



St. John's United Church of Christ
November 26, 2023
Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
The Reign of Christ Sunday



[* = Those who are able may stand, L = Leader, P = People and A = All]

RINGING OF THE BELL

THE PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GREETINGS

THE INTROIT *"Surely the Presence of the Lord"*

No. 263

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

L. Make a joyful noise to God! Worship with gladness and singing.

P. **God is Creator, Sustainer, Keeper, and Shepherd. Bless God's name.**

L. Enjoy the presence of God! Give thanks and praise!

P. **God is Sovereign and Holy. Bless God's name.**

L. Know that God reigns! God's kingdom comes!

A. **God is Healer, Redeemer, Restorer, and Friend. Bless God's name!**^{ww}

***THE OPENING HYMN** *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"*

No. 91 (1, 4, 5)

***THE INVOCATION (In Unison)**

God who cares: we flourish in your compassion, you search for us and find us, you surround us with the power of your abundant love and utmost care. Be present among us as we praise your name, bring our burdens, and give thanks for all that you are and all that you do. Amen.^{ww}

***GLORIA PATRI** No. 35

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world with out end. Amen.

THE ANTHEM *"We Are Not Alone"*

-Choplin

Jonathan Clark, Guest Soloist

A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

Michael Lee Pepmeier - January 27, 1959 - November 17, 2022

Beverly Ann Tussey - May 7, 1936 - December 19, 2022

Kathryn Ann Cole - May 9, 1929 - January 5, 2023

Henry "Hank" Joseph Lopez, Jr. - March 24, 1955 - January 9, 2023

Dennis Robin Root - December 30, 1933 - May 13, 2023

John Rich Jackson - April 14, 1933 - May 31, 2023

Mark Robert Lange - February 3, 1951 - July 9, 2023

Jean Jackson Wells - March 6, 1931 - August 10, 2023

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

THE SONG

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

(words below)

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.

Every child in every land, Jesus holds them by the hand,

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

THE INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise

God above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)**

Gracious God, thank you for the gifts we have and the blessing of sharing. Use our gifts for your glory and to meet the needs and hopes of your kingdom. Amen.^{ww}

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

THE HYMN

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

No. 638

SERMON

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***THE HYMN**

"For All the Saints"

No. 637 (1, 3, 4, 5)

***COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION**

***THE HYMN**

"Go in Peace"

No. 445

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes

^{ww}**Care:** Service Prayers for the Reign of Christ Sunday were written by The Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology, United Church of Christ.

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Please consider supporting St. John's United Church of Christ so we can continue to do God's work and mission here and throughout the world. Offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the Sanctuary or delivered to the Church Office in person or by mail.

Many hearts. Many voices. One church.



ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

- **Continuing Prayer Requests** Bruce Deckard, Don Osborne, Jr., Dale Linneweber, For all church family members who are serving our country, Dan Roark & Family, The families of Hank Lopez, Robin Root, Mark Lange. For the silent trials and struggles everyone is carrying let's include all in our prayers.
- Please keep the families of Jerri Johanningsmeier and Jill Lopez in your prayers on the loss of their brother John B. Johanningsmeier on October 27, 2023. John was baptized and confirmed as a member of St. John's United Church of Christ.
- Please pray for Tammy Abendroth, Darcie Bahr's aunt, who has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. She is recovering from surgery and began chemo on November 20. Prayers that chemo will do it's job and Tammy's health will return.

Addresses for Shut-ins and Others

Norma Meyer, Colonial Assisted Living, - Room 142, 1622 S Hart Street Road, Vincennes, IN 47591

Susie Milligan, Colonial Assisted Living, - 1622 S Hart Street Road, Vincennes, IN 47591

Joy Tooley, Willow Manor, - 3801 Old Bruceville Road, Vincennes, IN 47591

Leona Conway, Willow Manor, -request correspondence be sent to 2009 Forbes Rd. Vincennes IN

Marge Beamon, Remains in rehab, - Please send cards and notes to her home address, 1401 Ritterskamp Avenue.

Franklyn Schroeder, Oak Village Health Care Center, – 200 4th Street, Oaktown, IN 47561

Dan Roark—Gentle Care, 1202 S. 16th St., Vincennes, IN 47591.

Home

Alexander Family

Bruce Deckard

If you have a caregiving need such as a hospital stay, a visit or desire communion, please contact the church office, Janet Goodman (chairman of Caregivers) or any caregiver listed below. We would appreciate your help and want to make sure everyone is blessed by St. John's when you need it! St. John's UCC Caregivers- Ed and Brenda Cummings, Cindy Deckard, Connie and Dan Coulter, Peggy Meyer, Ray Pieper, Terry and Janet Goodman, Lonny Vieck, Larry and Betsy Marchino.

St. John's Search Committee would like to announce we have unanimously selected Rev. Debbie Jo Atkins as our candidate for the full time minister of St. John's.

The members of our committee look forward to talking with you about our joyful interactions with Pastor Debbie. We hope you make every effort to attend one of the **Meet and Greet** opportunities listed below. This will give you a chance to get to know Pastor Debbie in a more informal setting, in addition to hearing her preach at the Sunday morning worship service.

Saturday morning, December 9th, between 9 am - 11 am:

Breakfast with Pastor Debbie and the Search Committee. You are encouraged to stop by Memorial Hall in St. John's to have some breakfast and meet with Pastor Debbie before you head out for your last minute Christmas shopping.

Saturday evening, December 9th, between 5 - 7 pm:

Pizza Party with Pastor Debbie and the Search Committee. After a full day of Christmas preparations, who wants to cook? You are invited to stop by Memorial Hall in St. John's to participate in this opportunity to meet Pastor Debbie and enjoy some pizza.

Sunday morning, December 10th, 10:30 am Worship Service:

Pastor Debbie will conduct the Worship Service. Following the service, a congregational meeting will be held to vote on the Search Committee's recommendation to call Debbie Jo Atkins as St. John's new pastor. Assuming a positive vote, it is our hope that Pastor Debbie will join our church family sometime in February.

We believe that God has led us to this exciting moment in our ministry. We look forward to growing together as a faith community, serving others and proclaiming the good news of God's love.

A sign-up sheet is located in the church hallway to sign up for one of the meet and greets! We are trying to get a rough estimate at each event for food. If you forget to sign up, please stop by and meet Pastor Debbie anyway...we always have plenty of food!



No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome

ST. JOHN'S UCC STAFF and VOLUNTEERS

Pastors	Rev Dennis Frische-Mouri
	Rev Linda Frische-Mouri
Head Usher	Hope Clausman/Elaine Workman
Organist	DeEtta Welte
Music Director, Pianist	Becky Brockman
Children /Family Ministry Coordinator	Will Meyer
Nursery Attendant	Darcie Bahr
Projection	Saundra Lange
Sound	Brian Fillingim
Church Secretary	Angie Robinson
Church Board President	Jana Vieck
Pastoral Search Chair	Sheri Stodghill

Advent Celebration!

Sunday, December 3, 2023
St. John's United Church of Christ
606 N Fifth Street Vincennes, Indiana

9:30 – 10:15 Special Advent Sunday
School lesson for children & youth
10:30 – 11:30 Worship Service
11:30 – 12:00 Sandwich Luncheon
12:00 – 2:00 Crafts, candy making,
games, tree trimming, and more

Everyone is invited to
any or all parts of the celebration!



Volunteer to be a Bell Ringer! Our church again has the opportunity to assist the Salvation Army

with its annual campaign helping those in need in our community. On **Wednesday, December 13th inside the "Save a Lot" grocery** only 6 one-hour shifts are available this year. If you can help, please see Brenda Roark or contact her via email at bjr72@hotmail.com or text or call 812-890-1221.



THIS WEEK in the Life of St. John's

SUNDAY, November 26

Sunday School 9:15 am
Worship 10:30
Children's Church
Decorating Church for
Advent/Christmas Season

MONDAY, November 27

Babe Store 12-5:30pm
Friends 5-6:15 pm

TUESDAY, November 28

Sandy's Pantry 11-12:30pm

WEDNESDAY, November 29

Dinner & Conversation
Ponderosa 5 pm
Choir 7pm

Laundry Love 6-8pm

THURSDAY, November 30

Sandy's Pantry 11-12:30pm
Girl Scouts 4:30-6:30pm

Friday, December 1

Phoebe's Mission 4:30-6pm

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, December 3

Sunday School 9:15 am
Worship 10:30
Children's Church
Advent Festival Following Service

MONDAY, December 4

Babe Store 12-5:30pm
Friends 5-6:15 pm

Evangelism & Membership 6:30pm (*new Time*)

WEDNESDAY, December 6

Dinner & Conversation Senior Tequila 5pm
Choir 7pm

SATURDAY, December 9

Breakfast with Pastor Debbie 9-11am
Pizza Part with Pastor Debbie 5-7pm



*Virtual Worship
Service is still
available on the
church website,
myucc.org
Worship Services
are also "Live
Streamed" on the
Church's
FACEBOOK page*