

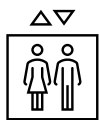


The Installation
of
Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan

September 21, 2025

3:00 pm

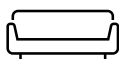
WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S UCC LANSDALE



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.



Our **Soft Worship Space**, the front right of the Sanctuary, is available for all ages to engage their bodies in a way that allows them to be more present in worship. 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.



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.

Following worship, you are invited to join us for
a reception 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.

St. John's United Church of Christ

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Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan (she/her), M.Div., PhD., Senior Pastor

Pastor Tom Adil (he/him), M. Div., LPC, Support Pastor

Andrew Paulson (he/him), M.M., M.A., Minister of Music

Abbie Lampe (she/her), Connect3 Director

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Deborah Dayton (she/her), Council President

Order of Worship
St. John's United Church of Christ
500 W. Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446
3:00 pm — September 21, 2025
Installation of Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan

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

PRELUDE

Meditation on "Blessed Assurance"J. Bert Carlson
Partita on "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"Charles Callahan
I. Chorale
II. Ornamented Chorale
III. Edute (Pedals)
IV. Edute (Manuals)
V. Trio
VI. Adagio
VII. Finale

WELCOME Deborah Dayton, St. John's UCC Council President

*HYMN AND PROCESSION OF CLERGY #4 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Stanza 1: All Stanza 3: All in Harmony
Stanza 2: All in Harmony Stanza 4: All

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Adapted from Mary Oliver and Jan Richardson*

It is a serious thing to be alive on this fresh day in this broken world.

Open us, Kind Creator, to your Spirit moving among us in this place.

Ready us to receive your blessing.

This is the blessing we cannot speak by ourselves.

Bind us, Loving One, to the blessing that is all that surrounds us.

**This is the blessing we cannot summon by our own devices,
cannot shape to our own purpose,
and cannot bend to our will.**

Strengthen us, Sustaining One, to reach beyond ourselves.

**This is the blessing that comes when we leave behind our aloneness,
when we gather together,
and when we turn toward one another and the astonishing world that we share.**

Fill us, Compassionate One, with the fire of freedom,
the language of love, and the blessing of the breath of life.

**This is the blessing that blazes among us.
May we be known by the company we keep.
Ignite us this day, that we may be rooted and rising in love.
Amen.**

GREETINGS FROM FAITH AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Rev. Bill Worley, Conference Minister, Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ
- Rev. Fritz Fowler, Lead Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church
- Senator Maria Collett, PA State Senator for the 12th District, Montgomery County
- Rabbi Shawn Zevit, Lead Rabbi, Mishkan Shalom
- Rev. Amy Yoder-McGloughlin, Conference Minister, Allegheny Mennonite Conference

SPECIAL MUSIC HallelujahSonja Noonan-Ngwane and Monica Guest,
by Karisha Longaker and Sarah Nutting of MaMuse

SCRIPTURE READINGS

I John 4:17-21Rickie Lee Sands
Exodus 1:8-21Rah Noonan-Ngwane

SERMON "Midwifing the Moment"Bishop Dwayne Royster

*HYMN Rooted and Grounded in Love

1. In a time of dis-ease, we are called to be heal-ers em-bo-dy-ing Love's ho-ly care.
2. In a time of dis-trust, we are called to be teach-ers em-bo-dy-ing Love's ho-ly grace.
3. In a time of des-pair, we are called to be pro-phets, pro-claim-ing all peo-ple as one.

We fol-low the heal-er who tend-ed the suf-f'ring,
We fol-low the teach-er who wel-comed the strang-er,
We fol-low the pro-phet who cried out for jus-tice

re-stor-ing the wound-ed our work and our pray'r.
en-larg-ing love's realm with each sa-cred em-brace.
our lives of-fered up so Love's will can be done.

Refrain:
We are joy-ful and strong as our faith is re-vealed in the rich-est a-bun-dance of fruit that we yield.
We are root-ed and ground-ed in love. Like a tree by the ri-ver, we're plant-ed so deep.
We are root-ed and ground-ed in love. With each gift that we bring and each pro-mise we keep
as we birth a new world where we all have e-nough. We are root-ed and ground-ed in love.

ORDER FOR INSTALLATION OF REV. DR. LINDA NOONAN

GREETING

Association Representative:

Rev. Elaine Ely

The North Penn Association of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ greets you in the name of Jesus Christ. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

Let us look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was waiting, endured the cross, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

PRESENTATION

Local Church Representative:

Deborah Dayton, President

St. John's United Church of Christ, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has called Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan as its Senior Pastor, and respectfully requests that the North Penn Association install her in this ministry among us, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

Association Representative:

The North Penn Association has reviewed the request of St. John's United Church of Christ. We have prayerfully examined Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan, and we are pleased to install her as your Senior Pastor.

Pastor Linda, servant of God, we invite you to come forward as a sign of your acceptance of this call to this office.

Installation is the action of an association of the United Church of Christ in cooperation with a local church. Installation confirms and celebrates the covenantal relationship among a local church, its pastor and teacher, and the United Church of Christ. Installation is a sign that these covenantal partners are committed to share mutually in the mission of the United Church of Christ and of the ecumenical church.

EXHORTATION

Association Representative:

Hear these words from the apostle Paul:

We beg you, siblings, to pay proper respect to those who work among you, who guide and instruct you in the Christian life. Treat them with greatest respect and love because of the work they do. Be at peace among yourselves.

We urge you, our sister, warn the idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, and be patient with all. See that no one pays back wrong for wrong, but at all times make it your aim to do good to one another and to all people. Be joyful always, pray at all times, be thankful in all circumstances, do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God. Amen.

COVENANT

Association Representative:

Dear friends,

St. John's United Church of Christ has declared that, having gathered under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it has called Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan to minister in this place as Senior Pastor, and that it now receives her as appointed by God to this ministry. The North Penn Association of the United Church of Christ has declared that she has met all the necessary conditions for installation to this office.

Pastor Linda, seeing that you are called to ordained ministry by the grace of God, and that St. John's United Church of Christ has been led to call you as Senior Pastor, are you willing to enter this covenant with its members who are one in Christ with us in the North Penn Association?

Pastor:

I am willing, and I promise to serve this church faithfully, preaching and teaching the word of God, administering the sacraments, and fulfilling the pastoral office, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

Association Representative:

Members of St. John's United Church of Christ, will you please rise in body or spirit to affirm your covenant with your senior pastor?

Members of St. John's United Church of Christ:

We, the members of St. John's United Church of Christ, receive Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan as our Senior Pastor, promising to labor with her in the ministry of the gospel and to give her due honor and support. We gather with her and with the United Church of Christ as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

Association Representative:

Members of the North Penn Association, will you rise in body or spirit to affirm your covenant with St. John's United Church of Christ and its Senior Pastor?

Association Members:

We, the members of the North Penn Association of the United Church of Christ, gather with you, the people and the senior pastor of St. John's United Church of Christ, as a sign of our covenant and in celebration of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

Association Representative:

Let us pray. Almighty God, you have called your servants to make promises before you; now enable us to keep our vows that we may remain steadfast in faith and fruitful in every good work. Bless, we pray, your servant Pastor Linda, to whom the care of your people in this church is now committed. Pour out your Holy Spirit on her, on the people of St. John's United Church of Christ, and on the churches of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference, that our mutual ministry may be served with all faithfulness, diligence, and courage.

Grant us the spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind. Make our ministry a means of awakening the careless, strengthening the faithful, comforting the afflicted, and building up your church. Guard us against the snares of temptation that we may be kept pure in heart, fervent in spirit, and valiant against evil. And at the last, by your grace, receive us in your eternal home, where, with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ reigns in glory, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

DECLARATION

Association Representative:

In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the North Penn Association of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ, I declare you duly installed as Senior Pastor of St. John's United Church of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

*HYMN #121 Sing the Mighty Power of God

Stanza 1: All

Stanza 2: All in Harmony

Stanza 3: All; The written descant may be sung by higher voices.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Our offering today will go to support the congregation's fundraiser to feed hope in Gaza, supporting World Central Kitchen to increase their capacity to provide one million hot meals a day. Offering plates will be passed to the congregation in the pews. For online giving, use the QR code.



Offertory We Shall Be KnownKarisha Longaker of MaMuse

We shall be known by the company we keep,
by the ones who circle round to tend these fires.
We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap
the seeds of change, alive from deep within the earth.
It is time now, it is time now that we thrived.
It is time we lead ourselves into the well.
It is time now, and what a time to be alive!
In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in love.
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*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, receive these gifts. Multiply them and use them for the sake of love in a world so hungry for it. Amen.

*HYMN #391 In the Midst of New Dimensions

Stanza 1 and Refrain: All

Stanza 4 and Refrain: Higher Voices

Stanza 2 and Refrain: Lower Voices

Stanza 5 and Refrain: All

Stanza 3 and Refrain: All in Harmony

SENDING PRAYER Karen Smith, Drums
*BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan
POSTLUDE Toccata on "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"Michael Burkhardt

Worship Leaders

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| Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan, Senior Pastor | Andrew Paulson, Minister of Music |
| Deborah Dayton, Council President | Pastor Tom Adil, Support Pastor |
| Rah Noonan-Ngwane, Scripture Reader | Rickie Lee Sands, Scripture Reader |
| Installation Choir | |

Guests

Senator Maria Collett, PA State Senator for the 12th District, Montgomery County
Rev. Fritz Fowler, Lead Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansdale
Monica Guest, Pastor Linda's "Bonus Daughter"
Rah Noonan-Ngwane and Sonja Noonan-Ngwane, Pastor Linda's Children
Bishop Dwayne Royster, Executive Director of Faith in Action and UCC Clergy
Karen Smith, Percussionist, Playwright, Director, Producer, and Poet, Philadelphia
Rev. Amy Yoder-McGloughlin, Conference Minister, Allegheny Mennonite Conference
Rabbi Shawn Zevit, Lead Rabbi of Mishkan Shalom Congregation, Philadelphia

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A note on "Israel" language in worship: In our music and scriptures, "Israel" and "Israelites" refer to ancient Israel and its people, not the modern political state. At various times in history, it meant the collective name of the twelve tribes descended from Jacob, the Hebrew people, "the people of Israel," the nation of Israel as a whole, or the Northern Kingdom. We want to be faithful hearers and interpreters of scripture, and pray fervently for the day when Palestinians and Israelis may live in mutual peace, security, and dignity.