

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Jamelle Godlewski, Guest Speaker  
Wayne Knudson, Liturgist

Thank you to Jamelle Godlewski for serving as our  
Guest Speaker this morning.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

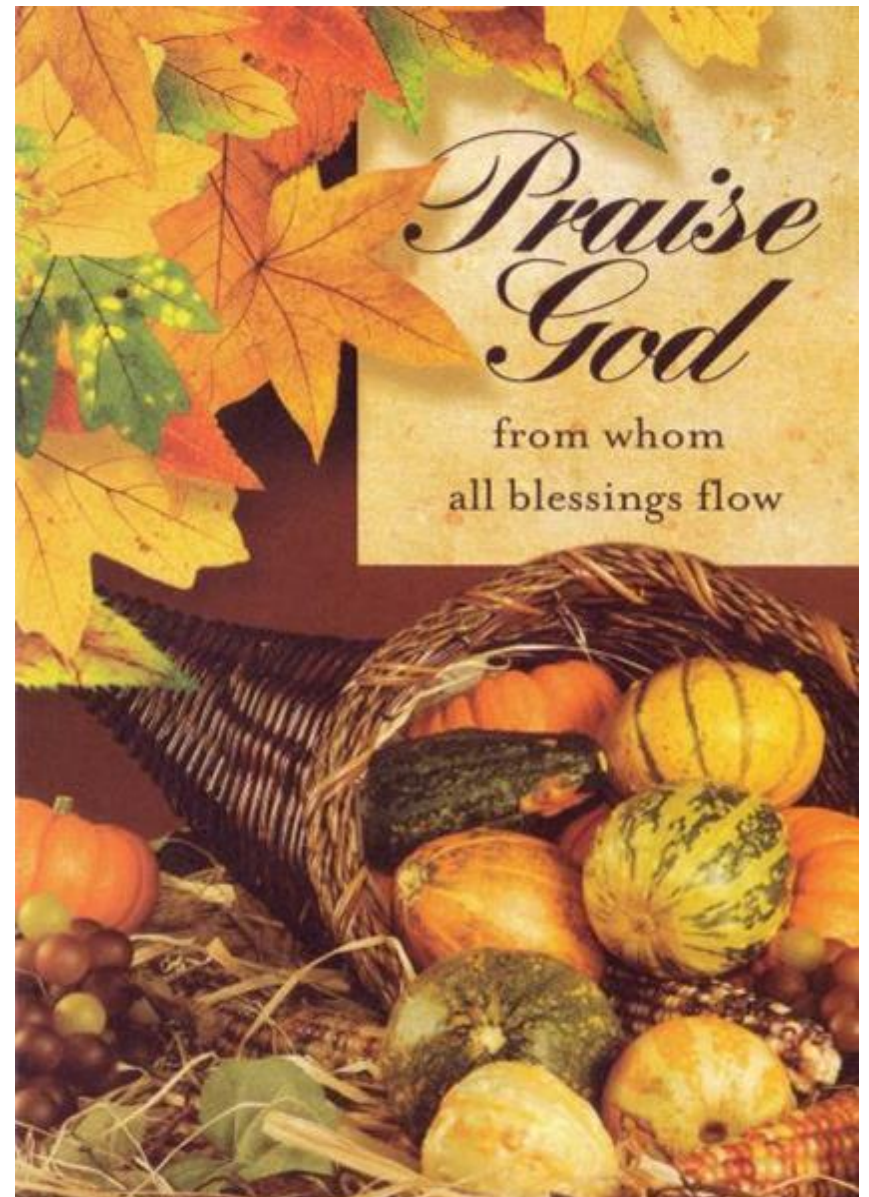
We have recorded service online. To view it just click [Here](#).

**Ordination and Installation Service:** Today, November 19 at  
4pm, Laura Doty will have her Ordination and Installation  
service. It will be at First Congregational Church UCC located  
in St. David's Episcopal Church, 26824 CR 4, Elkhart, IN  
46514. Come celebrate this important event in Laura's life  
as well as in the life of our church.

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## Welcome to St. John's United Church of Christ



**ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Thanksgiving Sunday**

**November 19, 2023**

**10:15 am**

**PRELUDE “Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us”**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsively)

Leader: The time for harvest is close at hand. What have you done with the gifts God has given you?

**People: We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord.**

Leader: Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities for service that they represent.

**People: We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed**

Leader: Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.

**People: Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude. AMEN.**

**OPENING HYMN “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”**

**MORNING PRAYER** (In Unison)

Awesome God, you created the world and all that is in it. You blessed each element of creation with your love. You called us from slavery into witness and service. Be with us this day as we gather to worship. Clear our minds of all the distractions which would draw us away

from you. Open our hearts and spirits and let your healing and empowering love flow in. Prepare us to be witnesses to your power and love as we use the gifts with which you have blessed us in your service. For we offer this prayer in the name of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.

**HYMN “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS Hebrews 13:1-3**

**TODAY'S MESSAGE**

**“Strangers Among Us” Jamelle Godlewski**

**DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS**

**“Doxology”**

**#625**

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**Prayers of the People – Kelly Harris**

**Pastoral, The Lord's Prayer (Debts, Debtors)**

**BENEDICTION**

As you have been blessed, now go to be a blessing to others. Go, bringing the news of peace and hope, of healing and love. Go and the God of peace will always go with you. AMEN.

**POSTLUDE “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”**