



CHECK-IN & PRAYER REQUESTS

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week and remembers Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, where crowds welcomed Him with palm branches and shouts of "Hosanna." It is a moment of both celebration and tension, as joy and praise stand alongside the shadow of the cross that is to come. In worship, we hold these together—waving palms, singing with gladness, and preparing our hearts to walk with Christ through the days ahead.

Grocery Bag Sunday | April 5

Help us restock the **Shepherd's Market!** Urgent needs include pasta (no mac & cheese), condiments, drinks (water, juice, boxed drinks), and regular-size cereal. Ongoing needs: peanut butter, jelly, dried beans, household items, and personal hygiene products.

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 & Welcome **Brochures** are located in the narthex (lobby). Our **ushers** can help you in any way you may need. Text 'CONNECT' to 225-230-1017 join our updates.

For Families with Children

- 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 - 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 given in great joy and celebration by Mari Walker for Shawn Walker's 50th birthday yesterday!

Today's ushers are **Beth Forrester and Zach Isenhower**.

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holiday Closures

The church office will be closed Friday, April 3 and Monday, April 6. The Shepherd's Market Client-Choice Food Pantry will be closed Thursday, April 2 and Monday, April 6. Please plan accordingly—we look forward to serving you when we reopen!

Care Ministries: Meal Ministry

A simple way to care for one another during seasons of need—after a loss, surgery, or welcoming a new baby. You can cook, pick up a meal, or help as you're able. Signing up means you're open to being contacted when a need arises. Scan the QR code or email marymadalynstpierre@stjohnsbr.org.



Memorial Hospitality Ministry

Provides care and support for families during funerals and celebrations of life. Volunteers serve in a variety of ways and are only called on occasionally. If you feel called to help, please sign up via the QR code or email marymadalynstpierre@stjohnsbr.org.



Easter Dedications - Lilies & Gifts

Honor loved ones this Easter through lily dedications or gifts supporting our Mission & Vision. Dedications will be listed in the Easter bulletin. Deadline: March 30. Sign up at right.org or email office@stjohnsbr.org.



Thursday, April 2 - Maundy Thursday Worship | 6:00 p.m.

A meaningful service commemorating the Last Supper and Jesus' final hours.

"Soundtrack of Faith" - New Worship Series starts April 12

The Psalms are the soundtrack of faith—songs of wonder, struggle, trust, and hope. In every season of life, they give us words when we need them most and remind us that God is always near.

Sunday, April 12 - St. Mark's Feeding Mission | Join the team!

Help prepare and serve lunch to unhoused neighbors in the French Quarter. All ages welcome. Depart 7:30 a.m.; return mid-afternoon. No cost; Dutch-treat lunch on the way back. Contact Rev. Larry Norman (225-933-1881) to sign up.

Sunday, April 19 - Discover St. John's | 9:45 a.m. | Pastor Lane's Office

New or visiting? Come learn who we are and how to get connected. Hot Coffee, tasty treats, and genuine conversation provided. RSVP via QR code or email Mary Madalyn St. Pierre at marymadalynstpierre@stjohnsbr.org.



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
Snacks: Last Names M-Z | 4.5.26

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

MUSIC MINISTRIES
Sundays
6:00 p.m. The 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: Teachers 4.5.26
3:30 p.m. Music Makers (K-5th grades)
4:30 p.m. Music Makers (Middle School)
5:00 p.m. Youth Group (6th-12th grades)

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

CONTACT stjohnsbr.org/contact-us

PALM SUNDAY

10 AM Worship Celebration

Sunday, March 29th, 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**.



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Gathering Music

We Are Marching

U.M. Hymnal # 2235b

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Invitation to Worship*

On this day, Jesus marched...
in between the city walls and the Temple,
in between joyful Hosannas and doubtful whispers,
in between oppressive poverty and greedy power,
in between rampant fear and hope unfurled.

On this day, Jesus marched in between what had been and what could be.

So may we meet Christ in that in-between.
May we lay down our coats in that messy middle.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

We Sing Together*

Hosanna Loud Hosanna

U.M. Hymnal #278 vs 1, 2, 3

We Bless the Palm Branches*

Rev. Larry Norman

Musical Reflection

All Glory Laud and Honor
Arranged by Cynthia Dobrinski

Handbell Choir &
Dr. Terry Byars, Organ

We Encourage Our Children

Molly Means

We Read the Word*

Matthew 21:1-11

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.

Julian Hartman

We Hear Prayers Lifted

Prayer by Rev. John Winn

Dear Lord,
I, too, can feel the excitement
in the long-awaited coming of One,
who can change shadows into sunlight,
despair into hope,
and even death into life.
With all inhibitions down I could
join in the parades, processions, and testimonials
for such a One.
When I am asked, though,
to join with such a person on a march that might lead to
rejection, negation, and maybe even death,
I am not so sure.
If it is possible, let that cup pass from me,
but if not...
Amen.

Pastor Lane

Musical Reflection

A Celebration of Palms
By Joseph Martin

The Chancel Choir

We Reflect on the Word

Pastor Lane

We Raise our Hosannas

“Hosanna” means “Save us.” Write your “Hosanna!” – your hope, your hurt, your longing – be it personal, communal, or global – and place it before God. A word, a phrase, or even a picture – then hang your “Hosanna” prayer on the lines that encircle the sanctuary.

Pastor Lane

We Sing Together

Jesus Remember, Me

U.M. Hymnal #488 (3x)

We Affirm our Faith*

We believe that many years ago
a peaceful parade wove its way through the streets of Jerusalem.
We believe that on that day
the people cried out,
longing and praying for a better world.
We believe that these longings
come from a place of deep hope,
and we believe that hope cannot be silenced.
So we listen for the Spirit.
We sing Hosanna.
We pay attention.
For in between the silence and the song,
we believe the Spirit is speaking.

Molly Means

We Sing Together*

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.

Pastor Lane

We Read the Word of God

Luke 22:1-6

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.

Pastor Lane

We Name our Need for Grace

Let us pray...

Merciful God,
we join the parade with loud hosannas,
but we confess we do not always follow you all the way.
We want saving, but we resist change.
We long for peace, but cling to what divides.
We praise with our lips, but hold back our hearts.
We confess the ways we turn away from suffering, ignore injustice,
and choose comfort over courage.
So today we bring you our honest cries:
Hosanna — save us.
Save us from what we have done
and from what we have left undone.
Meet us here — in this messy middle, and make us new. Amen.

Pastor Lane

We Hear Words of Grace and Forgiveness

Hear the good news:

Jesus does not turn away from our cries of “Hosanna.”
He rides toward them. He meets us in them.
In Jesus Christ, we are met with mercy, held in grace, and led toward new life.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Glory to God. Amen.

We Share Signs of Peace

Say to one another.

“The peace of Christ be with you – you belong here.”

Pastor Lane

Mission Moment

St. Mark’s Feeding Mission

We Offer God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

What Wondrous Love is This

Arranged by Douglas Wagner

Thank you for your generosity. Your gift helps us be a blessing in our community. Scan the QR code or visit stjohnsbr.org/give to give online.

Handbell Choir



GIVING

We Sing Together*

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

U.M. Hymnal # 94

We Prepare for Communion*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks and remembers God’s gift of salvation, concluding with:

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. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and prays for the Spirit’s presence in this act of worship, concluding with.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

We Pray the Lord’s Prayer

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 a Prayer

Gracious God,
thank you for meeting us here in bread and cup,
in hope and in longing.
You have received our hosannas and nourished us with your love.
Now send us back into the world to walk the road ahead with courage,
to love what is fragile,
and to trust that even in the in-between,
you are still at work. Amen.

Julian Hartman

We Receive This Week’s Call to Action

Pastor Lane

We Sing Together*

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

U.M. Hymnal #277 vs 1, 3

We Share in a Blessing

Pastor Lane

We Go Out Into the World*

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Arranged by L. Linda McKechnie

Handbell Choir