

Welcome to St. John's!

Welcome to worship! We are glad you've joined us and hope you feel at home here. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome.

Children of all ages are welcome in worship. However, if you or your child would prefer, nursery care is available in the Administration Building next door; an usher can escort you. Children's bulletins and sermon sacks are available from an usher.

Restrooms are located in the Narthex.

Thank you for being here.

"WELCOME INN" WORSHIP SERIES

This Advent we look to the faith and wisdom of Mary, the joyful hospitality of Elizabeth, and the courage and resolve of Joseph as we prepare ourselves to "welcome inn" the greatest gift of all time, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Our "Welcome Inn" worship series will continue on December 17 with a focus on Joseph's story in Matthew 1:18-25.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS SEASON

Once again our sanctuary will be graced with the beauty of poinsettias during the Advent and Christmas seasons. If you have someone you would like to honor or remember, fill out the enclosed form and put it in the offering plate. Deadline to order is Monday, December 11. Order forms are in the narthex and admin. bldg.

UMW MARY MARTHA CIRCLE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The UMW Mary Martha Circle will hold their annual Christmas gathering on **Tuesday, December 12** at 7 p.m. at the home of Pat Cobb (1910 Camellia Trace). Please remember to bring a snack to share. All women are invited to attend.

UMW BAKE SALE

The UMW is hosting a bake sale **today** during coffee time to help fund their mission projects. Come pick up a sweet treat in the FLC.

FALL BLOOD DRIVE

Our semi-annual blood drive is being held **today** in the back parking lot. Those who are eligible donors, please stop by the blood mobile between 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Did we forget to say you get a free t-shirt?

ADVENT OPEN HOUSE AT THE PARSONAGE

Pastor Lane, Ben, and Julian have invited all of us to an Advent open house at the parsonage (1924 N. Oak Hills Pkwy.) **this afternoon** from 2-4 p.m. This will be a wonderful opportunity to drop in for a short visit and wish them a Merry Christmas.

SEVENTH ANNUAL GREAT TURKEY GIVEAWAY

Saturday, December 16 is the Seventh Annual Great Turkey Giveaway sponsored by The Shepherd's Market (an Opening Doors ministry) and hosted by St. John's. Just as last year, this Giveaway will be a drive-thru set up in the large parking lot. Volunteers are being asked to arrive by 7 a.m. and park in the smaller lots fronting on Renee Drive. **PLEASE NOTE:** Set up will be on Friday, December 15 in the FLC beginning at 3 p.m. If you can help out, please come to the FLC at 3 p.m. at which time we will begin setting up the different stations for canned food, boxed food, and vegetables.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

St. John's Youth are inviting you to join them in Christmas Caroling on **Sunday, December 17**. We will leave from the church at 4:30 p.m. and should be finished by 6:30 p.m. We will be singing for some of our senior members at their homes and at The House of Respite, an assisted living facility. If you would like to be a part of this holiday tradition, please call Deirdré (225-939-1425) to let her know to expect you.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

On Sunday, December 24, in celebration of Christmas Eve we will have one combined worship service at 10 a.m., with no Sunday school or coffee time that morning. That afternoon and evening we will have two candlelight services at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. We hope you will join us for both morning and evening worship that day.

THE LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

The Christmas season can be a difficult time for some. This service is a time to acknowledge our grief and remind ourselves of the hope we have in Christ. Everyone is invited to this beautiful, intimate, and healing service that will be held on **Thursday, December 21** at 6 p.m.

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 10

- 8:00 a.m. OLOL Blood Drive, *Large Parking Lot*
- 9:30 a.m. UMW Bake Sale, *FLC*
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, *Campus Wide*
- 2:00 p.m. Advent Open House, *Parsonage*

Monday, December 11

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group, *Parlor*
- 10:00 a.m. Let's Geaux Play, *Toddler Nursery*
- 11:00 a.m. Grief Sharing, *Parlor*
- 3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
- 3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, *Library*
- 3:00 p.m. Lectionary Ladies, *Parlor*
- 5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
- 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*
- 7:00 p.m. Mary Martha UMW Circle, *Cobb Residence*

Tuesday, December 12

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
- 8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, *FLC*
- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, *Pastor's Office*
- 4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
- 5:30 p.m. Cancer Survivors Support Group, *Choir Room*
- 6:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study, *Library*

Wednesday, December 13

- 10:00 a.m. Spanish Class, *Library*
- 5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*
- 6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, *Sanctuary*
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, *Choir Room*

Thursday, December 14

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
- 8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

Friday, December 15

- OFFICE CLOSED
- 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*
- 9:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts, *FLC-A*
- 3:00 p.m. Set-up for Turkey Giveaway, *FLC*

Saturday, December 16

- 7:00 a.m. Volunteers for Great Turkey Giveaway
- 9:00 a.m. Great Turkey Giveaway
- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

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Remember to pray for **The Walk**.
"...for we walk by faith, not by sight." - 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NRSV)
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8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship Services
DECEMBER 10, 2017

We are a Christian community called to share our gifts through worship, witness and service so that others will know God and become disciples of Jesus Christ.