

# LOVE THIS PLACE SUNDAY



CHECK-IN & PRAYER REQUESTS

St. John's is 65 years old! It's a special Sunday today as we recommit our time, energy and funds to the future of our beloved church & community.

## BIRTHDAY RECEPTION FOLLOWING SERVICE

Following worship, everyone is invited to the Family Life Center for a special 65th birthday celebration featuring **cupcakes, ice cream, lemonade**, and fellowship as we celebrate all God has done through St. John's over the past 65 years.

Please note: Sunday School classes will not gather today!

### Prayer Requests

Share prayer requests by scanning the QR code above, emailing [prayers@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:prayers@stjohnsbr.org) or visiting [stjohnsbr.org](http://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 **Prayground** 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 - 12<sup>th</sup> 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 celebration of the 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary of Jim and Claudia Fowler.

Today's ushers are **Mecah and David Idikwu**.



## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Love This Place Campaign** Thank you to all who have responded to the Love This Place campaign. If you have not yet made a commitment, we invite you to scan the QR code or complete a pledge card available in the pews and narthex. Together, we are loving this place and preparing for what comes next.



**Welcome Back, Grace!** We are delighted to welcome Grace Idikwu as our Summer Family Ministries Intern. Grace will assist with children's and youth ministries throughout the summer. Be sure to say hello and welcome her back!

**Pastor Pop-Up at Brew-Bachers | Wednesday, June 3 | 4:30-6:30 p.m.** Join Pastor Lane at Brew-Bachers on Bluebonnet for casual conversation and connection out in the community. Whether coming from home or work, stop by for a drink or bite to eat.

**Summer Sunday School for Children & Youth** Beginning June 7, all K-12th grade students will meet together for Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. in the Family Life Center. All children are invited to Coffee Time in the Family Life Center before Sunday School, as the Upstairs Café will be closed for the summer.

**Grocery Bag Sunday | Sunday, June 7** Pick up a reusable yellow grocery bag after worship today and help support the Shepherd's Market Client-Choice Food Pantry by returning needed food items next Sunday. *Urgent needs:* Pasta, dried beans, peanut butter, canned 'mixed vegetables'. *Other Needs:* cereal (regular sized), condiments, snacks, soup

**Egg Cartons Needed for Shepherd's Market** Please bring clean egg cartons on Sundays, to the church office, or during market hours (Mon. 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Tues. & Thurs. 8-10 a.m.).

**UWF Circle of the Heart | Wednesday, June 10 | 9:30 a.m.** The United Women in Faith Circle of the Heart group will gather in the Founders' Parlor. The program, "Never Stop Learning," will be presented by Karen Fritz and Marcie Williams. All women are welcome to attend.

**"Lead-Hers in Faith" Worship Series Begins | Sunday, June 14** Join us for a new worship series exploring the stories and leadership of women in the Bible.

**Cyber Security Workshop | Wednesday, June 24 | 2:00-4:00 p.m.** Join us in the Family Life Center for a free cyber security workshop led by Steven Baham of Baham Laboratories and Wesley UMC member. Invite a friend and learn practical ways to stay safer online.

**Help Us Update Our Records** We've recently launched a new church database system and invite all households to update their contact information using the QR code or the insert in your bulletin. This helps us care well for our church family. We will never share your information outside the church.



## EVERY WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

FLC = Family Life Center

### WORSHIP SERVICES

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

### COFFEE TIME FOR ALL AGES

**Sundays**  
9:30 a.m. FLC  
June 7<sup>th</sup> Snacks: **Last Names M-Z**

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

### MUSIC MINISTRIES

**Sundays**  
6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers (*not today*)  
**Wednesdays**  
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room

### CHILDREN & YOUTH

**Sundays**  
9:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School, FLC  
3:30 p.m. Music Makers (K-5<sup>th</sup> 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, Wednesdays & Fridays**  
7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC

**Tuesdays**  
7:00 p.m. Pickleball

### 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](http://shepherdsmarket.org)

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

### CONTACT

[stjohnsbr.org/contact-us](http://stjohnsbr.org/contact-us)



ST. JOHN'S  
United Methodist Church

# LOVE THIS PLACE

10 AM Worship Celebration  
Sunday, May 31st, 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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# WELCOME

## 10:00 AM Worship Celebration

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** The Alleluia Ringers

*Festival Fanfare*

*By Bob Buroughs*

**Words of Welcome** Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

**We Sing Together\*** U.M. Hymnal #558 vs 1, 2

*We Are the Church*

**Invitation to Worship\*** Angeletta Gourdine

For sixty-five years, God has gathered people in this place.

**We come with gratitude for the generations before us.**

In moments both ordinary and holy,  
God has shaped lives, formed disciples,  
and taught us to love this place and its people.

**God's love has sustained this church through every season.**

Today we celebrate the ministry of St. John's,  
the relationships nurtured here,  
and the future God is still unfolding among us.

**With thankful hearts and hopeful spirits,  
we worship God together.**

**We Sing Together\*** The Faith We Sing #2031

*We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise*

**We Greet One Another with Joy & Peace\***

**We Celebrate 65 Years** Pastor Lane

**We Pray Together** Angeletta Gourdine

**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 from the Word of God** Angeletta Gourdine

**Ephesians 3:14-21**

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 Encourage Our Children** Rev. Larry Norman

**Love This Place Stories** Pastor Lane

**We Sing Together** The Faith We Sing #2223 vs 1

*They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

**We Read from the Word of God** Psalter 804: Psalm 84

*Sung Response:*

**My soul longs for your courts, O Lord; in your presence is fullness of joy.**

How lovely is your dwelling place,

O Lord of hosts!

**My soul longs, indeed it faints**

**For the courts of the Lord;**

**My heart and flesh sing for joy**

**To the living God.**

O Lord of hosts, my Ruler and my God,

At your altars even the sparrow finds a home,

And the swallow a nest for herself,

Where she may lay her young.

**Blessed are those who dwell in your house,**

**Ever singing your praise!**

*Sung Response:*

**My soul longs for your courts, O Lord; in your presence is fullness of joy.**

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,

In whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**As they go through the valley of tears,**

**They make it a place of springs;**

**The early rain also covers it with pools.**

They go from strength to strength;

The God of gods will be seen in Zion.

**O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;**

**Give ear, O God of Jacob!**

**Behold our shield, O God;**

**Look upon the face of your anointed!**

*Sung Response:*

**My soul longs for your courts, O Lord; in your presence is fullness of joy.**

For a day in your courts is better

Than a thousand elsewhere.

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God**

**Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

For the Lord God is a sun and shield,

And bestows favor and honor.

**No good thing does the Lord withhold**

**From those who walk uprightly.**

**O Lord of hosts,**

**Blessed are those who trust in you!**

*Sung Response:*

**My soul longs for your courts, O Lord; in your presence is fullness of joy.**

**Love This Place Stories** Pastor Lane

**Musical Meditation** The Chancel Choir

Arise, Give Thanks

*By Mark Patterson*

**Love This Place Stories** Pastor Lane

**We Sing Together** The Faith We Sing #2223 vs 3

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

**We Offer God's Tithes and Our Gifts** The Alleluia Ringers

*Daybreak*

By Paul Al McKlveen



**GIVING**

*Thank you for your generosity. Your gift helps us live out our vision to love, grow together, and serve our neighbors. Scan the QR code or visit [stjohnsbr.org/give](http://stjohnsbr.org/give) to give online.*

**We Sing Together\*** U.M. Hymnal # 94

*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 Dedicate Our Gifts to God** Pastor Lane

**Musical Reflection** U.M. Hymnal #328

*Surely the Presence of the Lord*

**We Prepare for Communion** Pastor Lane

*We give thanks for God's grace, hear Jesus' words spoken at the table, and ask the Holy Spirit to bless the bread and cup. In this holy meal, we are joined with Christ and with one another, reminded that there is always room at God's table for all.*

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

**We Partake in Communion\***

**All are welcome to receive Communion.**

*We serve by intinction (bread dipped in juice); servers handle the elements.*

*Pre-packaged and gluten-free options are available.*

*You may remain at the chancel to pray.*

*If you need Communion brought to you, please let an usher know.*

**We Share in Prayer** Angeletta Gourdine

**Gracious God,**

**we thank you for meeting us at this table.**

**In bread and cup, you remind us of your love**

**that sustains every generation.**

**Send us now into the world**

**rooted in grace, united in hope,**

**and ready to share Christ's love with others.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

**We Receive This Week's Call to Action** Pastor Lane

*We joyfully welcome all who wish to join St. John's United Methodist Church.*

*Please come forward during the next song and stand with Pastor Lane.*

**We Sing Together\*** The Faith We Sing #2226

*Bind Us Together*

**We Share in a Blessing\*** Pastor Lane

**We Go Out Into the World\*** The Alleluia Ringers

*Menuet V*

*By J.S. Bach*

*Arranged by Vaclav Nelhybel*