

WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY!

We are delighted that you are here in celebration and worship at St. John UCC. The members and friends of our faith community hope that you will encounter God in a meaningful and profound way, and that God’s Spirit will inspire you today to live your faith out loud.

We hope that you want to discover more about the congregation and its ministry in the community of Freeport, across our state and nation, and around the world. Please ask one of our ushers or visit us:

- on the Web: www.stjohnuccfreeport.org
- on Facebook: www.facebook.com/stjohnuccfreeport

For our younger guests, Worship Enrichment “Busy Bags” are available in the Narthex. These are located at the counter outside of the Chapel Hearth Room. Check in with an usher to organize a bag!

Parents and guardians are also welcome to use Room S3, the Infant Room, to care for their families as needed. There is a television in the room to view the worship service in real time.

Assisted Listening Devices are located at the Sound Board in the back of the Sanctuary. Earpiece and “Induction Loops” for hearing aids are both available. Please ask an usher for assistance in their use.

Please remember to return your name tag on your way home. We will have them waiting for your return next week!

If you cannot join us in person, you will always have a front row seat on our live stream at facebook.com/stjohnuccfreeport/live.

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Faith Formation for All Ages

Our regular faith formation classes for youth take place during the worship hour at 10:00, following the *For the Child in All of Us*.

The Infant and Toddler Room is provided for ages birth to 3 years with age-appropriate activities and equipment in Room S3.

Godly Play welcomes youth Preschool to 3rd Grade for a play-based faith formation in Room S4.

Whirl welcomes youth 4th Grade to 8th Grade to learn Bible stories, ask questions, and explore their faith together in Room S8.

Adult Faith Formation welcomes high school youth and adults of all ages to gather in the Chapel Hearth Room from 9:00-9:45, exploring different topics and formats weekly.

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ALL SAINTS’ DAY | TOTENFEST | YOUTH-LED WORSHIP
November 2, 2025 • 10:00 am

WELCOMING MUSIC

BRINGING GOD’S LIGHT INTO WORSHIP
Lexi Hartman & Addisyn Shaffer

WELCOMING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Oh, What Their Joy* arr. David Cherwien

*CALL TO WORSHIP Kennedy Marcum

- One: God calls all of us into being,
each with our own gifts and talents,
All: that we may walk together in hope.
- One: God forms a web of relationships between us that bind
us together as a community: one body of many,
All: that we may walk together in hope.
- One: God challenges us to confront the many powers that
deny the fullness of life and the integrity of creation,
All: that we may walk together in hope.
- One: God brings us together, and gives us a common word,
in languages and expressions that dance in many hues,
All: that we may walk together in hope.
- One: Come let us worship, that we may walk together in hope.

*HYMN *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINI
WAR #529

* An asterisk is an invitation to rise as one is able (in body or spirit).
Please silence your mobile devices before the beginning of worship.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Emily Kubatzke

GATHERING PRAYER

Emily Kubatzke

Silent Centering

Congregational Prayer (speaking together)

God who sees us,
give us fresh eyes for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world.

You surprise us. Our lives are grounded in you, and you show
no favor except to those the world would not expect.

When the world pushes someone away or to the side,
you meet them and accept them with a welcome beyond
anything we ever hope to feel.

Teach us to do the same:
to reach out to those who are scorned,
to sow mercy where others plant hate,
and to be happy to welcome you
in whomever we discover your loving Spirit,
wherever we meet you on life’s journey.

Help us to be the Saints you made us to be.
Lead us to new places to see the beauty in each other,
and help us to find you in the places and with the people we do
not expect.

With the Saints in every generation, we pray in Christ’s name.
Amen.

GOD’S WORD IN SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:1-10

Elliot Fairman

NRSV, Updated Edition

FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

Shawn Killingbeck

The Prayer of our Savior

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

ANTHEM

Hakuna Mungu Kama Wewe

The Chancel Choir

Greg Gilping

GOD’S WORD IN SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:20-23, 27-31

Addisyn Shaffer

NRSV, Updated Edition

MESSAGE

Lessons from Our Past

Rev. Hank Fairman

TOTENFEST: A Celebration of Life

Reading of the Names and Lighting of Candles

*HYMN

Rejoice in God’s Saints

HANOVER

WAR #53I

PRESENTING OUR HEARTS AND GIFTS TO GOD

Moment for Mission

Annual Campaign 2025

Gathering the Gifts with Praise

Offering Song

Thuma Mina Traditional S. African Hymn

Doxology (CH #48 lyrics, on screen)

OLD 100TH

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Levi Graybill

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Invitation to the Table

One: Look before us and see what this means—
all these pioneers who followed Christ’s Way,
all who have gone before us cheering us on?

All: It means we’d better get on with it.
Love God and neighbor
seek justice, do kindness,
be compassionate and loyal in your love.

One: So, come to this feast,
so we can be neighbors for each other,
and the whole of God’s one human family.

St. John United Church of Christ – Freeport, IL

an Open and Affirming, Racial Justice Congregation,
where God is Still Speaking

Communion Prayer

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Sharing the Elements

Emily Kubatzke, Addisyn Shaffer

Christ’s table is open to all who wish to participate.
*Red Wine and White Grape juice and **all bread is gluten free***
meeting the personal and dietary needs of every person.

Please take a serving cup and wait to join everyone gathered in the Sanctuary
and at home in communion as one body in Christ’s extravagant welcome and love.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (speaking together)

God who dines with saints and sinners,
and those who need to learn of what extravagant gifts
each person has and holds,
pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here.

Let these gifts of bread and wine unite us in body and mission,
caring for the world and caring for the people--
all of whom God has placed on our journey.

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set
before us, looking to Jesus’ Way of peace with justice to lead us
to the feast of friends.

This is our prayer together with the Saints in Light. Amen.

*HYMN

O God, We Thank You for This Land

ST. PETERSBURG

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*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

With Grateful Heart I Thank You, Lord

GRATUS

WAR #720, v. I

*POSTLUDE

Postlude on SINE NOMINE

Paul L. Wright

TODAY’S WORSHIP HOSTS

Greeters

Addi Hartman, Lexi Hartman, Ella Kubatzke,
Connor Marcum, Kennedy Marcum,

Ushers

Lexi Hartman, Ella Kubatzke,
Addisyn Shaffer, Ryan Shaffer



Dreaming God's Dream

NO GIFT TOO SMALL, NO DREAM TOO BIG.

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN 2026 COMMITMENT SUNDAY, 11/23

For over 175 years, our church has changed lives. Marking our anniversary year with pride and purpose, we take on that commitment anew to be the church God calls us to be in Freeport and beyond. With thanksgiving, we make a connection between our discipleship and our sharing of resources offering our *Faith Promise* Cards for 2026 on Commitment Sunday, 11/23.

As has been true in years past, 2026 will bring its joys and concerns. And we can imagine together our part to bring our welcoming, affirming, justice- building, Progressive Christian prayers and action.

*Dream with us what God has yet for us
to share with our community!*



YOGA AT ST. JOHN UCC Mondays at 6:30 pm

Bless your spiritual and physical self with yoga at St. John UCC. Join yoga instructor Katherine Ray of Hippy Yoga for a one hour session.

Chairs are provided.

Bring cushions or a blanket for your comfort.

Wear loose, comfortable clothing.

Price is \$5 a person, per class.

Cash, PayPal, Venmo, and Cash App accepted

O God, We Thank You for This Land

ST. PETERSBURG (8.8.8.8.8.8)

1. O God, we thank you for this land; and for the good
2. We thank you, God, for peo - ple here, who work to coun -
3. We thank you, too for those who pause, to see and chal -
4. As we give thanks for his - tor - y, may we join hands

on which we stand: for peo - ple down through his - tor - y
ter hate and fear; who work for just - ice for the poor;
lenge un - just laws; for those whose vis - ion leads the way
in u - nit - y; May we a just - tice vig - il keep,

who sought to make us kind and free, for im - mi-grants
who seek to bring an end to war; who love the wa -
to bring a gent - ler, nobl - er way; for those who an -
and ne - ver let our con - science sleep; For si - lience

from ev - er - y place who built this land with strength and grace.
ter, land and air, and work for your cre - a - tions' care.
swer your great call to val - ue love and wel - come all.
is com-pli - cit - y and all are bound till all are free.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



ADULT FORMATION

Sundays, 9:00-9:45

Get into the All-Hallows Spirit with some spiritual reflection! Come and see a Halloween film that influences modern movies and to discuss what goes bump in the night. Join Pastor Ted in a crossroads of the Universal Monsters and the Gospel's stories.

11/2 Boris Karloff and Colin Clive's *Frankenstein* and
Proverbs 8:22-31

Excerpts from the films, folk lore and history, and of course, your Bible, will be used to carry class dialogue about monsters that go bump in the night.



ALL SAINTS' DAY *Totenfest*

Totenfest, the "Festival of the Departed," will take place today during morning worship. We will remember our members and friends who have died during this past year. We will read their names, and recall their lives with candles, prayer, scripture, and song.



EMPTY BOWLS PROJECT - BOWL PICKUP Today, Following Worship

Thank you all for supporting our Empty Bowls Project! The bowls created to support the 2025 FACC Hunger Luncheon are ready to be picked up following worship today! The remaining bowls will be heading to the Hunger Luncheon to be sold in support of the Kreeger Food Pantry!



ANNUAL HOLIDAY PIE SALE

Celebrate the holidays with our traditional pies! Cost is \$12 per pie. Apple, cherry, and pumpkin pie orders will be taken from 11/2 until 11/16, with pick up on Wednesday, 11/26, at 12:00 pm. Place your order on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or by calling the church office.



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED: World Community Day 11/7, 1:30 pm

Church Women United is an ecumenical group of women seeking peace and justice for all of God's children. CWU's Fall Bible Study and Program theme this year is "Be Kind At All Times: Choose Kindness." The Program will be held on Friday, 11/7, at 1:30 pm at St. John UCC.

For more information, contact Linda T-K:

815-233-5276 mslstk@yahoo.com

TOTENFEST: A Celebration of Life

Daniel W Kreeger
11/8/1955 – 11/2/2024

David W Crowell
11/6/1963 – 11/9/2024

Jonathan George Fairman, Sr.
6/5/1948 – 12/5/2024

Mary Ann Eder
2/5/1938 – 11/22/2024

Helen L Hartog
1/6/1929 – 1/21/2025

Marjorie L Criddle
7/5/1920 – 1/30/2025

Karen K. Posey
4/5/1961 – 2/26/2025

Claire A Biesemeier
9/21/1920 – 4/4/2025

Shirley M Fritzenmeier
3/9/1927 – 5/11/2025

Lana L Kuntz
7/1/1945 – 5/30/2025

E. Jane Lehman
6/22/1923 – 6/30/2025

Adam Krenke
5/28/1978-7/5/2025

Jeri Ann Nieman
9/23/1937 – 7/30/2025

Cynthia L Price
1/5/1946 – 9/2/2025

James Burkart
10/12/1956-10/26/2024

Joyce Hope Ables
10/25/1928-11/28/2024

Don E Siegmund
8/24/1935-12/18/2023



The Memorial Fund

supporting the future of the mission
and growing ministry and outreach
of St. John United Church of Christ

The Memorial Fund at St. John UCC exists to support the mission, ministry, and outreach of the congregation. The Fund was created from the generosity of gifts celebrating the lives and impact of loved ones and family members of the congregation.

In 2018, Church Council received a recommendation from the Memorial and Tangible Gift Team to consolidate the memorial gifts into three designated and one undesignated funds:

Congregational Support Fund

Supports church members and their families in times of financial need. Requests are made to Care & Community Leadership Team.

Worship & Arts Fund

Provides for creative worship and artistic display throughout the church campus. Curated by Worship & Education Leadership Team.

Library Fund

The Laura S. Uthlaut Library Fund supports the collection of resources in the church library. Managed by the Library Volunteers.

Undesignated Gifts Fund

Allows special projects and non-budgeted needs to enhance church life. Coordinated by Church Council Executive Team.

Consider a gift in generous thanks for the memory of your loved one. To make a donation to the Memorial Fund or to ask questions related to the fund, contact Pam Wessel

