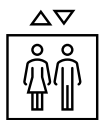




# Cultivating Gratitude

All Saints Sunday  
November 2, 2025  
10:15 am

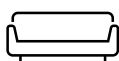
# WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S UCC LANSDALE



**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.



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.



**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  
St. John's United Church of Christ  
500 W. Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446  
10:15 am — November 2, 2025 — All Saints Sunday

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

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PRELUDE *In Paradisum* from *Requiem*.....Gabriel Fauré, arr. Hal H. Hopson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *Inspired by Psalm 32*

I refuse to hide the worst piece of myself from God,

**And through my transparency, God shares Divine Grace.**

I allow God to know the depths of my grief,

**And through my openness, God shares Divine Peace.**

I refuse to keep silent. In knowing my voice, God shares Divine Presence.

**And through my vulnerability, God shares Divine Strength.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*If you prefer a "no-contact" greeting, you are invited to place your hand over your heart  
as you acknowledge your neighbor.*

\*HYMN #299 For All the Saints

Stanza 1: All

Stanza 4: Higher Voices

Stanza 2: Lower Voices

Stanza 5: All

Stanza 3: All

CONFESSION

**We rush to find you as if you are our favorite celebrity. We look for you in the pretty people with seemingly uncomplicated lives. And yet, you are hanging with folks who many consider quirky, unique, and holy messes. You seek companions with our neighbors who are scattered and whose lives seem like fountains of chaos. We neglect noticing you as you like to dwell with the ones who abide in corners, shadows, and hidden in trees. May we seek you in the hearts of our neighbors instead of being distracted by shallow charmers and earthly glamour. Amen.**

ASSURANCE

Even when we are drawn into spaces of glitz and glamour, God shares grace. May we each continue to be transformed by Divine Radical Love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 1:10-18 .....Pew Bible Page 597

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### CHILDREN'S SONG Gathered in God's Name



Gath - ered in God's name 'round the ta - ble and font.

Gath - ered as one fam - 'ly in the name of love.

Gath - ered from near and far, gath - ered in this ho - ly place,

gath - ered as strang - ers and friends, gath - ered and gift - ed by grace.

Gath - ered in God's name 'round the liv - ing Word.

Gath - ered as one fam - 'ly in the name of love,

in the name of love, in the name of love.

### 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**

CHILDREN'S SONG    Gathered in God's Name (music on page 4)

SERMON    "Short People".....Rev. Tom Adil

\*HYMN    The Church's One Foundation



**All:** 1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.  
**All:** 2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
**Choir:** 3. Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,  
**\*Choir:** 4. Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,  
**All:** 5. Yet she on earth has union with God the Three in One,  
She is his new creation by water and the word.  
her character of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore:  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride.  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
till with the vision glorious her long-ing eyes are blest,  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endowed.  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.  
like them, the meek and low-ly, may live eternal-ly.

\*During the fourth stanza, the choir also sings text from the Requiem Mass in Latin:

"Requiem aeternam dona eis, luceat eis."

Rest eternal grant to them, let light shine on them.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

We remember the saints that have gone before us since last All Saint's Sunday with the tolling of a chime.

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.  
For online giving, use the QR code.



Offertory Breaths.....Ysaÿe M. Barnwell

*Listen more often to things than to beings.*

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*'Tis the ancestors' breath when the fire's voice is heard.*

*'Tis the ancestors' breath in the voice of the waters.*

*Those who have died, have never, never left.*

*The dead are not under the earth.*

*They are in the rustling trees, they are in the groaning woods.*

*They are in the crying grass. They are in the moaning rocks.*

*Those who have died have never, never left.*

*The dead have a pact with the living.*

*They are in the woman's breast, they are in the wailing child.*

*They are with us in the home. They are with us in the crowd.*

*-Birago Diop, adapt. Ysaÿe M. Barnwell*

\*Offertory 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

**In the ways that you glow, we discover more about ourselves: how we excel and how we are to share from our talents, treasures, and time. May we have hearts of hospitality as we seek the Christ in our works. May we build God's realm, knowing that what we give will make a difference and bless our siblings across the world. Amen.**

\*HYMN #597 Shall We Gather at the River

*The hymn may be sung in harmony.*

\*BENEDICTION

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

*As you depart, you are invited to light a candle in honor of the saints that have gone before us. Whether you light a candle or not, please depart with an attitude of reverent respect for those remaining to light candles....*

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

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### **Worship Leaders**

Rev. Tom Adil, Bridge Support Pastor  
Chancel Choir

Andrew Paulson, Minister of Music  
United Ringers

### **Worship Assistants**

**Hospitality:** Team 3: Methlie  
**Elder of the Morning:** Emilie Truscott  
**Deacon of the Morning:** Paula White  
**Audio Technician:** Robin MacMullen  
**Chancel Flowers:** Mary Billy  
**Driver:** Scott Vanderburg

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<b>The Week of October 19, 2025</b>		<b>The Week of October 26, 2025</b>	
Attendance: 8:00 AM	25	Attendance: 8:00 AM	32
Attendance: 10:15 AM	123	Attendance: 10:15 AM	109
Offering For Current:	\$6,570.00	Offering For Current:	\$11,953.00
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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.

## This Week at St. John's

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		<b>8:00 AM</b>	Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary
		9:00 AM	Praying Hands Stitchers, Library
			Living Our Faith Together, Activity Room
		<b>10:15 AM</b>	Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary
Nov 3	Mon	10:45 AM	Connect3, Activity Room
		11:30 AM	Fellowship, Assembly Hall
		<b>4:00 PM</b>	Artist Series Presents: Philadelphia Brass
Nov 4	Tues	7:00 PM	Fireside CA 12 Step, Fireside Room
Nov 5	Wed	12:00 PM	Tuesday Noon Organ Recital, Sanctuary
			Vincent Ryan and Melissa Freilich
		7:00 PM	AA, Assembly Hall
Nov 7	Fri	5:30 PM	Wind Ensemble Rehearsal
		6:30 PM	United Ringers Rehearsal
		7:30 PM	Artist Series Chorus Rehearsal
		8:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Nov 8	Sat	6:00 PM	North Penn Chess Club, Assembly Hall
		6:30 PM	Lansdale Montessori Event, Library
Nov 9	Sun	9:30 AM	Women's Retreat, Library
			Art of Living Foundation, Assembly Hall
		<b>Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
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In memory of my uncle, Richard Boorse  
To the Good Samaritan Fund from Dean Meacham.

In memory of Nancy & Bob Schultz and Harry & Juliet and Minnie Schultz  
To the Chancel Flower Fund from Merle

In memory of Charles R. Trout's November 8th birthday  
To the Chancel Flower Fund from his loving family





# All Saints List 2025



## Members:

Richard "Dick" Boorse

Mary Livezey

Thelma Brunner

Rev. Dr. Charles "Chuck" Maxfield

Joan Hadley

Douglas Mininger

Anne Haines

Dorothy Resinger

Linda Harpel

Lynn Richardson

Judy Lederach

Ida Scott

Charlene Lewis

Lorna Smith

## Friends:

Charles Beifuss (Step Father of John Hendricks)

Joseph Billy (Brother in law of Mary Billy)

Michael Excell (Friend of St. John's)

Nancy Fanciullacci (Wife of Rick Fanciullacci)

Carolyn Gary (Friend of St. John's)

Richard "Rich" Haring (Brother in law of Don & Sally Atkiss)

Betty Jane Hendricks Beifuss (Mother of John Hendricks)

Robert Johnston (Brother in law of Judy Johnston)

Tracey Jones-Murray (Friend of St. John's)

Sam Lauk (Neighbor of Rev. Tom Adil)

Phyllis Lauk (Neighbor of Rev. Tom Adil)

Chuck Lauk (Neighbor of Rev. Tom Adil)

Robert Linderman (Husband of Gale Linderman)

Don Edward Luehrs Jr (Brother of Carol Luehrs)

Cathy Mulhollum (Cousin of Mary Billy)

Anthony Ottaviano Jr (Father of Tony Ottaviano)

Hyacinth Roach (Friend of St. John's)

Daisy Simmons-Excell (Friend of St. John's)

Joseph Daniel Smith (Brother of JoAnn Sisian)

John Stacy (Brother of Marcia Stacy)

Chiantia Uryce Bond Miller (Friend of St. John's)



## 2026 Calendar

The 2026 printed calendar is available in the Narthex, elevator lobby, and library. Thank you to all our sponsors and photographers!

### THE Artist Series AT ST. JOHN'S presents

## Philadelphia

### Brass

Sunday,  
November 2  
4:00 PM

All concerts are free to

### American Guild of Organists

## Tuesday Noon Organ Recitals

Every Tuesday  
in November  
12 pm

Light luncheon to follow  
in the library  
All concerts are free to  
attend

### Living Our Faith Together Care For the Caregiver

Taught by Rev. Tom Adil

Sundays at 9 AM Activity Room

## WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, Nov 8 at 9:30 am

We will be filling Christmas Stockings for Norristown State Hospital and enjoying a presentation about advocacy from the National Alliance on Mental Illness Philadelphia and the Family Training and Advocacy Center for Mental Illness.

Coffee, tea, and light refreshments will be served.

**ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!**

### Bulletin Board Hallway!

Have you checked out our Bulletin Board Hallway recently?

## Andrew at A Longwood Christmas!

December 14 – bus leaves at 2 pm!

Join us on a bus trip to Longwood Gardens on Sunday, December 14 as Andrew performs classic carols, favorites from The Nutcracker, and other holiday hits on the Longwood organ! The bus leaves St. John's at 2pm and will return at approximately 9:15pm. If interested, please contact Debby Hendricks at [dchendricks111@gmail.com](mailto:dchendricks111@gmail.com) 267-664-5490. **Deadline to Register is November 4**

## Youth Group Lock-In

Saturday  
November 15  
5 PM – 11 PM

Our Lock-In includes a pizza making contest, movie night, and hide in seek in the church!

**Contact Kay in the  
Office for more info!**

We are also looking for adult chaperones with clearances!



With cuts to benefits for the food-insecure, **let us recommit to helping stock Manna's pantry.** For information on Manna's needs and how you can help, see the form at the Sanctuary entrances.

## St. John's 17th Annual Women's Christmas Tea

**Saturday, December 6**

10 am to noon

St. John's Assembly Hall

Wonderful Fellowship and a speaker from Redeemed for a Cause, a program that works to help trafficked women and girls realize their intrinsic worth and true potential.

Please contact Janet Morton at [mortfam116@gmail.com](mailto:mortfam116@gmail.com) if you would like to bring a food item to share. Gluten Free items will be available.

**Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 3,** to Sally Jarinko text 215-421-6678, call 215-256-8289 or email [sjarinko@comcast.net](mailto:sjarinko@comcast.net)  
(Space is limited!)



## Hanging of the Greens!

November 29th at 9:30 am

Please join us to decorate our church and make it festive for the Christmas season. Coffee and donuts will be provided.



## Isaiah 1:10-18

Hear the word of the Lord,  
you rulers of Sodom;  
listen to the instruction of our God,  
you people of Gomorrah!  
“The multitude of your sacrifices—  
what are they to me?” says the Lord.  
“I have more than enough of burnt offerings,  
of rams and the fat of fattened animals;  
I have no pleasure  
in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.  
When you come to appear before me,  
who has asked this of you,  
this trampling of my courts?  
Stop bringing meaningless offerings!  
Your incense is detestable to me.  
New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations—  
I cannot bear your worthless assemblies.  
Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals  
I hate with all my being.  
They have become a burden to me;  
I am weary of bearing them.  
When you spread out your hands in prayer,  
I hide my eyes from you;  
even when you offer many prayers,  
I am not listening.

Your hands are full of blood!

Wash and make yourselves clean.

Take your evil deeds out of my sight;  
stop doing wrong.

Learn to do right; seek justice.

Defend the oppressed.

Take up the cause of the fatherless;  
plead the case of the widow.

“Come now, let us settle the matter,”  
says the Lord.

“Though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be as white as snow;  
though they are red as crimson,  
they shall be like wool.

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