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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

St. John's United Church of Christ

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026

* *Please stand if it is comfortable to do so.* **Bold print** is everyone in unison

Stewardship Sunday

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GREET ONE ANOTHER (be seated)

PRELUDE

CHURCH BELL (the bell invites us to worship)

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Great Healer and Savior, send your power upon this church.

Touch our brokenness and lift us out of our routines.

Walk with us on the paths of fear, so that we might know faith and courage.

Wipe from us tears of sorrow and show us the joy of new opportunities.

Now together let us sing and give thanks

And be filled with the wondrous Spirit of God.

*OPENING HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* #2

*WE INVITE GOD TO WORSHIP (unison)

Lord, you know what is best for us. Give us what you will and when you will. Do with us as you know best and as it brings you honor. Place us where you will, according to your wisdom. We are in your hands as your servants, ready to do as you command. We want to live not for ourselves but for you alone. Come, join us in worship.

*RESPONSE *Now Thank We All Our God* (v.1) #715

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT *There Our Hearts Shall Be* Matthew 25:14-30

ANTHEM *He Looked Beyond My Fault* Jonathan Clark & John Mineo

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (children please come forward) *Jesus Loves Me*

(Children K-6th Grade are welcome to leave with Faith Ventures leaders)

**OFFERING INVITATION: God is so good and we are richly blessed. Let us give back to God with gratitude and thanksgiving.

*RESPONSE *O For a World* (v.1) #683

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Gracious God, we offer ourselves to you, that we might be a sign of your power among us. Use our money, our time and our talents all to your will. In the name of the Christ. Amen.

WE GATHER IN PRAYER

Silent Prayers – Pastoral Prayer-The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Congregational Response: *Now Thank We All Our God* (v.3) #715

SCRIPTURE: Judges 4:1-24

The Word of God for the People of God **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *Bad A** Women of the Bible*

*CLOSING HYMN *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* #606

*BLESSING (responsively)

Of whom much is given, much is required. Therefore, go forth my friends and give freely of your time, your talents, and your treasure.

We give freely and abundantly so others might know of the unceasing love of Christ. Amen.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Go in Peace* #445

* POSTLUDE

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Announcements

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FAITH VENTURES is our Faith Formation program (formerly Sunday School) for grades K-6th. Pasrticipants leave with the teachers following the Children's Moment and return by end of service. Younger children are invited to play quietly under parental supervision in the Prayground in the back of the sanctuary.

MESSY CHURCH on December 2nd from 5:30-7:00 pm is ***Christmas Around the World.*** Participants will receive a "passport" and visit booths representing various countries of the world where they will learn about different Christmas traditions and learn to say Merry Christmas in other languages before coming together in a craft. Dinner will be pizza and desserts from around the world. Join us for this awesome event.

CONFIRMATION/BIBLE CLASS will meet on November 29th immediately following the Aedvent Festival. We will also schedule a time to begin watching *Jesus of Nazareth*. Please try not to miss any class sessions since we only have two more to go. Be thinking about whether you will write a faith statement or do a project that expresses your faith. Continue to review the lesson handouts from each session.

FELLOWSHIP TIME HELP: Please sign up to help with Fellowship Time at 9:45 on December 20th. A clipboard is in the back of the sanctuary.

ADVENT BEGINS on December 29th as we spend four weeks preparing for the coming of the Christ Child on Christmas. The sanctuary will be decorated for the holiday season, the Advent wreath will be lit, carols sung and the Choir & Handbells will present some outstanding musical selections. Come join us for this special time of the church year.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED on November 27th for the long Thanksgiving weekend

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE is excitedly planning the celebration for the beginning of the Advent season this year with an Advent Festival on Sunday, November 29, immediately following worship service until 2:00 PM. Plans include lunch, lots of craft creations, candy/cookie making, games and good old-fashioned fellowship. Please mark your calendar for this festive day. If you are interested in helping in some way with the Advent celebration, please contact Jill Lopez.

BLESSINGS BOX needs donations. Suggestions are: cereal, peanut butter, jelly, velvetta mac & cheese (doesn't require milk or butter), canned pasta, soups, crackers. Cans with pop top lids are best.

LOOKING AHEAD! This year's Children and Youth Christmas program will be held during worship service on Sunday, December 13th. "The Heart of Christmas" promises to be a very special service. Parts and practice schedules for the youth and children will be distributed soon. Please plan to attend.

Never put a period where God has put a comma, God is still speaking!

WANTED: The Preschool is in need of a 2-4 shelf bookcase. If you have one in good condition you would like to donate, please contact Laura Arial at 812-899-1731.

UNITED STATES OF KINDNESS is a movement to complete 250 acts of kindness in celebration of the 250th birthday of the United States. We encourage everyone to perform one act of kindness per day for the rest of the year.

PLEASE JOIN US IN Thanksgiving Food Bags for the Blessing Box. All items can be found at Dollar Tree except the canned turkey. (Canned chicken would also work if you can't locate turkey.) Also, if you would like to add a dessert Dollar Tree has cookie mixes in a bag.

THE ROSEBUD ON THE ALTAR welcomes **KNOX LEE** born on November 9th to Paul and Allison Goodman. He weighed 6 lbs. 7 oz. and was 18.5 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Terry and Janet Goodman. If you would like to send a card, Paul & Allison's address is 9823 Clippinger, Evansville, IN 47725.

TAX-WISE TO SUPPORT OUR CHURCH from Mackenzie B. Jones, CPA: If you are age 70.5 years or older, you can give directly from your IRA to our church through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). This type of gift can count towards your required minimum distribution (RMD) and may help reduce your taxable income. It's a simple and tax-efficient way to support the ministry you care about. Please consult your financial advisor or IRA custodian to learn how to make a QCD.

Prayers Posts

We ask for continuing prayer requests for:

Marilyn Houchins, John Mineo, Cindi Gilmore, Kim Godare's daughter Mallory, Marvin Covey, Colten Kirchoff, Jane Ann Marchino, Jana Vieck, Brenda Fillingim, Olivia Robinson, Derrick Flowers, Ryan Watts and Carolyn Stevenson.

Shut-in Addresses:

Susie Milligan - Colonial Assisted Living, Room 118, 1622 S Hart Street Road, Vincennes, IN 47591

Leona Conway - Aperion Care, C Wing Room C-35, 3801 Old Bruceville Road, Vincennes, IN 47591

At Home:

Mike Lankford

Prayer requests or updates can now be relayed to the church office during regular office hours and Pastor Debbie during the evening/weekend.
Email: st.johnsuccoffice@gmail.com or call 812-882-2720 M-F, 9 am - 1 pm

This Week in the Life of St. John's

Sunday, November 15
Adult SS Class 9:30am
Fellowship 10am
Worship @ 10:30am
Stewardship Sunday
Dinner after Church
Pastor Debbie's Birthday

Monday, November 16
BABE Store 12-5:30pm
Finance Meeting 5pm
Board Meeting 6pm

Tuesday, November 17

Wednesday, November 18
Handbells @ 3p
Choir @ 4pm

Thursday, November 19
Dinner & Conversation -
Ponderosa @ 6pm

Friday, November 20
Pastor's Day Off

Looking Ahead In November 2026

Sunday, November 22
Adult SS Class 9:30am
Fellowship 10am
Worship @ 10:30am
Thanksgiving Celebration
CFM Holiday Fundraiser 5-7:30p

Monday, November 23
BABE Store 12-5:30pm

Tuesday, November 24

Wednesday, November 25
Handbells @ 3p
Choir @ 4pm
Newsletter Items Due
Laundry Love 5-8pm

Thursday, November 26
Thanksgiving Day
Office Closed

Friday, November 27
Pastor's Day Off
Office Closed

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Staff and Volunteers

Pastor:	Rev. Debbie Jo Atkins
Secretary	Kim Butler
Church Board President:	Saundra Lange
Choir Director	Jonathan Clark
Pianist:	Pat Sparks
Children & Family Ministry Coordinator:	Will Meyer
Head Usher:	Kim Godare
Projection:	Saundra Lange
Sound:	Jonathan Lange
Liturgist:	John Riggs

Did You Know?

St. John's Sunday Morning Worship Services are streamed **LIVE** on our church's Facebook page, "**St. John's United Church of Christ Vincennes**."

Or, you can watch the Worship Service at your convenience by going on the church website, "**myucc.org**" and clicking on "Worship Service" for a particular date.

You can also download a copy of each monthly **church newsletter** from our church website to keep up with all the activities.