

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

139 N. 4th Street
Emmaus, Pennsylvania

November 6, 2011

Holy Communion
All Saints Day
Reception of New Members

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 and 10:30 AM

The People of God Gather For Worship

Thought for Meditation: *“Christianity, if false, is not important. If Christianity is true, however, it is of infinite importance. What it cannot be is moderately important.”*

- C.S. Lewis

Organ Prelude

...All May Stand...

Processional Hymn: *“For All the Saints”*

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...Please Be Seated...

Welcome and Announcements

...All May Stand...

Solemn Declaration

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Put away the things you have substituted for God.
Let your worship of the one true God be genuine.

People: **We seek to know God and to rejoice before our Creator.**

We know that God is beyond all our false images.

Pastor: God is not deceived by our solemn assemblies.
Our empty festivals do not impress our God.

People: **We want to give joyous expression to a growing faith.**
We choose to serve the God whom Jesus revealed.

Pastor: Our hope is in God's grace beyond all judgment.

Our trust is in God's love, greater than our feeble imitation.

People: **We welcome the light God promises us.**
We seek to respond with faithful service.

Act of Confession:

Pastor: Let us confess our sins.

All: **If sin means cutting ourselves off from you and being unprepared to respond to your presence, surely we have sinned. Our lamps are not trimmed; our lives are not ready for your trumpet call. We have not listened well or encouraged one another in the faith. The distraction of many things has kept us from meditation and prayers. We are witnesses against ourselves, for we have vowed our loyalty and then have gone our own way. Merciful God, we seek your forgiveness. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Kyrie:

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Pastor: Christ, have mercy upon us.

People: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness:

Pastor: God brought our spiritual ancestors out of bondage and protected them along their way. We believe God is eager to free us from all that imprisons us. Our days on earth are a trust from God, and we serve God best by investing our time in learning and living God's intentions for us. It is God's will that we live in harmony with one another, that we learn to love all God's children. God extends full pardon to us. Praise God for forgiveness and a second chance.

Sung Response: "Gloria Patri"

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 without end. Amen. Amen.

...Please Be Seated...

The People of God Share the Word of God

Loud Offering

A Time to Pass Our Faith Onto Our Children

The Holy Scripture:

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 78:1-7 Page 468

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Page 960

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13 Page 806

If you would like to follow the readings, the Bibles are under the hymnal rack.

Memorial Service (10:30)

Sermon: "Words To Encourage" Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger

Reception of Members: Affirmation of Baptism

Invitation and Welcome

Sentences

Questions of the Candidates:

Leader: Do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Candidates: I do.

Leader: Do you renounce the powers of evil and desire the freedom of new life in Christ?

Candidates: I do.

Leader: Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Candidates: I do.

Leader: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Candidates: I promise, with the help of God.

Leader: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to

grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

Candidates: I promise, with the help of God.

Affirmation of Faith:

Leader: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

Leader: Do you believe in God?

Candidates: I believe in God.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Candidates: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Candidates: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Address

Questions About Participation:

Leader: Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world?

Candidates: I promise, with the help of God.

Welcome and Reception:

Leader: Let us, the members of St. John's United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

All: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and to be witnesses of our risen Savior.

The People of God Pray

Celebrations of Joy and Moments of Concern

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer

Prayer Response: *“In the Name of the Lord”*

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**There is strength in the name of the Lord, there is pow’r in the name of the Lord; there is hope in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Offering Invitation

The Offering

The Offertory: (8:00)

Senior Choir Anthem: *“Hymn of Praise”* (10:30)
...All May Stand...

The Offertory Response: *“Doxology”*

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication and Commitment

We Share the Lord’s Supper

Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Communion Prayer

Seraphic Hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of Thy glory;
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord;
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
*...Please Be Seated...***

Lord’s Prayer:

**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, for ever.
Amen.**

Words of Institution

Consecration of the Elements

Pastor: Consecrate, therefore, by Your Word and Spirit, both us and these gifts of bread and wine, that in receiving them at this table, and in offering here our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and one another, and remain faithful to the tasks He sets before us.

People: In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to You, eternal God, and give thanks that You have called us to serve You. Amen.

Pastor: Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing we participate in the life Christ gives. Come, for all things are ready.

The Communion

The Blessing

...All May Stand...

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: We thank You God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all His gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth Your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The People of God Go Forth In Mission

Benediction
Threefold Amen
Recessional Hymn: “*Because He Lives*” #562
Silent Moment
Postlude

Welcome

“O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!”
(Psalm 34:3, NRSV). Welcome to worship, as we join fellow believers
to praise God.

Preparation for Worship

Today we remember the saints who have gone before us into glory. May
God, who makes us all saints through Christ, bless our worship.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:00 AM

Acolytes: Brian Lance, Molly Held
Greeters: Jake and Jo Kleppinger
Lay Reader: Tom Capehart
Ushers: Mike Ackerman, Phil Rhode, Tom Capehart,
Jim Beers, Tom Gable, Barry Miller
Sound System: Brian Dillman, Jr.

10:30 AM

Acolytes: Alexis Hanna, Harrison Ike
Greeters: Anna Jane Kelley, Ben and Carolyn Powell
Lay Reader: J. Wesley Bergey
Ushers: Larry Delhagen, Jackie Knappenberger,
Don Keck, Christine Hanna, John Hill,
Bill Knappenberger, Sarae Quinn, Pat Roth
Sound System: Drew Labenberg
Nursery: Alex Racines, Allissa Delhagen
Tape Ministry: Harold Huber
Flower Delivery: Marty Beers
Hospitality: Ben and Carolyn Powell

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sunday, November 6

All Saints Sunday

- 8:00 am Worship/Holy Communion
- 9:15 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:30 am Worship/Holy Communion

Tuesday, November 8

- 9:00 am Quilts for Kids
- 6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop #6640

Wednesday, November 9

- 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #25
- 6:30 pm Bell Choir
- 7:00 pm "Journeys Through Grief" (Parlor)
- 7:45 pm Senior Choir

Thursday, November 10

- 10:15 am Women's Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop #6123
- 6:30 pm Cadettes
- 6:30 pm All Dens

Saturday, November 12

- 8:30 am AA
- 8:30 am Al Anon

Sunday, November 13

- 8:00 am Worship
- 8:50 am Children's Choir
- 9:15 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:30 am Worship



Please extend greetings and a warm welcome to our newest church family members:

***Christopher and Bethany Zavec
Larry and Marilyn Herbert
Wayne and Jean Wermuth***

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Church Announcements for Sunday, November 6, 2011

November Mission – Harvest Home – Mission 1

This year we share our Harvest Home mission with Mission 1, the National United Church of Christ theme, November 1st through the 11th with the opportunity to raise awareness and do something about the issue of hunger in the U.S. and around the world. The National UCC goal is to collect more than 1 million items of healthy food and household items and to raise \$111,111 during the eleven-day period. A portion of the Neighbors in Need offering will go to this effort. St. John's goal is to collect at least 111 healthful food items during the entire month of November. As items are collected they will be counted and displayed in the narthex. The food will be divided between needy families and the Emmaus Food Pantry which is located at Bethel Bible Fellowship Church. What better way to share with our brothers and sisters in need! Many individuals and families never expected to find themselves asking for food. Sadly the time has come, whether due to the economy or for personal reasons. Please help St. John's to achieve its goal and go beyond 111 items! Food donations may be left in the narthex.

Veteran Recognition Sunday – November 13th

In honor of celebrating Veteran's Day (November 11th), all veterans will be recognized and thanked for their distinctive service to this country.

Phoebe Home Ministries

Please support as you are able this important mission and ministry for older adults. Specializing in healthcare, housing and medical support for senior adults, this important mission has served many members of St. John's. They provide short-term and long-term care with an emphasis on the word, "Care." Please is the special offering envelope or designated "Phoebe" on your weekly offering envelope.

Communion

We invite to the Lord's Table "all baptized members of the Christian Church, who look to the Lord Jesus for righteousness and salvation, and who desire to possess His Spirit and walk in His ways." People of any age are welcome to receive communion. When communion trays are distributed, you will see the cups in the center have white grape juice. The other cups have wine. You may choose whichever one you prefer. It is our custom for members to wait until all have been served, and then the pastor will invite all to commune. Please remember to complete a communion card today.

Loud Offering

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE...Deposit your loose change (bills are welcome, too) in the cans during the **Loud Offering Collection**. Just by saving a little each and every day, we can make a BIG difference. If you have spare change on other Sundays, the cans will be in the narthex.

Career Day

St. John's Girl Scout Troop #6678 is hosting a career day here at St. John's on Saturday, November 5th from 1 to 3:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. All girls in grades 5th through 12th are invited to attend.

Advent Wreath Sign Up

We are looking for families, individuals or groups to light the Advent candles during the worship services through Advent and the Christmas Eve services. There is a sign up sheet located on the welcome desk in the narthex. The church office will send the liturgy to you and your family or group, so please sign up and be part of our worship experience.

Basket Bingo Rescheduled

Our Fall Basket Bingo is rescheduled for Sunday, November 13th! Doors open at 1 pm and bingo starts at 2 pm. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Tickets will be sold after the 8:00 and 10:30 am services or in the church office during regular business hours. Tickets are \$20 for 20 games and specials will be available for purchase. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Wendy Moyer-Drabick at 610-754-1988.

Blood Pressure Screening

Next Sunday, November 13th, representatives of the Health Ministry Task Force at St. John's will be doing blood pressure screening. You are invited to stop by the Health Room after the 8:00 AM service and before and after the 10:30 AM service.

Poinsettia Sale

The Altar Guild will hold its annual poinsettia sale beginning on Sunday, November 20th. A representative for the Altar Guild will be available after both services each Sunday through December 11th to take your order. Final orders must be received in the Church Office by Monday morning, December 12th. You can order poinsettia plants for \$10.00 each or give a donation of at least \$10.00. Please complete a form with the appropriate information along with payment to the representative seated in the Narthex or place a form and payment in any envelope in the pew rack and mark it "Poinsettia Sale" and place it in the collection plate. Thank you for your support.

Confidentiality

It is important that we honor the rights to privacy of medical information for our St. John's members. If someone in the congregation shares a prayer concern, a medical issue, or hospitalization information with you, **please ask their permission** before sharing that information with the pastors, Undershepherd Ministry, Prayer Tree or church office, or for announcement in worship. If you are hospitalized or are sharing any prayer concerns, the pastors will ask your permission before disclosing information to anyone beyond the pastoral staff.

Church Hospital Code Number is 466!

The pastors visit our hospitalized members. If you, or a member of your family enters the hospital, please ask the hospital to place the patient's name on church code #466, St. John's UCC, Emmaus or call the church office to inform us at 610-965-9158.

Greeting Cards

The Undershepherd Ministries give us the opportunity to sign greeting cards for folks on our Home Visitation List, for members of the congregation who need a lift, or just to say "hello". All cards are in the Narthex. Please take a minute to sign the cards and send these folks our Christian greetings. Today we are signing cards for:

John Kissinger, Jacqueline Yandle, Mary Lou Hilbert, Joy Roth

The Altar Flowers are sponsored by Craig and Teri Demmy in honor of their wedding anniversary.

The Bulletins are sponsored by Dolores F. Sell and Family in memory of Hermie Feather.