St. John's United Church of Christ

10 A.M. Worship **November 1, 2026**

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Ringing of the Chimes

Welcome and Announcements
*(Please note the * indicates when you should stand*
Members and Visitors please make note of your attendance by signing in on the pew pads.)

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**
Peace be with you
And also, with you

Prelude	*"This is My Father's World"*	**Babcock arr. Alexander**

***The Call to Worship**
Come, let us use our voices to praise the Lord.
Our mouths will shout forth praise.
Let us use our minds to ponder the wondrous deeds of God.
We will call to mind God's mighty acts.
With all of our strength and being, let us worship the Lord of love.
We will worship from our depths. Our souls exult in God!

*** Hymn**	*"To God Be the Glory"*	**#72**

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father, thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. [Refrain]

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]

*** Gathering Prayer** *(In Unison)*
God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your spirit that we may celebrate your glory and truly worship you as we gather around your holy Table. Amen.

Time for the Child in us All		**Pastor Katie Jo**

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"
Child of God your loving parent,
Learn to listen for God's call
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
Trust and love God more than all.

Special Music	*"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"*	**Dearman arr. Hayes**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scriptures: Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus Denounces Scribes and Pharisees

23 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, [2] "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on
Moses's seat; [3] therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it, but do not do as they do, for
they do not practice what they teach. [4] They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on
the shoulders of others, but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. [5] They do
all their deeds to be seen by others, for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. [6]
They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues [7] and to
be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have people call them rabbi. [8] But you are not
to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers and sisters. [9] And call no one
your father on earth, for you have one Father, the one in heaven. [10] Nor are you to be called
instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. [11] The greatest among you will be your
servant. [12] All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be
exalted.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

Message		**Pastor Katie Jo**

*** Hymn**	*"Jesu, Jesu"*	**#600 vs 1-4**

[Refrain:]
Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. [Refrain]

Neighbors are rich and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are near and far away. [Refrain]

These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. [Refrain]

Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we are slaves,
this is the way we should live with you.
[Refrain]

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *(In Unison)*
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 forever. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Invitation to Give Generously
(Thank you for being so generous in your care of St. John's UCC and its mission, through your participation and giving. Your stewardship makes a difference. You may make your offering several ways including in church, online, or mail. We are grateful for your support.)

Offertory	*"The Servant Song"*	**arr. Hayes**

Doxology (In Unison)*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication** *(In Unison)*
We thank you, God, for this opportunity to express our love to you through the gifts we bring to support and encourage your work in near and distant places. Make our hearts glad that we can share in extending the gospel and helping to heal humanity's pain, for we bring them to you with grateful hearts. Amen.

COMMUNION

Invitation & Story

Blessing the Elements

Sharing the Meal (All communion bread pieces in the trays are gluten free)

Prayer of Thanksgiving *(In Unison)*
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*** Hymn**	*"I Come with Joy"*	**#420**

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world,
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

Benediction

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Pastor**: Rev. Katie Jo Bielke**
Director of Music: **Ruth Notch**
Liturgist: **Danielle Dolan**
Usher Team: **Larry Sontag**
Technology**: Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup**: Jackie Ruff**
Special Music Violin: **Tom Winter**

Announcements

Please pray for
Laine Angelo, Karen (Scooter) Beatty, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener,
Mike Kelly, Danny Mueller, Marjorie Neubert, Anita Paz and Kathy Sellenriek.
Please let us know your prayer concerns. Private prayer concerns speak with Rev Katie Jo Bielke..

11/08/26 Service	**11/15/26 Service**	**11/22/26 Service**
Liturgist: **Danny Mueller**	Liturgist: **Jan Ittner**	Liturgist: **Marilee Dauster**
Usher Team: **John Bartelt**	Usher Team: **Phil Difani**	Usher Team: **Ken Ruff**
Technology**: Steve Hawkinson**	Technology**: Steve Hawkinson**	Technology**: Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup**: Jackie Ruff**	Fellowship/Lockup**: Jackie Ruff**	Fellowship/Lockup**: Jackie Ruff**
	Special Music: **Trumpet**	Special Music: **Piano Duet**

… Looking Ahead

November			**Angel Tree Ornaments Available** *(more info on the web site)*
Tue	**11/3**		**Bimonthly Newsletter (subscribe)**
Thu	**11/5**	**11:00 AM**	**Senior Ministry Meeting**
Sun	**11/8**	**6:00 PM**	***Poinsettia Orders Due***
Mon	**11/9**	**1:00 PM**	**Exec Council Mtg**
Mon	**11/9**	**6:00 PM**	**Christmas Card Making**
Sat	**11/14**	**8:00 AM**	**Habitat for Humanity**
Mon	**11/16**	**9:30 AM**	**Chocolate, Chocolate, with Tour of the Hill *(sign up)***
Mon	**11/16**	**6:00 PM**	**Council Meeting**
Tue	**11/17**		**Bimonthly Newsletter (subscribe)**
Sun	**11/22**	**9:15 AM**	**Loaves & Fishes** (please note the date change)
Sun	**11/22**	**9:30 AM**	**Mission Meeting**
Sun	**11/22**	**10:00 AM**	**Totenfest (submit names)**
Sun	**11/22**	**11:15 AM**	**Tri Family Thanksgiving (RSVP)**
Tue	**11/24**	**6:30 PM**	**Women's Game Night (join us)**
Thu	**11/26**	**5:30 PM**	**No Table Fellowship until Jan**
Thu	**11/26 & 27**		**Thanksgiving Office Closed**
Sun	**11/29**	**10:00 AM**	**1st Advent Family Worship Sunday with Communion**
Sun	**11/29**	**11:00 AM**	**Hanging of the Greens (join us)**

Please check your News Notes/Website for specific information around upcoming activities
https://www.stjohnsuccchesterfield.org/fellowship

Totenfest 11/22 During Worship

One of the traditions of our forebears in Christian faith is the celebration of “Totenfest” (German for ‘The Festival of the Dead’). We’ll observe “Totenfest” during worship on November 22nd. We will honor both births and deaths. You are invited and **encouraged to submit** the **names** of those you love who have **died or were born within this past year**. Please provide the name(s), date of death and a picture to our church office by Sunday, November 15th. The names will be read aloud during our worship on Sunday, November 22nd.

Sign up for the following fun activities: Using your phone and the QR codes on the next page.

HOW TO SCAN A QR CODE

1. OPEN YOUR CAMERA **2**. POINT IT AT THE QR CODE **3**. TAP THE LINK THAT POPS UP

Book Club (information)	**4th Tue of the Month, 6:30 PM** **Women's Game Night** (RSVP)	**November** **Angel Tree Information**
Bimonthly Newsletter 11/3 (subscribe)	**Order your Poinsettia for the Sanctuary for Christmas before Nov 8th**	**Mon, 11/9 6:00 PM** **Christmas Card Making**
Sat, 11/14 8:00 AM **Habitat for Humanity**	**Mon, 11/16 9:30 AM** **Chocolate, Chocolate, with a tour of the Hill**	**Sun, 11/22 11:15 AM** **Tri Family Thanksgiving**

We are livestreaming Sunday morning services.
Join us live or watch the YouTube video later.

Facebook: livestream:	**YouTube:** video here:	**Website:** info here:	**Offering**

Join us on Sundays 9:00 a.m. - **Fellowship** with coffee and donuts 10:00 a.m. – **Sunday School** 10:00 a.m. – **Worship** In-Person, Facebook Live, or Virtual	**15370 Olive Blvd.** **Chesterfield MO 63017** ***(636) 532-0540*** *stjohnsucconolive@gmail.com* **www.stjohnsucchesterfield.org**

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Family Worship Sunday with Communion Daylight Saving Time ends	2	3	4 Angel Tree all of Nov	5 11 am Sr Min Mtg	6	7
8 Poinsettia Orders Due	9 1 p Ex Cnc Mtg 6 p Card Making	10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13	14 8 am Habitat for Humanity
15	16 10 am Cho Factory/Hill Tour 6 pm Council Meeting	17	18 Santa Preparation	19	20	21
22 9:15 am Loaves Mission Mtg 10 am Totenfest 11 am TriFamily Thanksgiving	23 Totenfest	24 6:30 pm Women's Game Night	25	26 Thanksgiving	27 Thanksgiving	28
29 10 am 1st Advent Fam Worship Communion 11 am Hanging of the Greens	30					