

# St. John's United Church of Christ

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

10 A.M. Worship      February 9, 2025

*Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR THE WORD OF GOD

## Ringling of the Chimes

## Welcome and Announcements

*(Please note the \* indicates when you should stand*

*Members and Visitors please make note of your attendance by signing in on the pew pads.)*

## \*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Peace be with you

And also with you

## Prelude

*"In Christ Alone"*

Getty arr. Larson

## \*The Call to Worship

It is by grace that we are who we are:

**people who are called by Jesus, yet fearful to follow.**

It is by God's grace that we can become followers:

**people who are fearful, yet gifted with courage beyond wonder.**

It is with God's grace that we become who we might be:

**people who step out in faith, sharing the good news generously.**

## Hymn

*"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"*

#4

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:  
holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee;  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
God ever-living, through eternity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,  
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see;  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

## \*Gathering Prayer *(In Unison)*

As we worship this morning, O God, we pray that your Spirit will be our strength, your word will be our guide, your love will be our comfort, and your promises will be our hope, through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"*  
**Child of God your loving parent,  
 Learn to listen for God's call  
 Grow to laugh and sing and worship,  
 Trust and love God more than all.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

**Scriptures: Isaiah 6:1-8 & Luke 5:1-11**

Isaiah 6:1-8

**A Vision of God in the Temple**

6 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. 2 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. 3 And one called to another and said,

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

4 The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. 5 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!"

6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. 7 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." 8 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!"

Luke 5:1-11

**Jesus Calls the First Disciples**

5 Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, 2 he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. 3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. 4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." 5 Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." 6 When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. 7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" 9 For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." 11 When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

**\* Hymn**

*"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

**#464 v1-4**

**God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.**

**Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail thy ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.**

**Cure thy children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy righteous goal,  
lest we miss thy righteous goal.**

**Set our feet on lofty places;  
fill our lives that we may be  
strengthened with all Christ-like graces  
pledged to set all captives free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we fail our call from thee,  
lest we fail our call from thee.**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer (*In Unison*)**

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**Invitation to Give Generously**

*(Thank you for being so generous in your care of St. John's UCC and its mission, through your participation and giving. Your stewardship makes a difference. You may make your offering several ways including in church, online, by text at 833-502-0657, or mail. We are grateful for your support.)*

**Offertory**

*"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"*

**Gabarain**

**\*Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly hosts;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication (*In Unison*)**

**Loving God, you call us to share our treasures and talents, and the work of our hands. With hearts filled with hope, we praise you for our bounty. Forever shall we sing of your generous ways, Holy One. Amen.**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

Hymn

*"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

#344

I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus--  
no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still will follow,  
though none go with me, I still will follow,  
though none go with me, I still will follow,  
no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,  
the world behind me, the cross before me,  
the world behind me, the cross before me--  
no turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
No turning back, no turning back.

**Benediction**

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Pastor: **Rev. Katie Jo Bielke**  
Director of Music: **Ruth Notch**  
Liturgist: **Todd Armstrong**  
Usher Team: **Larry Sontag**  
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**  
Fellowship/Lockup: **Jan Boehm**  
Flute: **Jennifer Adams**

*Announcements*

We pray for  
**Karen (Scooter) Beatty, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener,**  
**Elizabeth Hart, Cherie Messina, Mark Strothmann and Gloria Vaclavik.**  
Please let us know your prayer concerns.  
If you have private prayer concerns please speak with Rev Katie Jo Bielke

**Global Ministries** requests that we pray with **Hungary** this week

**02/16/25 Service**  
Liturgist: **Jan Ittner**  
Usher Team: **John Bartelt**  
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**  
Fellowship/Lockup: **Jan Boehm**

**02/23/25 Service**  
Liturgist: **Jane Lindberg**  
Usher Team: **Phil Difani**  
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**  
Fellowship/Lockup: **Jan Boehm**  
Special Music: **Chancel Choir & Bells**

**03/02/25 Service**  
Liturgist: **Marilee Dauster**  
Usher Team: **Ken Ruff**  
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**  
Fellowship/Lockup: **Phil Difani**



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*St. John's News & Events*

**Join us on Sundays**  
9:00 a.m. - **Fellowship** in Fellowship Hall  
10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**  
10:00 a.m. - **Worship**  
In-Person, Facebook Live, or Virtual

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## ... Looking Ahead

Sun	2/9	5:00 PM	Newsletter Articles Due End Of Day for the 17th
<b>Mon</b>	<b>2/17</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Bimonthly Newsletter</b>
Mon	2/17	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
<b>Wed</b>	<b>2/19</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Book Group "Beartown"</b>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>2/20</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Tour of Clark Branch Library Genealogy</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>2/23</b>	<b>9:20 AM</b>	<b>Loaves &amp; Fishes</b>
Sun	2/23	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting
<b>Sun</b>	<b>2/23</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>Pastor Katie Joe Bielke's Installation</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>2/25</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Women's Game Night</b>
Wed	2/26	5:00 PM	Newsletter Articles Due End Of Day for the 3rd
<b>Thu</b>	<b>2/27</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Table Fellowship</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>3/1</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Church Retreat</b>

Please check your News Notes/Website for specific information around upcoming activities  
<https://www.stjohnsuccchesterfield.org/fellowship>

### California Wildfires



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### VBS July 21 – 25, 2025



Volunteer Now

### Pastor Katie Jo's Installation



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### Genealogy Tour



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### Ronald McDonald House



Volunteer

### Table Fellowship



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### Women's Game Night



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## St. John's Early Childhood Center

January brought the discovery and exploration of ice and snow and cold weather projects. Some activities enjoyed by the children this month included:

- Mitten matching games; charting activities
- Experiments with ice melting and freezing
- Painting with ice cubes
- Creating unique snowmen for bulletin boards
- Learning about animals in the winter; creating penguins, polar bears, walrus, narwhal.
- The 4's explored and learned about dinosaurs.
- STEM activities included Winter Roll & Graph; Static Electricity Experiment



Registration for the 2025/2026 school year for Preschool and Kids Day Out Programs has begun. If you are interested in enrolling your child in a program, please contact Laura at 636-530-7529. For children ages 16 month through Pre-Kindergarten.

Registrations are also being accepted for Summer Camp which runs from June 6 till July 25<sup>th</sup>. Days available are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 to 1.

*Thank you to all who purchased poinsettias and wreaths back in November and December!*