

St. John's is Mask Optional: Masks are not required in our church buildings - with one exception. In order to provide a safe space for those who require or desire it, the balcony will remain "mask required" during worship services. This policy will be reviewed regularly by the Church Guidance Team.

This Week's Calendar

Today, 11/19	8:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 AM	Worship
	10:30 AM	Coffee and Fellowship
	12:00 PM	CIA Thanksgiving Baskets
	1:00 PM	St. John's Hikes
	7:00 PM	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Mon, 11/20	9 AM - Noon	Office Open
	1:00 PM	Stitch and a Prayer
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Tues, 11/21	9 AM - Noon	Office Open
	2:30 PM	Study Club Tutoring
	7:00 PM	Sisters Group
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Wed, 11/22	8:30 AM	Early Risers
	9 AM - Noon	Office Open
	7:00 PM	Meditation Group (Zoom)
Thur, 11/23	Thanksgiving Holiday - Office Closed	
Fri, 11/24	Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	
	8:00 AM	Wreath Decorating
Sat, 11/25		
Sun, 11/26	8:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 AM	Worship
	10:30 AM	Fellowship and Refreshments

COFFEE HOUR - Can you help? Sign up in Hartford Hall.

ALTAR FLOWERS - Sign-up poster and instructions in Hartford Hall. Check it out! Contact Sheila Marquette with questions.

St. John's United Methodist Church

November 19, 2023

25th Sunday After Pentecost

Thanksgiving Sunday



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Rev. Jeffrey J. Hunt, Pastor
Stephen MacKenzie, Director of Music
Brianna Tarleton, Assistant Director of Music
Andy Galt and Guy Eaton, Carillonists
Larry Holman, Lay Leader
Naomi Connelly, Today's Liturgist
Sheila Marquette and Jana Marie Whitten, Healing Team
Rev. Carroll Moore & Rev. Les Pettit, Ministers Emeritus
Rev. Taesung Kang, Superintendent, Granite District
Rev. Peggy Johnson, Resident Bishop (Interim),
New England Annual Conference

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Order of Service

Music as We Gather
Welcome

Pastor Jeff Hunt

Call to Worship

Naomi Connelly

L: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!

C: **God, we delight in your creation. We thank you for soft breezes, crisp apples, and changing seasons that remind us of your presence and provision.**

L: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!

C: **God, we delight in our connectedness. We thank you for friends who check in, for church family who lift one another up, for neighbors who show up in the good and challenging times.**

L: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!

C: **God, we delight in your peace that dwells among us. We give thanks for neighbors who offer help in times of trouble, gentleness in the midst of pain, and acts of kindness during seasons of struggle.**

L: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving and rejoicing!

C: **Come! Let us worship God together. Amen.**

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2023.

*Opening Hymn

We Gather Together

UMH 131 (Purple)

Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:4-13

L: *This is the Word of God for the people of God.*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

A Mighty Fortress is Our God
Nockels & Nockels, arr. Rhodes, orch. Cates

Message

Joy and Thanksgiving

Pastor Jeff

*Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

UMH 102 (Purple)

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you. Congregation: And also with you.
The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Invitation to Give and to Serve God and Prayer Shawl Blessing

You are invited to bring your offering forward to the fish basket. We are also inviting all to lay hands on the prayer shawl and offer a quick prayer of blessing for the recipient.

Blessing Hymn *The Servant Song* TFWS 2222 (Black)

Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

UMH 664 (Purple)

Blessing

Music as We Leave

Thank you for joining in worship at St. John's this morning!

All are invited into Hartford Hall immediately following this morning's worship service for fellowship and refreshments. Hartford Hall is the building to your right as you exit the sanctuary.

Today's Flowers

Dedicated to the glory of God, with Thanksgiving for Patrice and Lily Hunt, given by their family.

Consecration Sunday

Consecration Sunday will be December 3rd, and will be the culmination of our two month Stewardship Campaign. During these two months you will have heard about tithing, about the actual cost of running a church, about your pledges, and about Stewardship. Please be a great steward, and get your pledge cards into the church by November 30 th ! If you didn't get one, please notify the church office between 9:30 and noon Monday through Friday, at (603)742-3046, and we will send one out to you!

Annual DARLA Thanksgiving Service Tonight!

Please join the members of the interfaith community at the annual Thanksgiving Service sponsored by the Dover Area Religious Leaders Association (D.A.R.L.A.). The service will begin at 7:00 PM and will be hosted this year by St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 5 Hale Street, Dover.