



Sunday November 14, 2021

11 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATION

All Are Welcome

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Colossians 3:15

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Philippians 4:6

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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Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. - noon

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 recent COVID update, St. John's has returned to not requiring masks while in worship and in small group gatherings. If you feel better wearing a mask, by all means do what you are most comfortable with.

We look forward to the day when COVID will no longer be a part of our daily lives, 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 Playground** 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 Playground for everyone ages 2 and older until December 12. After that date, masks will become optional. If you or your child needs a mask, some are available in the Playground. More details about the Playground may be found 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

*Call to Worship

Richard Damberg

Come, let us celebrate the wondrous gifts that God has given us.

**Throughout all our lives, God has blessed us
with love and hope.**

Praise be to God who provides for us.

**May our hearts be truly grateful, and may we show our
gratitude by the ways in which we live and care for others.**

Hallelujah!

Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
The United Methodist Hymnal 140

GLEANING

Scripture

Colossians 3:12-15

Richard Damberg

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment

Shawn Walker

Scripture

Philippians 4:4-9

Richard Damberg

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Based on Psalm 19:14

**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.**

Sermon

"From Thanksgiving to Thanks-Living"

Pastor Lane

RESPONDING

*Hymn of Faith

Now Thank We All Our God
The United Methodist Hymnal 102, vs. 1, 3

Stewardship Witness

Gray Sexton

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

*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 him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Pastor Lane

As prayers are offered our response will be:
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

DEPARTING TO SERVE

Call to Action

*Hymn of Discipleship

The Lord's My Shepherd
The United Methodist Hymnal 136, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

*Benediction

Pastor Lane

*Postlude

WORSHIP NOTES

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the altar are given by J.R. Madden and Daphne Grady in recognition of the 246th birthday of the Marine Corps and in honor of all veterans who have sacrificed for the rest of us.

Worship Stewards

Ushers in today's service are Zach and Kristine Isenhower.

Livestream of Worship

To join a livestream of worship, share today's service or watch previous worship services, visit <http://facebook.com/stjohnsbr/live>.

Music Livestream

Permission to stream music covered by OneLicense A-732159 and CCLI 20233858.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Friendsgiving

Today at 3 p.m., Youth (all students in 6th - 12th grades) are invited to meet at the Robertson's house (286 Stanford Ave.) for some outdoor activities and games; they will finish up at St. John's UMC at 5 p.m. Parents please note youth are to be picked up at church.

Guest Preacher Next Sunday

Next Sunday, November 21, we will welcome guest preacher, Rev. Todd Rossnagel, Director of Communication Strategies for the Louisiana Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. His sermon, entitled, "30 Seconds," will be based on Luke 10:38-42, the story of Mary and Martha hosting Jesus in their home. Its message will hopefully settle your soul prior to a very busy week and the start of the holiday season.

60th Anniversary Plaques, Ornaments, and Cookbooks

If you ordered a cookbook or an ornament, please come pick them up in the church office during regular office hours (Mon - Thurs, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.). We also have a limited number of plaques (\$30) available.

Upcoming Meetings and Groups

St. John's Writers' Group, Sunday, November 14, 4 p.m. on Zoom. Contact Mari Walker for Zoom information. Every one is invited to zoom in.

Good Grief, St. John's! Tuesday, November 16, 5:30 p.m. in the Parlor.

Finance Committee, Thursday, November 18, 6:30 p.m. in the Library. If you would like to attend on Zoom, contact Pastor Lane at pastorlane@stjohnsbr.org for Zoom information.

Holiday Super Store, Monday, November 22. Meet at Target on Siegen at 8 a.m. For more information contact Marilyn Damberg by e-mail or phone/text at 225-335-3321 if you have any questions.

Advent Fest, Sunday, December 5, 4 - 5:30 p.m. - Mark Your Calendars!

Lagniappe Kitchen Renovation Fund

Our fundraising efforts for the kitchen renovation are underway and we have already raised \$93,084! 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!

Thank You For Pledging

Thank you for those who have already made a financial pledge to God's work here at St. John's for 2022. Your pledge will enable us to move into the future with hope. Pledges allow us to plan for the year ahead. Your pledge is a vital tool to develop the operating budget and plan for outreach, education, and other important spiritual and formation programs. Thank you for providing for the mission and ministries of St. John's through your financial support. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex and can be turned in through the Offering or the church office. You can also pledge online: stjohnsbr.org/pledge-2022.

Thanksgiving Closures

The church office will be closed **Thursday, November 25** and **Friday, November 26**. We will resume regular office hours on Monday, November 29.

The Shepherd's Market will be closed **Thursday, November 25** and will resume regular drive-through pantry hours on Tuesday November 30.



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United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.