



***St. John's United Church of Christ
Chambersburg, PA
November 3, 2024***

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY | "WE CHOOSE NONVIOLENCE"

*Please stand in body or in spirit

GATHERING SONG

"This is the Day"

UNISON WELCOME

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT

PASSING OF THE PEACE

"The peace of Christ be with you"

"And also with you"

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

"Amazing Grace"

arr. Lloyd Aarson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

by Rev. Stephen M. Fearing

When Shiprah and Puah were instructed to obey the murderous command of Pharaoh,
they said "no."

When Jesus' followers were tempted to respond to violence with violence,
Jesus said "no."

There are many forms of violence – physical, emotional, spiritual—
and when we, too, feel the need to add to the woundedness of the world,
we can say "no."

We can take a stand for justice and advocate tirelessly for our neighbor without resorting
to violence.

And so, today, may the people of God gather in the presence of the Prince of Peace,
as we say "no" to violence and "yes" to God's everlasting shalom.

*HYMN #46

"O God of Every Nation"

CALL TO CONFESSION

by Rev. Stephen M. Fearing, adapted

Let us confess to God and one another the times when we have failed to do no harm.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

by Rev. Stephen M. Fearing

Gracious God, when we're tempted to lash out and add to the woundedness of the world,
there is so much we can do:

**we can water a plant, do a guided meditation, go on a walk with a friend;
we can volunteer at a non-profit, donate to a cause that resonates with our
faith; we can see a therapist, practice playfulness, mindfulness, and rest;
we can read scripture, listen to music, recite a poem, or spend time with
family.**

Forgive us when we tell ourselves the lie that we're incapable of nonviolence.

May we learn from the courage of Shiprah and Puah, and know that standing up to bullies is sacred, dangerous work. May we practice the wisdom of Jesus that knows that caring for ourselves is one way we care for our neighbor.

It's so very hard, Prince of Peace. We need your help.

We need your forgiveness. We need your strength. **Amen.**

KYRIE

Hymnal Companion C-4

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

by Rev. Stephen M. Fearing, adapted

Friends, scripture tells us that when Shiprah and Puah turned from violence and refused the orders of Pharaoh, "God dealt well with them." So, too, does God "deal well" with us when we acknowledge our faults and seek a better way. And so, hear the Good News of the Gospel: through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are forgiven. **Amen.**

***GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #704**

ANTHEM

"Oh How He Loves You and Me"

arr. John Purifoy

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:29-31

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Roxanne Davenport

Children's Corner will be offered following the Children's Message

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 1:15-22

SERMON

Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS)

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE #706**

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

adapted from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

Bless these gifts, O God, from your unflinching care for your people. Let them be a sign of our gladness for all that we have, and all that we may offer to others. May these gifts be used to build bridges of common ground, speaking peace into our weary world and our own heavy hearts. We ask that you bless us as we strive to do the work you have commanded us to do. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Hymnal Companion C-72

We celebrate communion this day by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup); pre-packaged elements are also available

***HYMN #698**

"For the Healing of the Nations"

*COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (seated)

Join us following the service for coffee hour!

All are welcome at Christ's table. To let the church office know that you communed today, please sign the black attendance pad found in each row. If you are communing from home, please contact the church office to let us know.

The "Nursery Nook in the Narthex" quiet area and infant/toddler space in the Parlor are available for children and families to use during worship. Age-appropriate activity bags are also available. See the deacon for assistance.

Birthdays this week: 11/07 John McCright, W Robert Strunk and Karie Leister; 11/09 Sarah Herbert and Maggie Ryder; 11/10 Joanne Slothower

Worship Participants:	
Pastor	Rev. Caroline E. Saxton
Organist	Barb Motichka
Deacon in Charge	Peg Bryner
Lector	Connie Kaiser
Children's Corner	MaryLee Yaukey and Renee Byers
Media Coordinators	Calvin Frantz & Ginny Cairns
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The Flowers at the Foot of the Cross are given in memory of Margaret Rockwell, friends and family by Carol Rockwell.



St. John's Vision

We are called to love, to learn, to worship and to witness in Christ as a congregation that welcomes everyone, and seeks service that will advance God's realm on earth.

St. John's Mission

To grow in love of God and neighbor

Worship Resources:

"Loving Your Neighbor in an Election Season" liturgy by Rev. Stephen M. Fearing, 2024
Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 2

NEWS IN THE PEWS November 3, 2024

The Rev. Caroline E. Saxton, (641) 260-1868 (cell)
Gary Crum, Music Director | Barbara Motichka, Organist
Roxanne Davenport, Director of Children & Youth
The Rev. Stephen W. Hoffman, Pastor Emeritus

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, November 4

10:00 am Meditation Class – Parlor Room 104

Tuesday, November 5

6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study via Zoom

6:30 pm Cub Scouts – Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm Amistad Praise Band Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 6

2:00 pm Fall Book Study – Conference Room 111

Thursday, November 7

7:00 am Men's Breakfast – Texas Lunch

5:00 pm Victorian Christmas Dance Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

6:00 pm Bell Choir – Choir Room 103

6:30 pm Girl Scouts – Room 116

7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room 103

Friday, November 8

5:30 pm Dance Class – Fellowship Hall

Saturday, November 9

8:00 am Fall Clean-up – Church Lawn

5:00 pm Saturday Night Worship – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 10

8:45 am Godly Play Class – Room 119

8:45 am Spark! Elementary Church School Class – Room 115

8:45 am Teen Discussion Class – Youth Room 206

8:45 am Wired Word Church School Class – Room 116

10:00 am Sunday Service – Sanctuary

11:00 am Congregational Meeting – Sanctuary

New Photo Directory We will be working with local photographer Amanda Hann. A session will be held here in Room 116 on Sunday, November 17 from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm. Please call the church office to book your session. Please note: there is a \$35.00 fee, cash or check only.

Operation Dishwasher is now underway! Our dishwasher in the church kitchen is original to the building and is in need of replacement. We have launched a campaign to raise funds called "Operation Dishwasher." Please see the Spirit for more information.

Directory Update we will be updating our church directory in preparation for the November Congregational Meeting. If you have any changes to your contact information, please get in touch with the office at (717) 263-8593 by today, Sunday, November 3.

Diana's Devotional Corner Every week Diana Kongkeattikul writes a reflection that is posted to our website. We are now offering a special Eblast weekly with these reflections/devotionals. If you would like to receive these directly, please let the office know so we can put you on the list!

Yoga Our next yoga class will be held on Tuesday, November 12 in Room 202. Thank you for your prayers for our instructor, Susan Collier, as she recovers from foot surgery.

St. John's Nursery School will be selling The Butcher Shoppe cookie dough and coffee again this year, as well as pizza and sub coupons. It has been a very successful fundraiser in the past. Place your orders now and delivery will be in the beginning of December.

Thank you to all that helped make our Habitat Book Sale so successful! We appreciate each one of you!

Fall Congregational Meeting Our fall Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 10. We will vote on the proposed changes to our Constitution and Bylaws and vote to adopt the budget for 2025. Please, save November 10 on your calendar; engage with the materials provided ahead of time; and help St. John's to thrive, for we are "building the church of the future."

Thanksgiving Worship Join us on Sunday, November 24, 3:00 pm at Calvary United Methodist Church (150 Norlo Drive, Fayetteville, PA 17222) for the Thanksgiving Community Worship Service.

Save the Date: Our annual Cookie Walk will be held on Saturday, December 7 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Purchase homemade cookies to benefit homeless children in the Chambersburg School District for \$10/lb. Bring your cookies to the kitchen on Dec. 6 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Blue Christmas Our Blue Christmas service will be held on Sunday, December 21 at 3:00 pm here at St. John's UCC. Join us while we experience hope and healing in the midst of darkness.

O God of Every Nation

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1. O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,
 2. From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3. Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that we may find re - lease
 4. Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with Your al - might - y hand.
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease.
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

Where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and na - tion and blind-ness to Your way,
 When hope and cour-age fal - ter, Lord, let Your voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn-ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign,

in love and mer - cy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray!
 with faith that none can al - ter, Your ser-vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

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BLOW THE CANDLES OUT

MUSIC: English folk song, 18th cent., alt. and arr. Mary Rose Jensen

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For the Healing of the Nations

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1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
 2. Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair Your
 3. All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4. You, Cre - a - tor, God, have writ - ten Your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
 earth be banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in Your like - ness

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of love in ac - tion
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and good - ness
 dog - mas that ob - scure Your plan. In our com - mon quest for jus - tice
 bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re - sponse and ser - vice

help us rise and pledge our word, help us rise and pledge our word.
 fear will die and hope in - crease, fear will die and hope in - crease.
 may we hal - low life's brief span, may we hal - low life's brief span.
 earth its des - ti - ny may find, earth its des - ti - ny may find.

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 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907
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