

# St. John's United Church of Christ

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

10 A.M. Worship      January 26, 2025

*Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR THE WORD OF GOD

## Ringling 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

*"Joy and Delight"*

Austin

### \*The Call to Worship

Jesus surprised the people at the wedding.

**They were sure they would be disappointed.**

They thought that their host wasn't prepared for their needs.

**We aren't much different. We aren't sure God is prepared for our needs.**

Lord, change our whining in to praising!

**Change our moaning and complaining into celebrations of joy! AMEN.**

### Hymn

*"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

#2

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive our fear and doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain  
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou the Father, Christ our Brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus;  
stars of morning, take your part;  
love divine is reigning o'er us,  
binding those of tender heart.  
Ever singing, move we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife,  
joyful music lifts us sunward  
in the triumph song of life.

### \*Gathering Prayer *(In Unison)*

Lord, open our hearts to the surprising ways in which you offer to us your love and your presence. Help us to truly believe in the wondrous ways that you work in our lives. Give us hearts and spirits for service to you. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

*"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.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

**Scriptures: John 2:1-11**

**The Wedding at Cana**

**2** On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. **2** Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. **3** When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." **4** And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." **5** His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." **6** Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. **7** Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. **8** He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. **9** When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom **10** and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." **11** Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

\* Hymn

*"Sing of God Made Manifest"*

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**Sing of God made manifest  
 in a child robust and blest,  
 to whose home in Bethlehem  
 where a star had guided them,  
 Magi came and gifts unbound,  
 signs mysterious and profound:  
 myrrh and frankincense and gold  
 grave and God and King foretold.**

**Sing of God made manifest  
 when at Jordan John confessed,  
 "I should be baptized by you,  
 but your bidding I will do."  
 Then from heaven a double sign--  
 dove-like Spirit, voice divine--  
 hailed the true Anointed One:  
 "This is my beloved Son."**

**Sing of God made manifest  
 when Christ came as wedding-guest  
 and at Cana gave a sign,  
 turning water into wine;  
 further still was love revealed  
 as he taught, forgave, and healed,  
 bringing light and life to all  
 who would listen to God's call.**

**Sing of God made manifest  
 on the cloud-capped mountain's crest,  
 where the law and prophets waned  
 so that Christ alone remained:  
 glimpse of glory, pledge of grace,  
 given as Jesus set his face  
 towards the waiting cross and grave,  
 sign of hope that God would save.**

**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.**  
**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 THE WORD OF 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, by text at 833-502-0657, or mail. We are grateful for your support.)*

**Offertory**

*"Soliloquy"*

**Helman**

**\*Doxology**

**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)**

**Holy One, may our gifts declare your glory and benefit your people. Receive them with our gratitude for your generosity and the opportunity to participate in the work of bringing your kingdom on earth. Amen.**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

**Hymn**

*"Jesus, Come, for We Invite You"*

**Jesus, come! for we invite you,  
Guest and master, friend and Lord;  
Now as once at Cana's wedding,  
Speak, and let us hear your word:  
Lead us through our need or doubting,  
Hope be born and joy restored.**

**Jesus, come! transform our pleasures,  
Guide us into paths unknown;  
Bring your gifts, command your servants,  
Let us trust in you alone:  
Though your hand may work in secret,  
All shall see what you have done.**

**Jesus, come! in new creation,  
Heav'n brought near in power divine;  
Give your unexpected glory  
Changing water into wine:  
Rouse the faith of your disciples —  
Come, our first and greatest Sign!**

**Jesus, come! surprise our dullness,  
Make us willing to receive  
More than we can yet imagine,  
All the best you have to give:  
Let us find your hidden riches,  
Taste your love, believe, and live!**

**Benediction**

Pastor: **Rev. Katie Jo Bielke**  
 Director of Music: **Ruth Notch**  
 Liturgist: **Laura Ayers**  
 Usher Team: **Ken Ruff**  
 Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**  
 Fellowship/Lockup: **Helen Stortz**  
 Handbells: **Norma Armstrong, Pastor Katie Jo Bielke, Jan Boehm,  
 Lee Difani, Barb Nichols, Scott Nichols, Ruth Notch, Jim Pisoni**

## *Announcements*

We pray for  
**Karen (Scooter) Beatty, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener,  
 Elizabeth Hart, Cherie Messina, Mark Strothmann and Gloria Vaclavik.**  
 Please let us know your prayer concerns.  
 If you have private prayer concerns please speak with Rev Katie Jo Bielke

**Global Ministries** requests that we pray with **China** this week

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>02/02/25 Service</b>          Liturgist: <b>Carol Tindira</b>          Usher Team: <b>Jim Pisoni</b>          Technology: <b>Steve Hawkinson</b>          Fellowship/Lockup: <b>Jan Boehm</b>          Special Music: <b>Violin</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>02/09/25 Service</b>          Liturgist: <b>Todd Armstrong</b>          Usher Team: <b>Larry Sontag</b>          Technology: <b>Steve Hawkinson</b>          Fellowship/Lockup: <b>Jan Boehm</b>          Special Music: <b>Flute</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>02/16/25 Service</b>          Liturgist: <b>Jan Ittner</b>          Usher Team: <b>John Bartelt</b>          Technology: <b>Steve Hawkinson</b>          Fellowship/Lockup: <b>Jan Boehm</b></p>
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### *... Looking Ahead*

Tue	1/28/25	6:30 PM	Women's Game Night
Sun	2/2	10:00 AM	Communion Sunday
Mon	2/3 & 2/17	8:00 AM	Bimonthly Newsletter
Sat	2/8	3:00 PM	Everybody's Big Birthday Bash
Sun	2/9	5:00 PM	Newsletter Articles Due EOD for the 17th
Wed	2/19	10:00 AM	Book Group "Beartown"
Sun	2/23	3:00 PM	Pastor Katie Joe Bielke's Installation

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



online giving



*St. John's News & Events*

**Join us on Sundays**  
 9:00 a.m. - **Fellowship** in Fellowship Hall  
 10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**  
 10:00 a.m. - **Worship**  
 In-Person, Facebook Live, or Virtual

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**Everybody's Birthday Bash**



**Table Fellowship**



**Women's Game Night**

