We have come to follow Jesus.

*OPENING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy.....Hymn 277

Stanzas 2 and 3 may be sung in harmony.

*CONFESSION

You call to us through the voices of the poor and the powerless, but we are afraid of their need:

Lord have mercy.

You call to us through the cries of those who struggle to change structures of oppression,
but we are afraid of their challenge.

Christ have mercy.

You call to us to love you more fully, and follow you more faithfully,
but we cling to comfort and safety:

Lord have mercy.

Silence

*ASSURANCE

Friends, the call of God, like God's own grace, is new every day.

Let us go forward with eyes, ears and hearts open to the work of God in our world.

People: Thanks be to God!

*SUNG RESPONSE

O Morn-ing Star, how clear and bright, your beam shines forth in truth and light! My Sov-ereign meek and low - ly!

O Root of Jes - se, Prom-ised One, my God and Rul - er, you have won my heart to serve you sole - ly!

You are ho - ly, great and glo-rious, all vic-to-rious, Rich in bless - ing, rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 6:1-8.....Pew Bible Page 60z

Luke 5:1-11

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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

The Glory of the Father.....Egil Hovland

*The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.
We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.
In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God.
In Him was life; and the life was the light of all.
He came to his own, and his own received him not.
-Adapted from John 1*

SERMON

"Into the Deep Water"Rev. Dr. Hilary Barrett

*HYMN

Once to Every Man and Nation



1. Once to ev - 'ry man and na - tion Comes the mo - ment to de - cide,
2. Then to side with truth is no - ble, When we share her wret - ched crust,
3. By the light of bur - ning mar - tyrs, Christ, Thy bleed - ing feet we track,
4. Though the cause of ev - il pros - per, Yet 'tis truth a - lone is strong;



In the strife of truth with false - hood, For the good or ev - il side;
Ere her cause bring fame and pro - fit, And 'tis pros-per-ous to be just;
Toil - ing up new Cal - v'ries ev - er With the cross that turns not back;
Though her por - tion be the scaf - fold, And up - on the throne be wrong;



Some great cause, God's new Mes - si - ah, Of - fring each the bloom or blight,
Then it is the brave man choos - es, While the cow - ard stands a - side,
New oc - ca - sions teach new du - ties, Time makes an - cient good un - couth;
Yet that scaf - fold sways the fu - ture, And, be - hind the dim un - known,



And the choice goes by for - ev - er Twixt that dark - ness and that light.
Till the mul - ti - tude make vir - tue Of the faith they had de - nied.
They must up - ward still and on - ward, Who would keep ab - reast of truth.
Stan - deth God with - in the shad - ow Keep - ing watch a - bove His own.

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS (*New Council Members are italicized*)

DEACONS: Judy Leslie, Sumiko Booraem, Judy Johnston, Rickie Lee Sands, *Paula White, Peter Conver*

EDUCATORS: Kathy & Tom Allebach, Mary Billy, Barbara MacMullen, Kim Sands, *Sally Jarinko*

ELDERS: Chriss Bodde, Bill Cagney, Anne Kinsey, Emilie Truscott, *Charles Sisian, Sue Clemens*

TRUSTEES: Alan Malachowski, Steve Hendricks, Bob Bertolette, Brad Hamlen, Brian Hutchinson

OFFICERS:

President – Deborah Dayton

Treasurer – *Susan Donahue*

Vice President – *Daniel Panachyda*

Finance Committee Chair – Grace Bruen

Secretary – *De’Jon Salmon*

Personnel Committee Chair – *Bill Leslie*

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.

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

JOYS & CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/SUNG RESPONSE

O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be re - stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?

OFFERING & OFFERTORY MUSIC

Will You Come and Follow Me.....John Bell

Offering plates will be passed to the congregation in the pews during Will You Come and Follow Me.

You may also donate by scanning the QR code found in the bulletin and on laminated cards in the pews.

*SUNG RESPONSE

As they of-fered gifts most rare at that man-ger plain and bare, So may we with ho-ly joy,
pure and free from sin's al-loy, All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to you from whom they spring.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN

Here I Am, Lord



1. *I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2. *I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3. *I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin - est bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

*A BENEDICTION FROM WILLIAM SLOANE COFFIN

May God give you the grace never to sell yourself short;
grace to risk something big for something good;
and grace to remember the world is now too dangerous
for anything but the truth and too small for anything but love.

All: Amen

POSTLUDE

I'll Fly Away (to New Orleans): A Postlude for the Birds.....Andrew Paulson

Today's postlude includes hymns that are synonymous with New Orleans, the city hosting the Big Game.

The postlude will conclude with the singing of the Eagles' fight song: Fly, Eagles, Fly! (the lyrics are found

below). Please stand and sing when instructed by the TWO Kelces that will appear in the chancel. Go Birds!

Fly, Eagles Fly!

On the road to victory!

Fight, Eagles Fight!

Score a touchdown 1, 2, 3!

Hit 'em low!

Hit 'em high!

And watch our Eagles Fly!

Fly, Eagles Fly!

On the road to victory!

E-A-G-L-E-S! EAGLES!

Following worship, you are invited to join us for Fellowship in the Assembly Hall.

Hospitality:

Robin MacMullen, Peter Conver,
Griff Francis, Stephanie Giampa,
Carol Luehrs, Jenn Moyer, Matt Rivett

Elder of the Morning:

Bill Cagney / Charles Sisian

Deacon of the Morning:

Judy Leslie

Audio Technician:

Griff Francis

Chancel Flowers:

Tracey & Mark O'Neill

Driver:

Gale Linderman

Greeters:

OPEN

Social Host:

Amy & Andy Faga

Weekly amount needed for Current Income 2025	\$7,884.62
Weekly amount needed for OCWM 2025	\$826.92
A Look at the Week of January 26, 2025	
Attendance: January 26, 3rd Sunday after Epiphany	135
Attendance: January 29, Holden Evening Prayer	17
Offering For Current Income	\$7,672.25
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$443.00
A Look at the Week of February 2, 2025	
Attendance: February 2, 4th Sunday after Epiphany	141
Attendance: February 5, Holden Evening Prayer	14
Offering For Current Income	\$11,430.25
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$1,384.00

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025 Offering Envelopes &
2024 Contribution Statements
are available in the Narthex

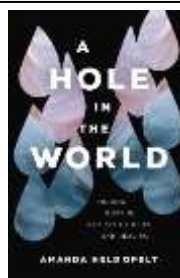
From the Elders Desk:

Name Tag Ministry

After experiencing so much change in the past few years and in preparation of welcoming our new Senior Pastor, Rev. Linda Noonan, the Elders are committed to encourage and enhance fellowship among members and visitors at St. John's by providing individual magnetic name tags for all attendees. The Ministry includes creating, distributing and storing the name tags for all those attending St. John's. It is our plan to introduce the name tags in mid-February and March, 2025.

Magnetic stands for name badge storage have already been placed in the narthex and library.

More details to come.



Wednesday Night Live!

Adult Education Class

With Pastor Tom Adil

6:15 pm

Adult Education Class will discuss "A Hole in the World" by Amanda Held Opelt. When Amanda Held Opelt suffered a season of loss – including three miscarriages and the unexpected death of her sister, *New York Times* bestselling writer Rachel Held Evans – she was confronted with sorrow she didn't know how to face.

Her search for answers led her to discover that generations past embraced a robust array of rituals that served as vessels for pain and aided in the process of grieving and healing. Today, many of these traditions have been lost as religious practice declines, cultures amalgamate, death is sanitized, and pain is averted.

During discussion we work on drawing mandalas! If you have missed the reading, you can listen along to the discussion and share your own stories while we draw.

See You There!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. John's Soup Sale!

Sunday, February 16

During Fellowship

Ham & Bean Potato (by order only)

Turkey Noodle with or without Corn

\$9 per Quart

All proceeds go to Exterior Restoration Fund

Prayer Shawl Sunday February 16

The Praying Hands Stitches will be having a Prayer Shawl Sunday following the 10:15 service.

Shawls can be used as a comfort after a loss or in times of stress, during bereavement, for prayer and meditation, nursing a baby, during illness and recovery for those in need of comfort and solace.

Anyone is welcome to select a prayer shawl for themselves or to take to a friend, an acquaintance, or a family member.

Please join us during worship to celebrate this meaningful outreach ministry at St. John's.

St. John's Seeker's Class

with Pastor Tom Adil

February 16 at 11:45 am

Pastor's Study

St. John's is offering a Seeker's class by Acting Lead Senior Pastor Tom Adil for all those who are interested in either learning more about St. John's UCC or joining the church. We will meet in the Pastor's Study (adjoining the Sanctuary) immediately after worship on February 16, 2025. As we discuss what it means to be a part of this faith community, some of the topics we will review are:

- How did the UCC originally form?
- What are "UCC beliefs?"
- How do we embody faithful and vital witness and ministry today at St. John's?

Feel free to bring some goodies from downstairs as you join this class on the 16th!

Join us for our NEW Monthly Community Event

Family Game Night At St. John's UCC!

Thursday, February 20, 2025

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Assembly Hall

Join the Board of Educators for Family Game night!

All are welcome.

There will be a selection of games available. Feel free to bring some of your favorites to share. Meet some new friends and enjoy a fun night of gaming!

Beverages will be provided.

Bring a snack to share.

Please RSVP via our Facebook Event Page, the sign-up sheets in the elevator lobby or Narthex OR by contacting the church office so we have enough tables available.

Information needed for Spring Goodie Boxes for college students!!

Requesting to have name and complete address of student(s) sent to Bonnie Weber at

bonweber@gmail.com or church office at

office@st-johns-ucc.org by February 23,

2025.

Collection of items for goodie boxes will be due by March 2, 2025. See posting on Educators bulletin board for requested items.

Ash Wednesday is March 5

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season and the journey to the cross.

At **6 PM** a dinner hosted by the Elders and featuring pizza, salad, and potluck desserts, will take place. **Contribute your favorite dessert dish.*

At **7 PM**, join us in the sanctuary for a special worship service, featuring music, communion, and imposition of ashes. *If you cannot attend the dinner, please come to the worship service.*

This Week at St. John's

If you would like more information about St. John's, please speak with one of the staff or contact the church office at 215.855.5489 or office@st-johns-ucc.org

Feb	9	Sun	10:15 am 10:45 am 11:30 am 11:45 am 1:00 pm	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Enlightener Due Date Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary Connect3, Activity Room Fellowship, Assembly Hall Seeker's Class, Senior Pastor's Study Confirmation Class, Associate Pastor's Office Artist Series Chorus Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Feb	10	Mon	7:00 pm	Council, Assembly Hall
Feb	11	Tues	9:00 am 7:00 pm	Men's Breakfast, Franconia Café AA, Assembly Hall
Feb	12	Wed	9:00 am 5:45-6:45 pm 6:15-6:45 pm 7:00-7:20 pm 7:30-8:30 pm 8:30-9:30 pm	Soup Sale Prep, Kitchen Wednesday Night Live! Community Meal, Assembly Hall Adult Education, Library United Ringers, Sanctuary Children's Choir, Music Room Holden Evening Prayer, Sanctuary Artist Series Chorus, Sanctuary Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
Feb	13	Thurs	1:00 pm 6:30 pm	Stampers, Activity Room Girl Scouts, Activity Room
Feb	14	Fri	8:00 am 6:00 pm	Soup Sale Prep, Kitchen North Penn Chess Club, Activity Room
Feb	15	Sat	9:30-11:30 am	Art of Living Foundation, Library
Feb	16	Sun	10:15 am 10:45 am 11:30 am	Sixth Sunday after Epiphany Prayer Shawl Sunday Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary Connect3, Activity Room Soup Sale, Assembly Hall Fellowship, Assembly Hall

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
 In memory of Jean's Parents, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Moyer, from Jean and Tom Beggs

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said,

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said, “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

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