

# ST. JOHN'S UCC

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*Thanksgiving Sunday*  
*(Bulletin for online worship service)*



## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Lord continually watches all of God's own sheep.

**P: They are led to green pastures and brought before stilled waters.**

L: Praise God for God's tender and loving care of us.

**P: Thanks to God for all the mercies God shows to us.**

L: Let us enter God's house with hearts filled with joy.

**P: O Lord, open our spirits to respond to your words of compassion. AMEN.**

## OPENING SONG

"Welcome Holy Spirit"

## OPENING PRAYER

**God of justice and peace, bring your dazzling light into our hearts and spirits that we might see the glorious opportunities we have to serve you. Help us to see that following your mandate to feed the hungry, bring nourishment to those who thirst, offer clothing to those in need, visit the sick and those who are imprisoned, welcome the stranger – any activity of service as an act of great privilege and joy. We praise you for the light of your son, Jesus Christ, who boldly bids us care for each other and become those who would bring good news of peace for all. AMEN.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYER SONG**

*“Cares Chorus”*

*I cast all my cares upon you,  
I lay all my burdens down at your feet.  
And anytime that I don't know what to do,  
I will cast all my cares upon you.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**First Testament: Matthew 25:31-46**

*The Sheep and the Goats*

<sup>31</sup> “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

<sup>34</sup> “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and

you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

<sup>37</sup> "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

<sup>40</sup> "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

<sup>41</sup> "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

<sup>44</sup> "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

<sup>45</sup> "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

<sup>46</sup> "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Sharon Self

**SERMON** "Love is Something You Do"

**SERMON SONG** "All For Love" by Hillsong Worship

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**CLOSING SONG** "Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart"

**BENEDICTION**

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**PARTICIPANTS:** Pastors: Rev. Todd Bean, Rev. Shana Johnson; Soloist: Sharon Self

# Joys and Concerns Prayer List

Please have the person's permission before adding him or her to our prayer list.

## **TODAY AND THROUGH THE WEEK, PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**Our church family:** Zoey Poyser (healing), Danny Kolkmeier (surgery recovery), Jack Fredrick (strength, pneumonia), John Long (healing/strength), Joan Huntebrinker (healing/strength), Vince Morris (comfort/healing), Larry Nadler (comfort/strength), Gayle Winchell (healing), Denny Freant and family (comfort), George Schlie (surgery recovery), Judy DeClue (healing), Henry Kroeger, Kendra Howell (healing/recovery), Mary Verdone (sight), Dave & Dorothy Kapeller (comfort/healing), Pat Fisher (healing/strength).

**Others for whom we have concern:** Terri Matney (Tom Gooch's daughter; COVID-19 with symptoms); Sandy (daughter of Mary Lafser; comfort and healing), Shirley Gibson (Debbie Lilley's mother; illness); Family of Virgil Gravemann (uncle/godfather of Diane Falkner), Gary Rose (Barb Rose's stepson; cancer), Angela Farwell (Barb Rose's niece; cancer), Maureen (Barb Yocks' friend; starting breast cancer treatment), Tina Raeber (Barb Rose's daughter; surgery), Michelle Hargraves (surgery/shoulder), Carol Becker (Chris Volz' friend; cancer), Zack Paulus (Shirley Paulus' great grandson, Charissa Guyre's great nephew; deploying to Iraq), Sharon (Kristy Kniest's mom; surgery recovery), Rachel McCollum (Chris Savage's granddaughter; surgery recovery), Lynn Schaefer (friend of Connie Wildt; cancer), Valeta Schien (cancer treatment), David Raming (Barb Horstmeier's brother-in-law; heart problems), Dot Peich (cancer), Daniel Nadler (family strength & direction).

**Please contact the church office with prayer request updates.**

# News & Announcements

**FOR NOVEMBER 22, 2020**

Last week's attendance (11/15/2020): 68 people, 40 cars

## **GET YOUR ANGEL ORNAMENT TODAY TO HELP A CHRISTMAS WISH COME TRUE**

This year, the St. John's Angel Tree collection will benefit Kindercottage—a child development center in East St. Louis that provides an environment where kids have opportunities for growth and enrichment through educational and social programs developed in a community setting and resulting in healthy and stable families.

Ushers at the drive-in worship services will have ornaments to hand out - please let them know if you would like one or more. There are boys and girls gifts to choose for ages one through five. Items need to be returned to the church by Sunday, December 13. **DO NOT WRAP** the gifts, and please attach the angel ornament to the gift when you drop it off so it gets to the correct child.

In addition to the children's lists, there are other ways to help during Christmas with donations of cleaning supplies, including: bleach; disinfectant; Vanish; Comet; bathroom tub and tile cleaner; Clorox wipes and paper products, including: Paper towels, napkins, bathroom tissue and Styrofoam plates.

Personal protective equipment such as masks (adult and children's) and latex gloves size large and financial donations are always welcomed. Learn more about Kindercottage at [www.unipreskindercottage.org/about-us/](http://www.unipreskindercottage.org/about-us/).

## **KEEPING HANDS AND HEARTS WARM THIS WINTER**

The temperatures are dropping, which means it's time for our hat and mitten collection for the Boys and Girls Club O'Fallon/St. Peters Unit to heat up! If you would like to donate new hats and mittens for ages 5-18, please bring them to one of the drive-in worship services beginning on November 1 through November 22. Ushers will collect them from you to add to our Hat & Mitten Tree.



### MISSION & CARING MINISTRY POINSETTIA SALE

As a project of our Caring & Mission Ministry for the holiday season, we will take orders for poinsettias, with which we will decorate our church for the Christmas season. Proceeds from this sale will be donated to *The Christmas Fund* for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund (funds provide direct financial support to those who serve the church and are facing financial difficulties). All friends and members are welcome to order. Only a limited supply of these traditional plants (nursery-grown in 6" pots) are available for this worthwhile mission project, so we ask that orders be placed as soon as possible. Please indicate below any commemoration you wish. We ask for a minimum donation of \$15 per plant. Plants may be taken home after our Christmas Eve service. Orders may be placed on Sundays, November 29 and December 6 after the worship service, or by calling the church office at 636-926-8995 or emailing [office@stjohnsweldonspring.org](mailto:office@stjohnsweldonspring.org) anytime.

**ORDER DEADLINE: DECEMBER 6**

**NAME OF PERSON(S) PLACING ORDER:**

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\_\_\_\_\_ Qty. Poinsettias (\$15/plant minimum donation)    Total Donation: \$\_\_\_\_\_

\*If writing a check, please make it payable to St. John's UCC and indicate on the check's memo line:

***Poinsettias.***

*Please place in the Christmas Eve worship bulletin that my plant is:*

*In honor of:* \_\_\_\_\_

*In memory of:* \_\_\_\_\_

*In thanksgiving for:* \_\_\_\_\_

To the glory of God

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