



A FUTURE
WITH HOPE



60th Anniversary Celebration Commitment Sunday

Sunday October 31, 2021

10 A.M. WORSHIP

“For surely I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord,
“plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a
future with hope.”

Jeremiah 29:11

*Whether you are a guest or member, we invite you to register your attendance
(scan the QR code in the pew) so we know you're here and we can get to know
you better.*

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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OUR MISSION

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.

OUR VISION

Our church will be known as a center for feeding people spiritually and physically in our community.

OUR CORE VALUES

We believe the following guiding principles make us a fruitful and spiritually intentional church:

- Fellowship: A sense of family, hospitality, and belonging to an open, accepting, and nurturing community.
- Caring: Loving response to needs of all people through empathy and compassion.
- Mission: giving of ourselves to meet and serve the needs of all others by faithful witness through our actions, servanthood and way of living.
- Spiritual Growth: Studying, understanding and growing in the word of God by Christ-centered prayer, worship and service through discipleship in action.

OUR CONTACT INFO

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60TH ANNIVERSARY

St. John's was founded in 1961 by 60 charter members. Ground was broken for the present sanctuary in August 1962, and it was dedicated Easter Sunday 1963. We are celebrating our 60th anniversary throughout 2021. Give God the Glory!

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

Do No Harm, our first Wesleyan rule continues to be our benchmark for all recommendations. In light of the Governor's statewide mask mandate, St. John's has returned to requiring all persons, regardless of vaccination status, to wear masks while in worship and in small group gatherings.

We look forward to the day when we can return to maskless gatherings, until then, let us pray for our world, country, state, parish, and each other.

Grace & Peace
The Covid -19 Task Force

HELPFUL HINTS FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We fully welcome and love engaging children in worship! We include a special Children's Moment each Sunday.

- **The St. John's Prayground** is located in the front of the sanctuary. This is a place for children and their families to worship together, allowing children to more fully participate in the service. As a safety precaution, masks are required in the Prayground for everyone ages 2 and older. If you or your child needs a mask, some are available in the Prayground. More details about the Prayground may be found in the pew insert and on our website.
- A staffed **nursery** for infants through preschool is open every Sunday morning and is located next door in our Education/Administration building.
- **Changing tables** are located in the restrooms in the back of the sanctuary and our nursery.
- Children are welcome to receive **Holy Communion**, which is served weekly at 8:30 a.m. and on the first Sunday of the month at 11 a.m. Our communion elements are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free elements are also available.
- **Sunday School** is offered for children starting at age 3 through 12th grade from 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Any questions? Ushers are glad to assist you.

GATHERING

Please stand as you are comfortable. **Bold indicates congregational response.*

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Introit

Alleluia Ringers

*Call to Worship

Zach Isenhower

We have gathered to worship the Lord. About us we sense the cloud of witnesses who led the way here, those who were called to form this congregation of St. John's sixty years ago and those who worked tirelessly through the years since to further its growth in service and love.

We remember our past and give God the glory.

We have gathered to worship the Lord, thankful for opportunities given us here for service and spiritual growth. Here we may heed and answer the call to nourish our neighbor in body and mind.

We serve our neighbor today and give God the glory.

We have gathered to worship the Lord, looking with confidence to a future built on past foundations, present dedication, and unflinching faith.

We step with hope toward our future and give God the glory.

We remember our past, serve our neighbor today, step with hope toward our future, and at all times give God the glory.

by Guy Johnson

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Danielle Blackwood

*Song of Praise

This Is The Day of New Beginnings
The United Methodist Hymnal 383, vs. 1-4

GLORIFYING

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Prayer

Betty Schroeder

God of glory and grace,
we humbly raise our faces to you in gratitude for
our little church, St. John's United Methodist.
For sixty years with your guidance and benevolence,
and through determined effort and consistent
devotion, St. John's people of God have created
a sacred space of love and acceptance and growth.
Leaning on you alone and through our efforts to
follow the loving example of Jesus,
St. John's has become a place of love and
affection, laughter and holy hands
reaching out to our neighbors near and far.

**Bless us, dear God,
and help us to continue to be a soothing
melody for the spirit,
a gentle touch for those who grieve,
a teacher for dear children,
a moral compass for adults,
a beacon for the lost and
a light of hope for our community.
In the name of your blessed son, Jesus Christ,
we pray. Amen.**

by Betty Schroeder

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Children's Moment

Pastor Lane

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Prayer for Illumination

Zach Isenhower

**Open our hearts and minds to your word, O God.
Help us to set aside all that distracts us from you.
Give us courage to hear your challenge for the future. Amen.**

Scripture

Jeremiah 29:10-14

Zach Isenhower

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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***Hymn of Faith**

What Gift Can We Bring
The United Methodist Hymnal 87, vs. 1-3

SHARING

Stewardship Prayer

Natalie Cooper

**Provider and Sustainer God,
thank You for Your many blessings upon Your Church,
the family of St. John's, and the unique gifts that
You have imparted upon me and each in Your creation.
I pray that I may be a devoted caretaker of these gifts.
I humbly ask for Your guidance as I strive to serve
humankind and radiate the loving light of Christ, so that
others may come to know You and Your enduring love
and mercy available to all.
Help me to live my days as a faithful steward of Your gifts
and to serve others according to Your good
and perfect purpose.
I trust in You as Your humble servant; set me as a blessing
unto others as I look to a future with hope, in unity and
wholeness with You.
In Jesus' name. Amen.**

by Natalie Cooper

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Alleluia Ringers

*We appreciate your generosity.
Each gift enables us to be a blessing in our community.
You may give online at stjohnsbr.org/give.*

*Doxology

**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!**

60th Anniversary: A Future With Hope

Act of Commitment

*All are invited to share in building a future with hope for St. John's
by bringing your 2022 pledge card to the altar.*

Anthem

Alleluia Ringers

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*Circle Up

We Are Marching
*We invite you to move to the perimeter of the sanctuary
and form a circle, taking your belongings with you
because you will be exiting to receive Communion in the Narthex.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Our sung communion responses are from The Faith We Sing Songbook 2257.

The Lord be with you.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And also with you.
We lift them up to the Lord.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

The congregation is seated and the institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and concludes:

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen. Amen. Amen.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)

The Lord's Prayer

DEPARTING TO SERVE

***Benediction**

For all who find a church home and family here at St. John's,

We Give God the Glory!

For calling us to worship, witness and service,

We Give God the Glory!

For creating us to be a welcoming, inclusive and resilient community of faith,

We Give God the Glory!

For a future with hope,

We Give God the Glory!

For the meal in which we are about to partake,

We Give God the Glory!

Alleluia! Amen!

***Hymn of Discipleship**

Shalom to You Now

The United Methodist Hymnal 666

We joyfully welcome all those who wish to become members of St. John's and invite you to come forward during the singing of the Hymn of Discipleship.

Sharing in Holy Communion

*Communion will be served in the Narthex as you depart.
Please remain in an attitude of worship until you are outside.*

Communion songs

Lord, Be Glorified (FWS #2150)

Alleluia, Alleluia (UMH #186)

Our 60th Anniversary celebration continues with a potluck lunch outside the Family Life Center. Everyone is welcome!

The flowers on the altar are from Buffie and Larry Grayson in honor of Fran Anderson and Carol Gordon for all they do for The Shepherd's Market.

The Alleluia Ringers played "I Love You, Lord," "Tis a Gift to Be Simple," and "Come, Christians, Join to Sing."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Updated Protocol from the COVID-19 Task Force

Face masks are now optional. Anyone who feels more comfortable wearing a mask is encouraged to do so.

Pictorial Directory Update

If you were unable to have your picture taken for the Pictorial Directory and would like to be included and receive a copy of the Directory here is your chance! Please send a personal picture of your family unit (and everyone's name in the photo) to media@stjohnsbr.org no later than **Tuesday, November 2**. The cost is \$10. You can pay on-line (www.stjohnsbr.org/give, under Kitchen Renovation) or by check (with pictorial directory in memo line) during worship, by mailing it to the church, or by placing it in the black box outside the church office.

NOTE: Those who had their picture taken will receive a complimentary copy of the Directory. Please be sure to check your email spam folder for your Zoom appointment to view and select your photo. As always, if you have any questions, please email Rhonda Tucker (parkerrhondatucker@gmail.com) or call 225-270-2193.

60th Anniversary Ornaments and Plaques

If you ordered a 60th Anniversary ornament you may pick it up during the potluck lunch. There will also be a limited number of 60th Anniversary plaques available for \$30 on a first come, first serve basis. Ornaments may also be picked up in the office Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Grocery Bag Sunday, November 7

Next Sunday is Grocery Bag Sunday. Please pick up a yellow bag before you leave the potluck and bring it back filled with grocery items to help stock the shelves of The Shepherd's Market.

Alleluia Ringers - St. John's Handbell Choir

If you enjoy the music from the Alleluia Ringers in today's service and think you would like to be a part of this music ministry (no prior musical knowledge is required), you may come to a rehearsal on Sunday evenings at 6 p.m., beginning November 7. The bells meet in the Admin Building., down the hallway, last door on the left.

All Saints' Day - Submission of Names to Remember

During our All Saints' Day Service on November 7, we will remember and give thanks for those who have passed away since the previous November 1. If you have a loved one who has died in the past year that you would like us to name aloud in those services, please email Pastor Lane (pastorlane@stjohnsbr.org) with their name, date of birth, and date of passing, by November 1.

Youth Meals Update

We are revamping the fall/winter youth meal schedule. If you signed up to provide a meal beginning November 7 through January 2022, please email Rhonda Tucker (parkerrhondatucker@gmail.com) and let her know the date you volunteered and your name. Many thanks to everyone who signed up to provide meals for the youth, we appreciate your time and generosity.

Lagniappe Kitchen Renovation Fund

Our fundraising efforts for the kitchen renovation are underway and we have already raised \$89,508! To give online go to www.stjohnsbr.org/give (under Fund, select Kitchen Renovation); to give by check write kitchen renovation in the memo line. Thanks for helping fill the pot!



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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.