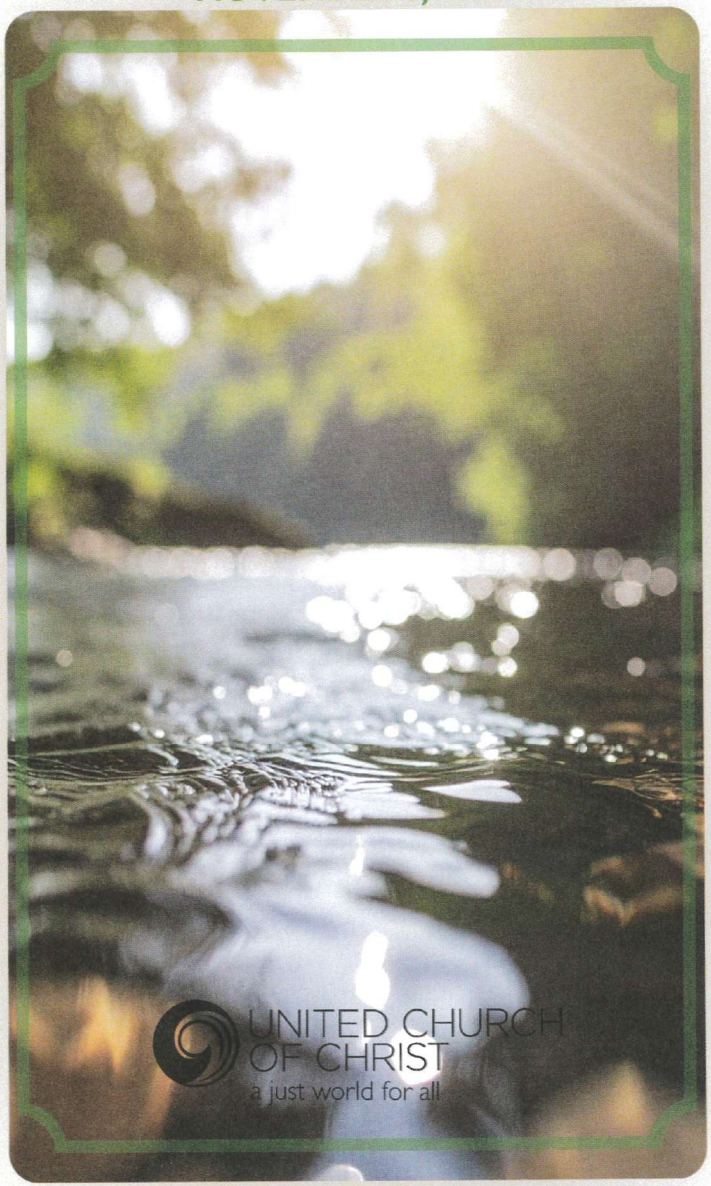
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NOVEMBER 8, 2026



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

St. John's United Church of Christ

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

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

Veteran's Day

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GREET ONE ANOTHER (be seated)

PRELUDE

CHURCH BELL (the bell invites us to worship)

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Grant us ears to hear, eyes to see, wills to obey, hearts to love.

Then declare what you will.

Reveal what you will, command what you will, demand what you will.

*OPENING HYMN *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* #720

*WE INVITE GOD TO WORSHIP (unison)

We hold up before you, our Creator, all of our loved ones who have passed from earth into eternity. Especially, we remember those who have laid down their lives that others might live. Keep them in our memories. Keep them in our hearts so we will never forget. Amen.

*RESPONSE *Gloria Patri* #35

ANTHEM *Give Thanks*

VETERAN'S RECOGNITION

Video: *You Raise Me Up* by the Texas Tenors

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

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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Becky Brockman

**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)

In gratitude for all that we have received, we generously offer these gifts to help others. Thank you, loving God, for the chance to give. Amen.

WE GATHER IN PRAYER

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

Congregational Response: *The Doxology* #46

SCRIPTURE:

Old Testament: Psalm 78:1-7

New Testament: Matthew 25:1-13

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

MESSAGE *Wisdom in Waiting*

*CLOSING HYMN *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

*BLESSING (responsively)

May all your journeys be led by the brightness of God. May you be generous with your time and gifts.

May we have the courage to trust the inner voices and find new ways to the heart of God. Amen.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Go in Peace* #445

* POSTLUDE

**You may place your offering in the plate at the back of the sanctuary or online at myucc.org and clicking on the *contribute* button. Please prayerfully consider setting up regular online donations to continue our outreach into the community.

Announcements

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.

NEXT SUNDAY is our Stewardship Commitment Celebration where we dedicate our 2027 pledge cards. A dinner organized and served by the men of the church will follow. Plan now to participate.

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.

THERE OUR HEARTS SHALL BE is the theme of this year's Stewardship campaign. We will be sharing our dreams for our congregation as we approach our Stewardship Sunday on November 15th. During the past 18 months of Visioning gatherings, we have heard a lot of the dreams church members have for our congregation. Let's work together to make those dreams into reality.

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.

WE NEED YOUR HELP: Hanging of the Greens will start after worship on November 15th. Volunteers are needed to help with moving trees to the sanctuary and hanging garland. On November 22nd., we need help with decorating the trees and the sanctuary.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY will take place on November 15th with a catered meal (fried chicken dinner and dessert) following the service. Plan now to attend.

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.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED on November 11th for Veteran's Day and on November 27th for the long Thanksgiving weekend.

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.

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.

Cheesecakes will be ready for pickup at the Church on November 19th.

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.

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, and Ryan Watts.

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

This Week in the Life of St. John's

Sunday, November 8
Adult SS Class 9:30am
Worship @ 10:30am
Veteran's Day Recognition
Stewardship Speaker (Becky Brockman)
Movie (Young Washington)

Monday, November 9
BABE Store 12-5:30pm

Tuesday, November 10
Visioning Meeting

Wednesday, November 11
Handbells @ 3pm
Choir @ 4pm
Office Closed—Veteran's Day

Thursday, November 12
Dinner & Conversation
CowTown @ 6pm

Friday, November 13
Pastor's Day Off

Looking Ahead In November 2026

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

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Pastor:	Rev. Debbie Jo Atkins
Secretary	Kim Butler
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Pianist:	Pat Sparks
Children & Family Ministry Coordinator:	Will Meyer
Head Usher:	Kim Godare
Projection:	Jana Vieck
Sound:	Andrew Anson
Liturgist:	Kyle Doggett

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.