

YOUTH & Confirmation SUNDAY



CHECK-IN & PRAYER REQUESTS

Youth Missions Envelope Challenge!

Support our **youth** as they prepare for their **summer mission trip**. Choose an envelope (\$1-\$100) in the lobby or Family Life Center and give that amount—your gift helps remove financial barriers and ensures every student who wants to serve can go. Envelopes are available through today and gifts are due by **May 10**.

Prayer Requests

Share prayer requests by scanning the QR code above, emailing prayers@stjohnsbr.org or visiting stjohnsbr.org/here.

All Are Welcome & Affirmed Here

Whoever you are, wherever your faith journey, you are welcome and affirmed. We are so glad you joined us and hope you feel at home here.

For Newcomers

Restrooms & Water Fountains are located in the narthex (lobby). We invite all first time guests to stop by the welcome table to receive a gift. Text **'CONNECT'** to **225- 230-1017** join St. John's updates.

For Families with Children

Children are always welcome in worship. If at any time you'd prefer a quieter space, the Bride's Room—located at the back of the Narthex (lobby)—is available for you, with books, a rocker, and a nearby women's restroom.

- The **Playground** is a child-friendly space at the front of the sanctuary where children and their families are welcome to participate in worship in a way that works for them.
- The **Nursery** serves infants - preschool in the Education & Administration building next door.
- **Changing tables** are located in the restrooms and nursery.
- **Holy Communion** elements of bread and grape juice are available to all including children weekly at the 8:30 a.m. service and on the first Sunday of the month at the 11:00 a.m. service. **Gluten free** elements are also available.
- We offer **Sunday School** for 18 months - 12th grade from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., along with a variety of adult classes as well.

The **flowers** on the altar are in honor and celebration of **St. John's Youth and our 2026 Confirmands**.

May God's grace and blessings always be with them.

Ushers

Youth Ushers: **McDavis Ezim, Princess Ezim, Candace Guidroz**
Acolyte: **Candace Guidroz**
8:30 Adult Usher Support: **Bobbi Marino & Laurie Williams**
11:00 Adult Usher Support: **Joyce Perry & Dianne Stilley**

EVENTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

Guest Gift | After Worship | In Narthex (Lobby)

If you're a guest, be sure to stop by the narthex, our lobby space, after the service to receive a small gift from St. John's. We're glad you're here.

Sugar Kettle Baptism | Today after 8:30 a.m. Service | Front of Sanctuary

We invite you to gather in front of the sanctuary for the immersion baptism of two Confirmation students right after the 8:30 a.m. service.

Ends Today! | Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser — Envelope Challenge

Help us clear the Envelope Board in the Narthex (lobby) today in support of the Youth summer Mission Trip. Choose an envelope (\$1-\$100). The number you select is your gift amount. Please return your gift by May 10 to help us meet our mission goal.

Monday, May 4 | Immigration and Your Church Webinar | 12:00 p.m. | Online

Learn about how immigration is impacting communities across Louisiana and how the Church can respond faithfully. Use the QR code to register.



Thursday, May 7 | Church Council Meeting | 5:30 p.m. | Library

All council members are encouraged to attend.

Wednesday, May 13 | UWF Circle of the Heart | 9:30 a.m. | Founders' Parlor

Claudia Fowler will be leading. All women invited to participate in United Women in Faith.

Sunday, May 17 | Kids Night | 4:00-5:30 p.m.

An afternoon of fun, fellowship, and dinner for children Kindergarten through 5th grades.

Wednesday, May 20 | Labyrinth Walk | 4:00-6:30 p.m. | Narthex (Lobby)

Come and go at your own pace for a quiet, reflective prayer experience. A brief orientation will be offered at 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 27 | "The Good Years" Retiree Social | 10:00-11:30 a.m. | STIR Coffee Shop

Join our retiree group, "The Good Years" for coffee, conversation, & fellowship. Drop in anytime.

Sunday, May 31 | Love This Place Sunday & 65th Birthday Reception | 10:00 a.m.

We'll gather for one combined worship service at 10:00 a.m. for *Love This Place Sunday* and to mark our 65th birthday with cupcakes and ice cream following in the Family Life Center.

Family Ministries Summer Internship | Summer 2026 | Apply Online

A 12-week, part-time internship working with children and youth. QR code for more.



EVERY WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

FLC = Family Life Center

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

COFFEE TIME

Sundays
9:30 a.m. FLC
Last Names A-C invited to bring snacks 5.10.26

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays
9:45 a.m. Campus Wide for All Ages

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Sundays
6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Bells Room
Wednesdays
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Sundays
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Campus Wide
Upstairs Cafe Fruit: Last Names A-H, 5.10.26
3:30 p.m. Music Makers (K-5th grades)
4:30 p.m. Music Makers (Middle School)
5:00 p.m. Youth Group

SERVE

Fridays
10:30 a.m. Holy Helpers, Church Office

WELLNESS

Mondays
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC

Tuesdays
7:00 p.m. Pickleball
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Wednesdays
6:30 p.m. Ladies AA Meeting, FLC-C

Saturdays
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC

THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET

A client choice food pantry
Mon 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. FLC
Tues & Thurs 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. FLC
shepherdsmarket.org

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday

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YOUTH & Confirmation SUNDAY

8:30 & 11:00 AM

Worship Celebrations

Sunday, May 3rd, 2026

St. John's Mission

Go and make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

St. John's Vision

Love.

Grow Together.

Serve Our Neighbors.

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ST. JOHN'S
United Methodist Church

WELCOME

8:30 & 11:00 Worship Celebrations

Please stand as you are comfortable where marked by an asterisk (*) & join in speaking where text is in **bold**.



CHECK IN & PRAYER REQUESTS

Gathering Music Dr. Terry Byars

Words of Welcome Rev. Lane Cotton Winn & Iris Ajuka

We Sing Together* U.M. Hymnal #593 vs 1, 3
Here I Am, Lord

Invitation to Worship* Isaiah Ajuka

Come, let us worship the God who knows us, loves us, and calls us by name.

We come with joy and thanksgiving.

God has brought us together as one family in faith.

We come to celebrate God's grace among us.

The Spirit is moving in this place today.

We open our hearts to worship and praise.

Come, let us worship God.

With grateful hearts, we come to praise.

We Sing Together* The Faith We Sing #2066

Praise the Name of Jesus

We Encourage Our Children Evelyn Durham,
Julian Hartman, & Jane Walker

Musical Meditation Bishop Idikwu, Guitar

We Pray Together Paul Idikwu

May the words of our mouths

and the meditations of our hearts

be acceptable in thy sight,

thou who art our strength and our redeemer. Amen.

We Read the Word* Paul Idikwu

John 17:9-11

For the Word of God in Scripture.

For the Word of God among us.

For the Word of God within us.

Thanks be to God.

We Reflect On The Word Frankie Guajardo

Holding On Tight

We Sing Together* The Faith We Sing #2080 vs 1, 2, 3

All I Need Is You

Ministry Moment Kate Bouchillon

Youth Highlights Video

We Offer God's Tithes and Our Gifts Bishop Idikwu, Prayer

Be Thou My Vision

Trad. arr. Carlton Young

Thank you for your generosity. Your gift helps us love, grow together, and serve our neighbors. Scan the QR code or visit stjohnsbr.org/give to give online.



GIVING

U.M. Hymnal #94

We Sing Together*

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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!

We Confirm Our Faith Pastor Lane & Beth LaCour

In this act of confirmation, our Confirmands claim for themselves the promises first spoken at baptism, and the church renews its promise to support them in faith. Together we remember that discipleship is never lived alone, but in the love and care of Christian community.

Iris Chimamamada Ajuka
Isaiah Ndimeleuwa Ajuka
Daniel Emeric Császár
Anna Marie Durham
McDavis Chukwuemeka Ezim (Confirmation name: Davion)
Princess Peace Ezim (Confirmation name: Priscilla)
Julian Grace Hartman
Stephanie Layne Rockco
Everly Jane Walker

We Affirm Our Faith Anna Durham

2026 Confirmation Class Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God,

our Creator and loving Parent,

who redeems us, sustains us,

forgives us, helps us,

and holds us through every storm.

We believe in Jesus Christ,

who welcomes us to the table,

prays for us when we feel alone,

shares in our suffering, and calls us beloved.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

present in prayer and music,

in friendship and family,

in service and acts of kindness,

guiding and strengthening us each day.

We believe the church is a community of grace,

where we sing as one,

serve side by side, seek justice,

share what we have learned,

and grow in faith together.

We believe God calls each of us to use our gifts —

in worship and mission,

through generosity and compassion —

to make a difference in the world.

We believe God's grace surrounds us always,

and we will make space for God

through prayer,

through scripture,

through serving others,

and through lives of love.

And we trust that whatever comes,

God will hold us fast and never let us go. Amen.

We Pray for Our Confirmands

As each confirmand is confirmed, family members and Confirmation

Mentors will come forward to participate. Friends and loved ones are invited

to stand where they are for silent prayer during the laying on of hands for

their confirmand. After being confirmed, each student will light a candle on

the altar, representing Christ's light in their lives. Once their candle is lit, those

standing in prayer may be seated.

We Welcome & Bless Our Confirmands Pastor Lane

Members of the household of God,

I commend these persons to your love and care.

Do all in your power to increase their faith,

confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you

and we welcome you in Christian love.

As members together with you in the body of Christ

and at St. John's United Methodist Church,

we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence,

our gifts, our service, and our witness,

that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

We Sing Together* U.M. Hymnal #70

The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father

and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

We Receive Prayer Kate Bouchillon

We Pray the Lord's Prayer U.M. Hymnal #895

Musical Meditation Julian Hartman &

For Good

Words and music by Stephen Swartz

We Receive This Week's Call to Action Pastor Lane

We joyfully welcome all who wish to join St. John's. Please come forward

during the next song and stand with Pastor Lane. As we sing, you may also

bring donations for The Shepherd's Market Client-Choice Food Pantry.

We Sing Together* U.M. Hymnal #2235-b (2x)

We Are Marching

We Share In a Blessing* Bishop Idikwu

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make his face shine upon you

and be gracious unto you.

May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you

and give you peace. Amen.

We Go Out Into the World*