

St. John's United Church of Christ

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

10 A.M. Worship Nov 24, 2024

Totenfest

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Ringing 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

"Now Thank We All Our God"

arr. Campbell

***The Call to Worship**

Come, let us praise the Lord!

Let us shout our songs of thanksgiving to Almighty God!

For God has done wonderful things for us.

God's love and blessings have been showered upon us.

Come, let us praise the Lord!

Let us sing songs of great joy to God. AMEN.

*** Hymn**

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

#718

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, does provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

All the blessings of the field,
all the stores the gardens yield,
all the fruits in full supply,
ripened 'neath the summer sky,
all that spring with bounteous hand
scatters o'er the smiling land,
all that liberal autumn pours
from its rich o'erflowing stores.

These to thee, my God, we owe,
source whence all our blessings flow;
and for these my soul shall raise
grateful vows and solemn praise.
Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

***Gathering Prayer** *(In Unison)*

Lord, we gather here this day in praise and thanksgiving for all the wonderful things you have done for us. Help us to be faithful disciples in all that we think, do and say, that your great love may be revealed and offer healing to all people. AMEN.

Time for the Child

"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.**

Rev Katie Jo Bielke

Special Music

"Let All Things Now Living"

arr. Raney

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scriptures: Isaiah 25:6-9

6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

7 And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;

8 he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

9 It will be said on that day,
"See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Hymn

"Rejoice in God's Saints"

#476

**Rejoice in God's saints,
today and all days;
a world without saints
forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring
the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring,
Lord, help us to share.**

**Some march with events
to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw,
the better to pray.
Some carry the gospel
through fire and through flood:
our world is their parish:
their purpose is God.**

**Rejoice in those saints,
unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross,
or shoulder their own.
They shame our complaining,
our comforts, our cares:
what patience in caring,
what courage, is theirs!**

**Rejoice in God's saints,
today and all days;
a world without saints
forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living,
they prove it is true:
the way of self-giving,
God, leads us to you.**

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

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

Willis arr. Dewagtere

***Doxology (In Unison)**

**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)**

We pour out our offerings, O God, that others may believe. We trust you to bring your new day to all our siblings. May we manage all your gifts according to your purposes. Amen.

TOTENFEST

For all the Saints who have gone before us,
God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith.
For all the Saints who have been beloved to us,
God, we give thanks for our loved ones who have passed on.
For all the Saints who have left us too soon,
God, we mourn their passing, and they remain in our hearts.
For all the Saints who have exemplified the faithful life,
God, may we learn from their ways and follow You.
On this day, we remember all those who are in our hearts.

Naming of the Honored Dead

Jennifer Spenader	Born to Life Eternal	11/11/23
June Delores Ackerman	Born to Life Eternal	11/23/23
Barry Maddox	Born to Life Eternal	11/30/23
Arland Stemme	Born to Life Eternal	02/19/24
Nancy Webster	Born to Life Eternal	06/22/24
David Leech	Born to Life Eternal	08/08/24
Patricia Boehm	Born to Life Eternal	08/27/24
Jim Pisoni, Sr.	Born to Life Eternal	09/25/24
Donna Dollgener	Born to Life Eternal	11/17/24

Remembrance Prayer (In Unison)

God, we remember those who have passed through this life, especially those who died this past year. We celebrate their life and commemorate their blessed memory. We pray for those who mourn, who grieve not only the passing of loved ones, but the passing of the year. Help us to remember that our measure of days is in Your hand, and that You will surely welcome us into our everlasting, heavenly home. In Your mercy and peace we pray, Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* Hymn

"For All the Saints"

#637 vs 1-4

**For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might:
their strength and solace in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, the one true light.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We live and struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**And when the strife is fierce, the conflict long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

Benediction

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Pastor: Rev. Katie Jo Bielke

Liturgist: **Amanda Jones**

Usher Team: **Jim Pisoni**

Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**

Fellowship/Lockup: **Carol Tindira**

Flautist: **Jennifer Adams**

Announcements

**We extend our Christian sympathy to the Dollgener family.
Donna was taken into God's care and keeping
Sunday November 17, 2024.**

We ask that God's presence will provide strength in this time of grief. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families. A memorial service is being planned for a later date.

We pray for

**Karen (Scooter) Beatty, Kevin Beatty, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener,
Elizabeth Hart, Cherie Messina and Gloria Vaclavik.**

Please let us know your prayer concerns.

If you have private prayer concerns please speak with Rev Katie Jo Bielke.

... Looking Ahead November

Sun 11/24 11:00 AM Mission Meeting

Sun 11/24 12 noon Combined Thanksgiving Dinner (RSVP Narthex or QR code below)

(Join us for a combined Thanksgiving Dinner in Fellowship Hall with St. Thomas and Ivy UCC churches.)

Thu 11/28 & 29 Thanksgiving (office closed)

Fri 11/29 8:00 AM Biweekly Newsletter (subscribe)

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

Hope; First Sunday of Advent
12/01/24 Service
 Liturgist: **Danny Mueller**
 Usher Team: **Larry Sontag**
 Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
 Fellowship/Lockup: **Philip Difani**
 Special Music: **Handbells**

Peace; Second Sunday of Advent
12/08/24 Service
 Liturgist: **Kathy Scherr**
 Usher Team: **John Bartelt**
 Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
 Fellowship/Lockup: **Philip Difani**

Joy; Third Sunday of Advent
12/15/24 Service
 Liturgist: **Helen Stortz**
 Usher Team: **Phil Difani**
 Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
 Fellowship/Lockup: **Philip Difani**
 Special Music: **Chancel Choir**



Hanging of the Greens



Habitat Build Volunteer



RSVF TABLE FELLOWSHIP



Metro Singers Concert

... Looking Ahead December

Sun	12/1	10:00 AM	Hope; First Sunday of Advent with Communion
		11:00 AM	Hanging of the Greens with luncheon to follow. (volunteer)
Mon	12/2	11:00 AM	Advent Bible Study
Tue	12/3		Giving Tuesday (please consider St John's)
Wed	12/4	11:00 AM	Senior Ministry Meeting
Thu	12/5	5:00 PM	Newsletter Articles Due
Sat	12/7	9:00 AM	Cookies with Santa at the carousel
Sun	12/8	10:00 AM	Peace; Second Sunday of Advent & GM Pray for Honduras
		10:00 AM	The Christmas Program
		2:00 PM	Sr Ministries Metro Singers Christmas Concert (rsvp)
Mon	12/9	11:00 AM	Advent Bible Study
		1:00 PM	Exec Council
Fri	12/13	8:00 AM	Biweekly Newsletter
Sat	12/14		Habitat Build Date (volunteer)
Sun	12/15	10:00 AM	Joy; Third Sunday of Advent & GM Pray for Hong Kong
Mon	12/16	11:00 AM	Advent Bible Study
		6:00 PM	Council Meeting
Tue	12/17	10:00 AM	Book Group Reading "Comfort and Joy" by Kristin Hannah
Wed	12/18		ECC Christmas Break Begins
Thu	12/19	5:00 PM	Newsletter Articles Due
Thu	12/19	5:30 PM	Table Fellowship at TBD
Sat	12/21	3:00 PM	Longest Night Service
Sun	12/22	9:20 AM	Loaves & Fishes
		10:00 AM	Love; Fourth Sunday of Advent & GM Pray for Afghanistan
		11:00 AM	Mission Meeting
Sun	12/22	3:00 PM	Hart/Spahr Open House
Mon	12/23	11:00 AM	Advent Bible Study
Tue	12/24	4:00 PM	Christmas Eve Candle Light Service
Tue	12/24	7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Candle Light Service
Tue	12/24 & 25		Christmas (office closed)
Wed	12/25		Merry Christmas

Please check your News Notes/Website for specific information around upcoming activities

<https://www.stjohnsuccchesterfield.org/fellowship>



online giving



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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