



# *A Star Guides You*

**Transfiguration Sunday**  
**March 2, 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  
Chancel Choir

United Ringers

Abbie Lampe, Minister of Music  
for Children & Youth

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# Order of Worship

St. John's United Church of Christ

500 W. Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446

10:15 am—March 2, 2025— Transfiguration Sunday

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

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## PRELUDE

My Lord, What a Morning.....Arr. Linda R. Lamb

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, Holy One, living mystery. We lay down the wisdom gathered in this world, and long for the wisdom of heaven.

**Remove the veil that we may see.**

Come, Holy One, Spirit of Light. We lay down the answers found in this world and voice the questions of eternity.

**Remove the veil that we may see.**

Come, Holy Spirit, glory transfigured. We lay down the certainties of this world, and revel in the mysteries of the sacred.

**Remove the veil that we may see. Amen.**

### \*OPENING HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies.....Hymn 86

*Stanza 2 may be sung in harmony.*

### \*CONFESSION

**Forgive us, Lord, when we see your glorified presence and do not believe,  
when we hear your revealed Word and do not obey,  
and when witnessing your transfigured being we do not change.**

**We err in closing our eyes so as not to see you,  
veiling your truth with our own prejudices,  
and ignoring your Word by not acting upon it.**

**Radiate your brilliant light and love so that we may be completely and utterly  
changed, redeemed, and forgiven in Jesus' name.**

### \*ASSURANCE (based on 2 Corinthians 3:17)

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit is, there is freedom."

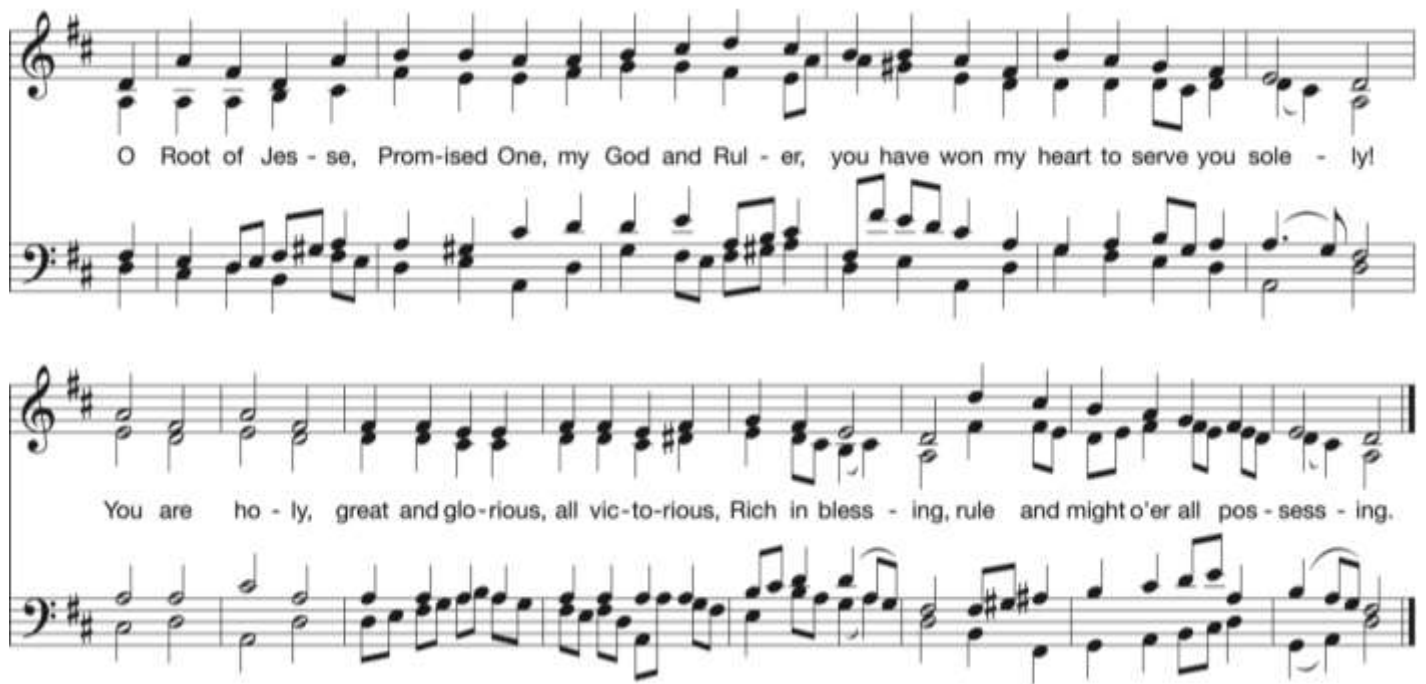
By God's Spirit, being freed from the bondage of sin, we are changing into the image and likeness of Christ, ministering God's reconciling love to a world in need. Amen.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### \*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!



### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 34:29-35.....Pew Bible Page 80

Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

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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

I Believe This Is Jesus.....African American Spiritual, arr. Undine Smith Moore

*I believe this is Jesus; come and see, come and see.*

*The Light of God shines in his face, he offers all his pardoning grace.*

*I believe this is Jesus; come and see, come and see.*

#### SERMON

"Luminous" .....Rev. Dr. Hilary Barrett

**\*HYMN**

O Wonderous Sight, O Vision Fair.....Hymn 184

Stanza 1: All

Stanza 3: Higher Voices

Stanza 5: All

Stanza 2: All

Stanza 4: Lower Voices

**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**

Beautiful Savior.....arr. Becki Slagle Mayo

*Offering plates will be passed to the congregation in the pews during Beautiful Savior.*

*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**

This Little Light of Mine

1. This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine; this lit-tle light of mine,  
2. All - through the night, I'm gon-na let it shine; all - through the night,  
3. Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine; ev-'ry - where I go,  
I'm gon-na let it shine; this lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine,  
I'm gon-na let it shine; all - through the night, I'm gon-na let it shine,  
I'm gon-na let it shine; Ev-'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**\*BENEDICTION**

May God transfigure your lives

to bear witness in speaking the truth

and revealing the grace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## POSTLUDE

O Morning Star, How Clear and Bright.....Setting by Egil Hovland

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

### ***Worship Assistants:***

#### **Hospitality:**

Grace & Mark Bruen,  
Mary Billy, Gerry Linderman,  
Rickie Lee Sands, Ginny Wilkinson

#### **Elder of the Morning:**

Emilie Truscott

#### **Deacon of the Morning:**

Judy Johnston

#### **Audio Technician:**

Scott Cunningham

#### **Chancel Flowers:**

Sarah Hogan

#### **Driver:**

Scott Vanderberg

#### **Social Host:**

Elders

Weekly amount needed for Current Income 2025	\$7,884.62
Weekly amount needed for OCWM 2025	\$826.92
<b>A Look at the Week of February 9, 2025</b>	
Attendance: February 9, 5th Sunday after Epiphany	80
Attendance: February 12, Holden Evening Prayer	17
Offering For Current Income	\$18,852.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$1,752.00
<b>A Look at the Week of February 16, 2025</b>	
Attendance: February 16, 6th Sunday after Epiphany	104
Attendance: February 19, Holden Evening Prayer	17
Offering For Current Income	\$5,317.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$285.00

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **Spring Goodie Boxes for college students!!**

Collection of items for goodie  
boxes are due **TODAY**. See  
posting on Educators bulletin  
board for requested items.

### **St. John's Soup Sale!**

TODAY DURING FELLOWSHIP

**\$9**

per Quart

All proceeds go to Exterior Restoration Fund

## Ash Wednesday Service

March 5, 2025

6:00 pm  
DINNER



7:00 pm  
SERVICE

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.

## Women's Retreat

Saturday, March 8

9:00 am Church Library

This month's Women's Retreat will be held a half hour earlier than usual due to the viewing of the movie "One Life" whose run time is 1hr50min.

The 2023 movie, starring Anthony Hopkins, Helena Bonham Carter, Lena Olin and Jonathan Pryce, is the true story of Sir Nicholas "Nicky" Winton, a young London broker, who, in the months leading up to World War II, rescued over 600 children, mostly Jewish, before Hitler invaded Czechoslovakia in 1939. A not to be missed film with a discussion to follow.

Light refreshments will be served.

**All women are welcome!**

From the Elders Desk:

## Name Tag

### Ministry Progress

The name tag badges have arrived and are available in the narthex for those who have already signed up.

If you have not yet signed up for a name badge, sign-up sheets are available on the narthex table and in fellowship hall by the water fountain. We encourage Visitors to obtain a name badge so we may welcome them to St. John's.

THE  
**Artist Series**  
AT ST. JOHN'S

### March Events

**Riverview**  
Early Music

St. John's UCC Sanctuary

Sunday, March 9, 4 PM

Free Entry / No Ticket Required

## The Artist Series Gala

PineCrest Country Club

Friday, March 14, 7 PM

Registration Required

Final Day to Register In Person:

Friday, March 7

Final Day to Register Online:

Sunday, March 9

Scan the QR code to visit our website  
for additional information and to  
register for The Artist Series Gala:





## 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](mailto:office@st-johns-ucc.org)

2-Mar	Sun	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 10:45 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 - 9:00 PM	Transfiguration Sunday Rev. Hilary's Last Sunday Stitchers, Library Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary Connect3, Activity Room Fellowship, Assembly Hall Private Event, Assembly Hall
3-Mar	Mon	10:00 AM	Book Club, Library
4-Mar	Tues	7:00 PM	AA, Assembly Hall
5-Mar	Wed	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday <i>Herald Due Date</i> Dinner, Assembly Hall Evening Service, Sanctuary No Rehearsals
7-Mar	Fri	6:00 PM	North Penn Chess Club, Assembly Hall
8-Mar	Sat	9:30 AM	Women's Retreat, Library Art of Living Foundation, Assembly Hall
9-Mar	Sun	10:15 AM 10:45 AM 11:30 AM 11:45 AM 4:00 PM 6:00 - 9:00 PM	First Sunday in Lent Rev. Linda Noonan's First Sunday <i>Enlightener Due Date</i> Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary Connect3, Activity Room Fellowship, Assembly Hall Confirmation Class, Associate Pastor's Office The Artist Series at St. John's Presents: Riverview Early Music, Sanctuary Private Event, Assembly Hall

### Chancel Flowers

In memory of Nancy Kirk from her daughter, Barbara Kirk  
 In memory of Charles May's March 4th birthday from  
 his wife Connie



## Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face, but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off until he came out, and when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining, and Moses would put the veil on his face again until he went in to speak with him.

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On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and put up with you? Bring your son here." While he was being brought forward, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.