

# FROM THE CORNER

The news of our life, growth, and discipleship

## NOVEMBER

**22 SUNDAY**– Advent Workshop in Fellowship Hall (12:00-2:00pm)

## DECEMBER

**2 WEDNESDAY**- Hanging of the Greens dinner in the Fellowship Hall (5:30pm)

**2 WEDNESDAY**- Hanging of the Greens service in the sanctuary (7:00pm)

**5 SATURDAY**- Cheer on St. Jude marathon runners at St. John's, pizza lunch to follow (9:00am-1:00pm)

**5 SATURDAY**- Service Saturday: Gifts for Guests backpack assembly, volunteers appreciated (1:30pm)

**5 SATURDAY**- Service Saturday: Christmas Soup Kitchen, volunteers appreciated (3:30-5:30pm)

**6 SUNDAY**- Youth Christmas Party: dinner and Starry Nights at Shelby Farms (5:00pm)

**9 WEDNESDAY**- St.Johns@Crosstown at 420 S. Cleveland (7:00pm)

**13 SUNDAY**– Honduras mission trip informational meeting in Hospitality Room (after service)

**16 WEDNESDAY**– Family Pajama Party in Fellowship Hall (6:00-7:30pm)

**20 SUNDAY**– Longest Night service in chapel (5:00pm)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Service Saturday on December 5 includes our Gifts For Guests Project. The gifts, backpacks filled with useful items, will be assembled at 1:30pm and will be distributed to soup kitchen guests later that day. Sign up after service to sponsor a backpack—\$20 per backpack.
- Purchase your Hanging of the Greens tickets in the vestibule (\$15/Adult, \$5/Child under 8, \$40 maximum/family).
- Donations are needed for periodicals and magazines for our food pantry and soup kitchen guests. Thank you!
- New Atrium blog post on stjohnsatrium.blogspot.com. Email Rebecca (BecnBrad@aol.com) if you'd like an invitation to join the blog.

## FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

**Monday**– Mary Ann Sandidge  
**Wednesday**– Matthew Bowles  
**Friday**– Food Pantry Closed

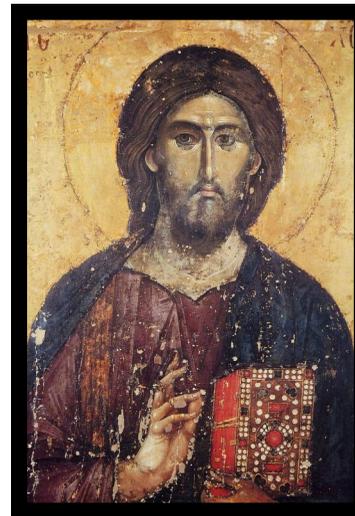
## THANKSGIVING OFFICE HOURS

**Monday & Tuesday**– Regular Hours (9:00am-4:00pm)  
**Wednesday**– 9:00am-2:00pm  
**Thursday & Friday**– Office Closed



THE WAY  
a service of recovery

This Friday at 6pm John  
Kilzer leads us with  
Jim Spake, Jim Duckworth,  
Steve Potts, and Sam Shoup.



“Christ Pantocrator”  
13<sup>th</sup> c. Mount Athos,  
Hilandar Monastery

St. John's welcomes everyone. Our hearts, minds, and doors are open to people of all ages, races, nationalities, sexual orientations, gender identities, theological identities, economic status, disabilities, and sojourn on the way to recovery and wholeness. We are a diverse community whose discipleship to Jesus Christ is demonstrated through our deep commitment to servant ministry. Welcome Home!

## TODAY'S USHERS:

Don Tyson, Bill Denton,  
John Buxton, Carla Shirley,  
Bob Miller, Walter Day

## TODAY'S ACOLYTES:

Vincent Levy,  
Holden Gienapp

+ Please stand as  
you are able.

## St. John's United Methodist Church

November 22, 2015  
10:50 a.m.

## REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

### THE ENTRANCE

### Words of Welcome

### Prelude

Johann Pachelbel

“Nun lob' mein' Seel' den Herren”  
*Now Thank, My Soul, Thy Master*

### + Call to Worship

Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega,  
the one who is, who was, and is to come.

**We come to worship the one  
who rules justly.**

Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,  
the firstborn of the dead,  
the ruler of the kings of the earth!

**Bread of Heaven, God with us!**

Good Shepherd, True Vine!

**Eternal Word, Great I Am.**

Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace!

**We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings  
and Lord of Lords.**

**To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!  
Amen.**

### + Processional Hymn—UMH 185

LAUDES DOMINI

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

+ *Collect for Reign of Christ Sunday*

God of Eternity, we stand with the courage of those who insisted,  
even in perilous times,  
that not even the most powerful rulers of this earth hold our eternal  
destiny in their hands.  
We are secure in Christ, whose reign is just, whose power is endless,  
and whose love is unfathomable.  
God of Eternity, we join the chorus of saints who continue to declare  
that Christ is our King.  
Amen

+ *Congregational Response*

Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the - sun does its suc - ces - sive  
jour - neys run; his kingdom spread from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more

+ *Sharing the Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE*

*UMW Mission Moment: Hanging of the Greens*

*Joys and Concerns*

**WORSHIP & MINISTRY STAFF**

<b>Rev'd Johnny Jeffords</b>	<i>Senior Minister</i>
<b>Rev'd Renee Dillard</b>	<i>Discipleship Ministries</i>
<b>Rev'd G. Scott Morris</b>	<i>Associate Minister</i>
<b>Rev'd John Kilzer</b>	<i>Recovery Ministries</i>
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<b>Scott Elsholz</b>	<i>Organist</i>
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*"Passing the Peace" is a distinct, historic, liturgical act. It comes from the most primitive form of Christianity. It is deepest yearning of the people of faith that knowledge of being forgiven our sins resides, too, in and with our sisters and brothers around us.*



“Morning Glory, Starlit Sky”

*Prayers of the People*

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

“Ain’t Got Time To Die”  
*Lord, I keep so busy  
praisin’ my Jesus  
Ain’t got time to die.*

*‘Cause when I’m  
healin’ de sick  
it takes all o’ma time  
To praise my Lord.*

*If I don’t praise Him  
de rocks gonna cry out  
Glory an’ honor.  
Lord, I keep so busy  
workin’ fer de Kingdom  
Ain’t got time to die.*

*‘Cause when I’m  
feedin de po’  
I’m workin’ fer  
de Kingdom.  
Ain’t got time to die*

*Lord, I keep so busy  
servin’ my Master  
Ain’t got time to die.*

*‘Cause when I’m  
givin’ my all  
I’m servin’ my Master  
Ain’t got time to die*

*Anthem*

Hal Johnson

“Ain’t Got Time To Die”  
Chancel Choir  
&  
Micah Pounds, Tenor

*From the New Testament: Revelation 1:4b-8—NRSV*

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.  
So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*Sermon*

Rev'd Dr. Jeffords

“Love, Reign O'er Me”

*Spiritual Reading*

Whenever we are moving toward connection, communion - one author calls it 'cosmic allurements,' that everything in creation admires itself in the mirrors that are all around it - whenever you allow that 'allurement' to happen and you build bonds and bridges instead of boundaries, you are furthering the second coming of Christ. You are building up the body of Christ. Whenever you separate, hate, fear, deny, enclose yourself in a little self-pitying corner, you are actually backtracking on the glory of God. You are not revealing the mystery; you are in fact denying it.

The Cosmic Christ, which is the light that fills all things since the beginning of time, invites us into bigger worlds by love, by something bigger, more beautiful, more attractive, more seductive. And that's the function of beauty, that's the function of truth, and that's the function of all goodness. --- *Richard Rohr*

*Offertory*

William Bradley Robert

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Ryan Jones, Baritone

+ *Doxology—UMH 94*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God the source of all our gifts.  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts.  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*SENDING FORTH*

*Invitation to Journey*

+ *Hymn of Response—UMH 731*

AUSTRIA

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”  
vs. 1-3

+ *Sending Forth to Serve*

+ *Benediction*

+ *Postlude*

Johann Pachelbel

“Nun freut euch, lieben Christen, g'main”  
*Be Glad Now, All Ye Christian Men*