

CHECK-IN & PRAYER REQUESTS VIA QR CODE



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Make A Difference This Week

One way to help us prepare for the Great Turkey Giveaway: **take home a loaf of homemade bread today and freeze it until December 12.** It will be part of the holiday meal fixings we share at the Great Turkey Giveaway on Saturday, December 13! Arrive at 7:00 a.m. on the 13th to help assemble and distribute holiday meals.

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 **St. John's Playground** is in the front of the sanctuary during services. Children are welcome to spend **the entire service** here.
- 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. – 10:45 a.m.

The flowers are from Rev. Rosmery LaFontaine to celebrate the 86th birthday of Rev. Dr. Alejandro LaFontaine. Happy birthday, Rev. LaFontaine!

Today's Ushers are Donnie or Susan Lambert.
Thank you to all who served in today's worship service.

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Reflection Calendar

Pick up your Advent Reflection Calendar in the Narthex or Church Office (also linked in the newsletter). It's packed with daily scripture readings, a daily photo challenge and a festive Advent playlist to help you savor the season in simple, meaningful moments!

Church Council Meeting, December 4

Join us for the final Church Council Meeting of the year on December 4 at 5:00 p.m. – a warm, collaborative time to celebrate what's happening at St. John's and look ahead together. All are welcome to attend in the St. John's Library.

Grocery Bag Sunday, December 7

December 7 is Grocery Bag Sunday. Pick up a yellow bag in the Narthex (lobby) to take home and fill with non-perishable, canned goods and household items for the Shepherd's Market. Most needed item in order of need: snacks, canned vegetables, pasta, soup, cereal & condiments.

Christmas Play to Benefit the Shepherd's Market, December 7

Join us at Jefferson UMC for Stories from the Birth of Christ, a Christmas play retelling the wonder, hope, and joy of Jesus' birth. Performances will be held on Sunday, Dec. 7th at 2:00 & 6:00 p.m. A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales will be given to The Shepherd's Market. Scan the QR code to purchase your tickets (\$12).



Joy Fest, December 7

Join us from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. for a fun, festive, all-ages gathering. Wear your favorite Christmas pajamas or a delightfully tacky outfit, and bring a dish to share as we enjoy good food, good company, and the joy of the season together!

Lessons & Carols Service, The Heavens Declare, December 14

Join us for a beautiful, heart-warming Lessons and Carols service at both 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 14 – a beloved tradition filled with scripture, song, and the joy of the season. We'd love to share this special morning with you!

United Women in Faith Bake & Craft Sale, December 14

Don't miss the United Women in Faith Bake & Craft Sale—come browse delicious homemade goodies and handcrafted treasures, all while supporting the ministries and mission of our church family! All morning, Sunday, December 14th.

Family Ministries Christmas Party, December 18

Join us outside at St. John's from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. for a cozy evening of fellowship and fun—bonfire, s'mores, and all the warm-and-fuzzy fall vibes included!

Christmas Eve Worship Opportunities, December 24

Join us on Christmas Eve for one of our services.

4 p.m. A Family-Friendly Service with a children's live nativity

6 p.m. A Traditional Candlelight & Communion Service

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
Coffee Time Treats, December 7th: Last Names A-C

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays
9:45 a.m. Campus Wide

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 Café Fruit, December 7th: Teachers

4:30 p.m. Music Makers (K-8th grades)

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
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

SHEPHERD'S MARKET
Closed on 11/27 for Thanksgiving

Mondays 3:30 p.m. FLC
Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:00 a.m. FLC
shepherdsmarket.org

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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ST. JOHN'S
United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Worship Celebration
Sunday, November 30th 2025

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225-766-4594 | 230 Renee Drive BR, LA 70810

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**.

Gathering Music Dr. Terry Byars

Words of Welcome Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Invitation to Worship*

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?
With white and gold and purple, the colors of royalty.
How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?
With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, evergreen.
How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?
With candles and lights and Chrismons.
They remind us of the light of Christ shining in our world.
How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?
By hearing again the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God.
For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world, through him, might be saved.
Glory to God in the highest!

We Welcome the Light of Christ* U.M. Hymnal #196, vs. 1, 2
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

We Pray Together Bill Perry
God of the darkened night,
God of the morning light, come to us again.
Come to us in the preparation of our homes and our hearts.
Come to us in the harmony of song and the sound of silence.
Come in our faithful waiting and hopeful watching.
Come to us in the cry for peace and the smile of forgiveness.
God of the darkened night, God of the morning light,
come to us; be with us. Amen.

Changing the Paraments

We Read from Scripture Bill Perry
Revelation 22:12–13, 16

The Story Behind the Symbol

We Sing Together* U.M. Hymnal #211 vs 1, 2, 4, 6, 7
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



Lighting the Advent Wreath

We Read from Scripture Daphne Grady
Isaiah 9:2 and John 1:1–5, 14

The Story Behind the Symbol

We Light the Candle of Hope Paul and Gay Arnold
In this season of preparation,
we remember that God’s promises are alive among us,
and we offer ourselves as living sanctuaries
where Christ’s hope may be born.
We light the Candle of Hope, trusting that even in uncertain times,
God is already growing new life in us and around us.
Come, Lord Jesus, our Hope.

We Sing Together* U.M. Hymnal #206 vs. 1
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Setting the Nativity

Children’s Moment Pastor Lane

We Read from Scripture Julian Hartman
Luke 2:4–7

The Story Behind the Symbol

We Sing Together* U.M. Hymnal #229 vs 1, 2
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Hanging the Garland & Evergreen Wreaths

We Read from Scripture Susan Teddlie
Jeremiah 23:5–6

The Story Behind the Symbol

We Read from Scripture
Isaiah 9:6–7

The Story Behind the Symbol

We Sing Together* U.M. Hymnal #203, vs. 1–4
Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

Adorning the Chrismon Tree

We Read from Scripture Angeletta Gourdine
Isaiah 41:17–20

The Story Behind the Symbol

We Read from Scripture Angeletta Gourdine
Isaiah 60:13

The Story Behind the Symbol

We Hang Chrismons & Share Signs of Joy & Peace*

We Offer God’s Tithes and Our Gifts
Come, Christians, Join To Sing The Chancel Choir
Arr John Carter

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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!

Placing the Poinsettias

We Read from Scripture Phil Slicker
Isaiah 35:1–2

The Story Behind the Symbol

We Sing Together* The Faith We Sing #2095 vs 1–5
Star Child

Blessing & Sending Into the Season

We Share in Prayer Pastor Lane

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

We Receive This Week’s Call To Action
We joyfully welcome all those who wish to become members of St. John’s and invite you to come forward and stand with Pastor Lane during the singing of the next song.

We Sing Together* U.M. Hymnal #188 vs 1, 3, 4
Christ is the World’s Light

We Share in a Blessing* Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

We Go Out into the World* Dr. Terry Byars

The service ends, but our worship continues as we go forth to love and serve the Lord.