



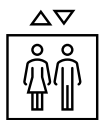
Practicing Faith

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2025

9:30 am

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S UCC LANSDALE



The Elevator can be found at the end of the hall, through the door on the right front side of the sanctuary. **Accessible Bathrooms** are on the basement level. Once within the elevator, press "B". Exit and go left down the ramp. Once in the hallway, turn left, go the length, and turn right. The bathrooms are to the left at the top of a small ramp.



Wheelchairs & First Aid Kit are stored in the labeled "First Aid Closet" near the Main Street entrance to the sanctuary. **AED (Defibrillator)** is in the church library on the wall closest to the Sanctuary by the window. When entering from the Sanctuary, turn left.



The Nursery is open for you to use mindfully, and the service is audible from there. The Nursery is past the elevator, through the double doors, on the right hand side, before the steps. No volunteers will be on duty. A responsible adult **must** stay with their child.



Hearing Assistance Devices are available in a basket at the back of the sanctuary if you are having trouble hearing the service. If the service is too loud, you may spend worship in the **Library**, which is to the right of the front of the Sanctuary, through the wall door.



Prayer Request and Information Cards are in pews for visitors, or anyone who would like to share information or a prayer request. Prayer requests will go to our prayer chain and pastors. These will not be read during service. **Visitors**, we are so glad you are here! Completed cards can be placed in the offering plates.



The **Book of Joys & Concerns** is a green binder on the podium at the front of the sanctuary on the right. If you have an Announcement, Joy or Concern you'd like stated, celebrated or prayed about during **Prayers of the People**, 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. **Large Print Hymns** are available for those who need them.



For **Our Time with Children**, children and youth are invited to sit up front on the chancel steps for conversation and an age-appropriate message. They will then 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!



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

St. John's United Church of Christ

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Order of Worship
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*You are invited to rise in body or spirit when indicated by an *asterisk
and **speak the words in bold.***

PRELUDE Down to the River to Pray/Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying.....arr. Mary McDonald

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Prayer from New Guinea*

**Gracious God, oil the hinges of our hearts' doors
that they may swing gently and easily to welcome your coming.
This we pray in Christ's name, Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN #516 O Grant Us, God, a Little Space

Stanza 1: All Stanza 3: Higher Voices Stanza 5: All
Stanza 2: All in Harmony Stanza 4: Lower Voices

CONFESSION

**Holy and gracious God, at times we feel so frail and fragile,
getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news,
by our own short tempers and failings.
You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder,
unable to find that solid thing that will center us again.
Help us, we pray, to see you as our center, and cling to the good around us.
Help us to set aside our jealousies and prejudices,
and all that does harm to ourselves and others.
Help us to grow more like Christ and bear His love in the world.
We pray this in His name, Amen.**

ASSURANCE

To come before God with the truth of our lives is itself an act of faith. Know this – you are loved. You are forgiven. You are set free in grace. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE Love Is of God



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 23:23-29Pew Bible Page 684

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"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

OUR TIME WITH CHILDREN

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

SERMON "Lord, Teach Us to Pray" Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan

*HYMN Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

The hymn is repeated multiple times and may be sung in harmony.

The soloist sings the hymn first, followed by all.



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUNG RESPONSE #772 Nothing Can Trouble (Nada te turbe)

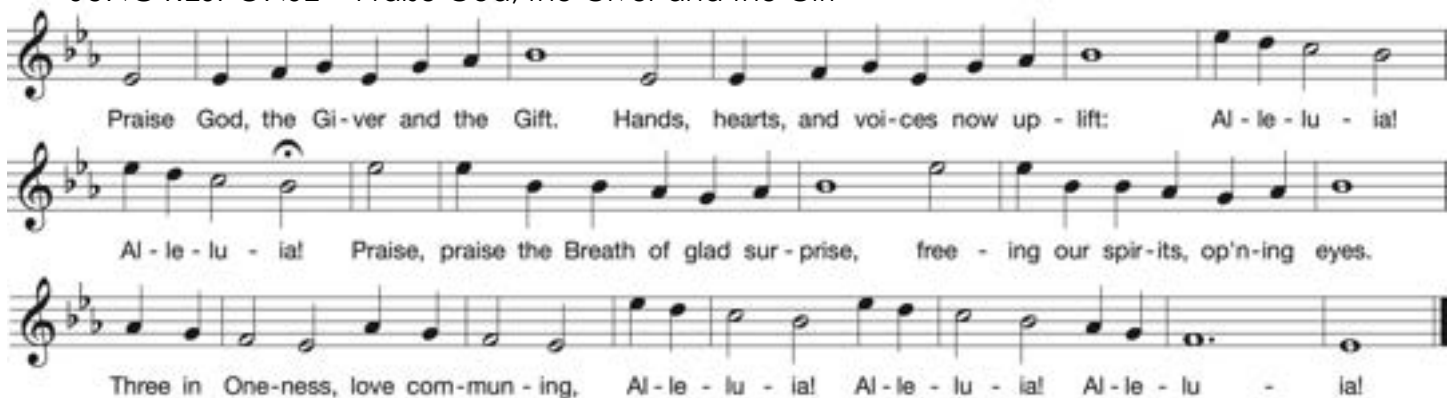
The response is sung twice and may be sung in harmony; first in English, second in Spanish.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offering plates will be passed to the congregation in the pews.



*SUNG RESPONSE Praise God, the Giver and the Gift



Praise God, the Gi-ver and the Gift. Hands, hearts, and voi-ces now up-lift: Al-le-lu-ia!

Al-le-lu-ia! Praise, praise the Breath of glad sur-prise, free-ing our spir-its, op'n-ing eyes.

Three in One-ness, love com-mun-ing, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, out of the abundance of our lives and as a response to the blessings we have been given, receive these gifts. Multiply them and use them for the sake of love in a world so in need of it. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #282 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

The refrain may be sung in harmony.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Every Time I Feel the Spirit.....Setting by Adolphus Hailstork

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

The Assembly Hall is located downstairs. From the Narthex – the room at the back of the Sanctuary – go down the steps on the left as you exit the Sanctuary and straight down the hallway. From the **Elevator**, go to the “B” level, go down the ramp and turn right

Worship Leaders

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Rev. Tom Adil, Bridge Support Pastor

Andrew Paulson, Minister of Music
Grace Bruen & Nancy Woehrle, Flute

Worship Assistants

Hospitality:	Team 4: Grace & Mark Bruen
Elder of the Morning:	Emilie Truscott
Deacon of the Morning:	Judy Johnston
Audio Technician:	Robin MacMullen
Chancel Flowers:	Barb & Don Fretz
Driver:	Jo-Ann Sine
Social Host:	Luchi Luzares & Armin Fernando

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To the Chancel Flower fund
From her family



In memory of Herb & Kay Crouthamel's August 22nd wedding anniversary

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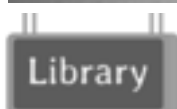
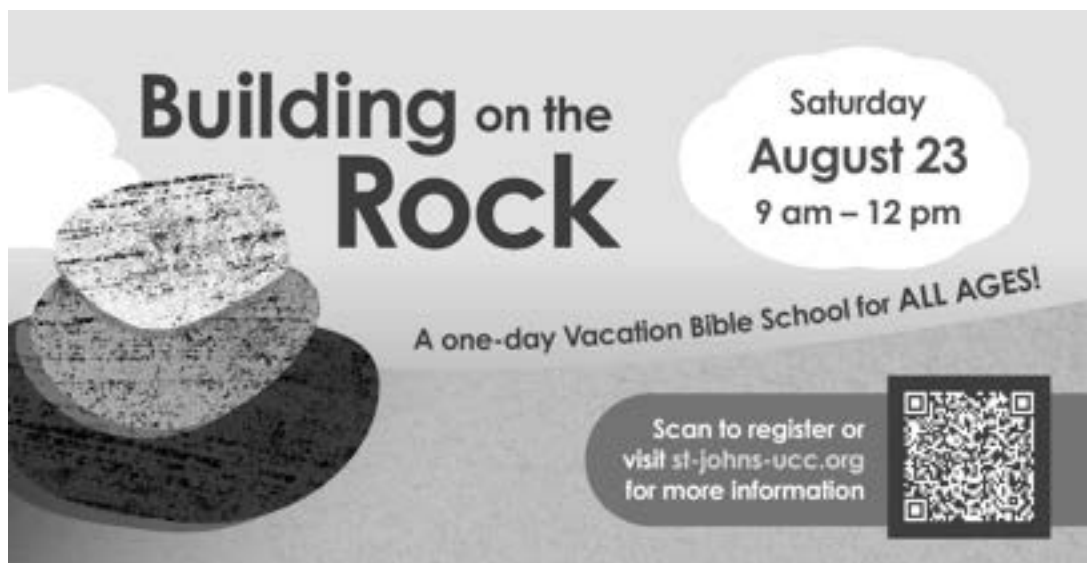
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To the Chancel Flower fund
From their family

This Week at St. John's

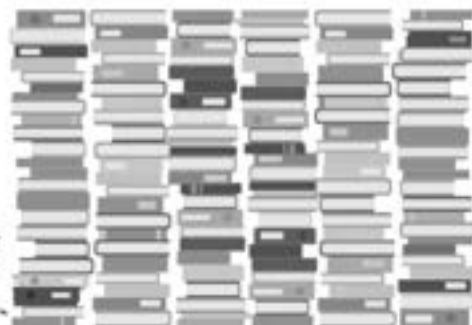
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19-Aug	Tues	7:00 PM	AA, Assembly Hall
21-Aug	Thurs	9:30 AM 6:30 PM	Enlightener Folding, Library Game Night, Assembly Hall
22-Aug	Fri	6:00 PM	North Penn Chess Club, Assembly Hall
23-Aug	Sat	9:00 AM 1:00 PM	Building on the Rock: Family Vacation Bible School Lansdale Founder's Day
24-Aug	Sun	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary Connect3, Activity Room Fellowship, Assembly Hall



No more book donations please!

Lizzy is hard at work sorting our current donations & will let you know when she's done!



From the Elders' Desk:
Wednesday Night Life Update

The Elders and Staff of St. John's, following a thorough review of feedback, have determined to allocate Wednesday nights to 'Church Night' and retire the formal Wednesday Night Live program. We fondly recall two years of meaningful fellowship, programming, and worship and will build upon those foundations in the future. The Adult Choirs, Bells, and other Ensembles will continue in their Wednesday night rehearsals, and we invite you to stay informed about forthcoming opportunities for worship, fellowship, and programming. We express our sincere gratitude to the St. John's Family for their dedication to our multifaceted programs throughout the year.

Peace and Grace,

St. John's Elders

Chriss Bodde – Chair, Bill Cagney - Logistics Chair, Anne Kinsey - Secretary,
Emilie Truscott, Sue Clemens, and Charles Sisian

**SUNDAY
WORSHIP**

Beginning September 14

8:00 am & 10:15 am

We are excited to share that starting this fall, we will be offering two Sunday services: 8 am and 10:15 am. While the services will be very similar in format and style of worship, you can expect a quieter, more contemplative atmosphere at 8 am.

We look forward to sharing more worship and programming updates soon. In the meantime, please make note of the schedule transition below. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

- **Now through August 31:** One service at 9:30 am
- **Sunday, September 7 (Celebration & Water Sunday):** One service at 10:15 am to welcome everyone back from summer travels!
- **Every Sunday starting September 14:** 8:00 am and 10:15 am

**Bobby Jo Valentine
@ St. John's
United Church of Christ**

**Tuesday, September 9
7:00 pm**

Supported by the Artist Series at
St. John's

As we celebrate 10 years as an Open and Affirming Congregation, St. John's UCC is thrilled to welcome Bobby Jo Valentine — Queer Christian Singer-Songwriter — in concert on September 9. This event is free and open to the community. Invite a friend!



Women's Retreat
Saturday, September 13
St. John's Library

The presenter will be the **Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan** whose topic will be "Ask Pastor Linda Anything". Light refreshments will be served.

All women are welcome!

Are you wearing your
name tag?

Printed name tags are located in
the narthex and library.

Jeremiah 23:23-29

“Am I only a God nearby,”
declares the Lord,
“and not a God far away?
Who can hide in secret places
so that I cannot see them?”
declares the Lord.
“Do not I fill heaven and earth?”
declares the Lord.

“I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy
lies in my name. They say, ‘I had a dream! I had a
dream!’ How long will this continue in the hearts of
these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of
their own minds? They think the dreams they tell one
another will make my people forget my name, just as
their ancestors forgot my name through Baal worship.
Let the prophet who has a dream recount the
dream, but let the one who has my word speak it
faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?”
declares the Lord. “Is not my word like fire,” declares
the Lord, “and like a hammer that breaks a rock in
pieces?”

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