



*Sunday, January 19, 2025  
11 a.m. Worship Celebration*

All Are Welcome

Through our gospel reading today, we see Jesus' abundant, generous grace on full display as he turns water into wine during a wedding celebration. As those who follow Jesus' example, how might we strive for others to have abundant life too? Welcome to worship as we consider this question together.

***Whether you are a guest or member, we invite you to register your attendance and share any prayer requests you have at [stjohnsbr.org/here](https://stjohnsbr.org/here) or scan the QR code.***



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# Welcome to St. John's United Methodist Church

## GUEST INFORMATION

We are glad you've joined us and hope you feel at home here. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome. Our ushers are happy to assist you in anyway. Restrooms are in the Narthex, located in the back of the Sanctuary.

Please take home a copy of our Welcome Brochure located in the Narthex or view it online at: [stjohnsbr.org/welcome-brochure](http://stjohnsbr.org/welcome-brochure).

## 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. More details about the Prayground 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 in 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 18 months through 12th grade from 9:45-10:45 a.m.

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# The Celebration of the Gospel

*\*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

**Bold** indicates congregational response.

Please scan the QR Code to register your attendance.



## Prelude

## Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

## Introit

*Make Me a Servant*  
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2176

## \*Call to Worship

Julian Hartman

We come this day, gracious God,  
as people in need of your steadfast love.

**With you is the fountain of life;  
in your Light we see light.**

We gather this day, Water-changing God,  
as people looking for signs.

**With you is the fountain of life;  
in your Light we see light.**

We worship this day, Life-changing God,  
for the best of yet to come!

**With you is the fountain of life;  
in your Light we see light.**

## \*Hymn

*We Are Called*  
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2172, vs 1 - 3

## \*Sharing the Love and Peace of Christ

## Children's Moment

Barbara Benton

## Prayer for Illumination

**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.**

## \*Scripture

John 2:1-11

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.**

## Witness to the Word

Pastor Lane

"They Have No Wine"

**\*Hymn**

*The Servant Song*  
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2222, vs. 1 - 4

**Mission Moment: Cuba Mission**

Donnie Lambert

**Prayer of Intercession**

Pastor Lane

God of wedding parties and new wine,  
of love and laughter, dancing and singing,  
we pause to pray for those among your worldwide family  
who today may be feeling left out in the cold.

**Bless the many people who must toil for such long hours  
that there is no time or energy to laugh or sing.**

Bless your children who feel so demeaned and exploited  
that they view even angels of mercy with suspicion and fear.

**Bless the many folk who are caught in vicious cycles of evil  
and can see no way to escape.**

Bless those among your children whose every waking hour is  
spent in pain, and whose sleep is at the best fitful.

**Bless those people who are drawn to Christ and new life,  
yet who fear the scorn of family, friends or workmates.**

Bless your children who once tasted the new wine of Christ  
but have now slipped away into indifference, or maybe despair.

**Bless those folk who with much trembling,  
hand their lives over to you this day.**

**May they find faith and courage for the days to come.**

Bless the people of your church,  
that abundant love may flow in our prayers  
and our prayers flow into generous words and deeds.

**In the name of the Christ who makes all things new. Amen!**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God**

*Brother James's Air (Marosa)*  
Arranged by Gordon Jacob  
Chancel Choir Anthem

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Each gift enables us to be a blessing in our community.  
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**\*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!**

**Call to Action**

*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 closing hymn.*

**\*Hymn**

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*  
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2153, vs. 1 - 3

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

## *Worship Notes*

Prayer of Intercession adapted from Bruce Pewer.

Ushers for the 8:30 service are Bill and Jane Metcalf.

# Announcements

## OFFICE AND PANTRY CLOSURES

The church and The Shepherd's Market will be closed **Monday, January 20**, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and remain closed **Tuesday, January 21** because of the expected inclement weather.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS, WEATHER PERMITTING

The Trustees meeting planned for Tuesday, January 21 will not meet and will be rescheduled.

The Finance Committee will meet on **Thursday, January 30 at 5:30 p.m.** in the Library. Both the 2024 and 2025 committee members will meet to go over this year's budget.

## FROM FEAR TO BELONGING - ONLINE PRAYER VIGIL

Join The United Methodist Church on **Monday, January 20, from 4-5 p.m.** for "From Fear to Belonging," an online prayer vigil to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy. The event will feature music, prayers, and messages from across the denomination. The vigil will also feature a time to confess our collective sins and reframe the narrative from fear to belonging. You will need to register at [stjohnsbr.org/prayervigil](http://stjohnsbr.org/prayervigil) in order to receive the link to participate.

## JANUARY 26 is UWF SUNDAY

Next Sunday, January 26, is United Women in Faith Sunday, and we will welcome Rev. Mary Rachel Moore, LSU's new Wesley Foundation Director, as our guest preacher. We will also hear about the impact UWF is making through their various mission efforts and recognize this year's recipients of the Special Mission Recognition Pin, given to members of St. John's who exemplify the motto of "Compassionate Commitment."

## KARAOKE C.H.A.O.S.

Come make a joyful noise with us at our C.H.A.O.S. event on **Sunday, January 26 from 4-6 p.m.** in the Family Life Center. Participants will have an opportunity to lift their voice in song during karaoke, create Valentine's Day cards for our home-centered and facility bound members, and share a meal together. Join us for St. John's fellowship, singing, and if you want, make Valentine's Day cards!

## GOOD GRIEF! SUPPORT FELLOWSHIP RESCHEDULED

Good Grief! originally scheduled for Tuesday, January 21 has been rescheduled to **Tuesday, January 28 at 5:30 p.m.** in The Founders' Parlor.

## COUNCIL KICKOFF: A MORNING OF ORIENTATION & COLLABORATION

The Church Council will gather on **Saturday, February 8, from 8:30 to 11:30 AM** for a morning of orientation and collaboration. During this session, we will take time to reflect on our accomplishments and experiences from 2024, as well as look ahead to opportunities and goals for this year. We will also take care of some beginning-of-the-year business, including the adoption of the 2025 budget. Though this is designed for the 2025 Church Council, anyone who is interested in attending is welcome to come. Please let us know in the church office ([office@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:office@stjohnsbr.org)) that you're coming so we can plan accordingly.

## COFFEE TIME SNACKS

If your last name begins with **H - K**, "your" day to bring a snack for Coffee Time is next Sunday, **January 26**. Remember, this is just a much appreciated suggestion not an obligation. *Please bring your items in a disposable container or single-use dish, and take them to the FLC by 9:30 a.m.*

## 2025 FLOWER CHART

The 2025 Flower Chart is up in the hallway of the Admin/Education Building. This is a wonderful way to remember or honor someone in your family, a very good friend, a group, or to the Glory of God, to name a few. Lynn will contact you during the week to remind you your Sunday is coming up and will ask you for a dedication to be printed in the bulletin. Many thanks for adding to the beauty of our Sanctuary and to the day the Lord has made.

## **NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Beginning **Sunday, January 26**, we are asking members to spend some time with the youngest blessings of St. John's. This will help us meet our budget and best stretch your contributions! If no children arrive within the first 15 minutes of the worship service and/or Sunday School, volunteers are free to leave the nursery. You will remain "on call" until your time has ended and will receive a text if a child shows up and you are needed. Thank you for your willingness to serve on the rotation with others!

**To sign up and share your availability, go to [stjohnsbr.org/nurseryvolunteer](http://stjohnsbr.org/nurseryvolunteer).** Also, keep an eye out for Safe Sanctuary Training sign-up, coming soon!

*Middle school and high school students are welcome to sign up, too!*

## **2025 CHURCH LEADERS INSTALLATION AND BLESSING**

On **Sunday, February 9** at both worship services we will have an installation of officers of our committees and will offer a blessing to those who have been called to serve in leadership and as members of our boards and committees of the church for 2025.

## **DONATE TO UMCOR/CALIFORNIA FIRES**

If you would like to help the California relief effort through UMCOR, you can go online at [stjohnsbr.org/give](http://stjohnsbr.org/give), on the General Budget pull down menu select Missions and on the Sub Fund pull down menu, select Disaster Relief/UMCOR. You may also pay by check with UMCOR or CA Fire Relief in the memo line. You may mail the check to the office or put your check or cash (marked on the envelope UMCOR or CA Fire Relief) in the offering plate on Sunday. Remember, 100% of your donation goes to the California relief effort.

# *Youth and Children's Ministries*

## **YOUTH AND CHILDREN SUNDAY FLOW**

We offer faith formation for children and youth of all ages during Sunday School.

**Upstairs Café opens at 9:30 a.m.** - Students start in the Upstairs Cafe (Room 202 of the Admin building) helping them get settled, enjoy a snack, and have a time of fellowship with one another before separating into their age specific Sunday School groups.

**Sunday School Classes** - Children 2 yrs to 4 yrs are in the Pre-K Room on the first floor of the Admin building; students in Kindergarten through 2nd grade are in Room 204; students in 3rd through 5th grades are in Room 207; students in 6th through 12th grades are in the Youth Sunday School class Room 201.

## **UPSTAIRS CAFE SNACK SCHEDULE**

First Sundays - Sunday School Teachers

Second Sundays - PreK - 2nd Families

Third Sundays - 3rd - 5th Families

Fourth Sundays - Youth Families.

We will deal with Fifth Sundays separately.

## **JOIN MUSIC MAKERS**

Music Makers rehearse on **Sundays at 4:30 p.m.** in the Choir Room. This is a wonderful opportunity for Kindergarten through 5th grade students as well as Youth (6th - 12th grades) to be introduced to songs and hymns of the United Methodist Church and a variety of instruments. Drop them off and pick them up in the choir room. They will have a wonderful time with Dr. Steve.

## **YOUTH GROUP (6th-12th Grades)**

**First Sundays:** The St. John's youth group gathers on the first Sunday of each month from 4 - 5:30 p.m. at the homes of different church members for small group Bible Study, games, crafts, or other activities.

**Third Wednesdays:** Youth also meet on the third Wednesday of each month from 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room for Wednesday Night Live.

# *This Week at St. John's*

## **Sunday, January 19**

8:00 a.m. Praise Team Warm Up, Sanctuary  
8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary  
9:30 a.m. Coffee Time, FLC\*  
9:30 a.m. Upstairs Cafe, 202 Admin Bldg.  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Campus wide  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary  
4:30 p.m. Music Makers, Choir Room  
6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Bells Room

## **Monday, January 20**

**THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED**  
**THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET IS CLOSED**  
7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC  
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

## **Tuesday, January 21**

**THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED**  
**THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET IS CLOSED**

## **Wednesday, January 22 - weather permitting**

7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC  
9:00 a.m. BR District Audit Committee, FLC  
6:30 p.m. Ladies' AA Meeting, FLC-C  
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room

## **Thursday, January 23**

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market Client-Choice Food Pantry, FLC

## **Friday, January 24**

7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC  
8:00 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, FLC

## **Saturday, January 25**

9:00 a.m. River City Quilt Workshop, FLC  
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C  
2:00 p.m. Youth Community Connection, Location TBA  
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC

\*Family Life Center

## *More Youth Announcements*

### **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

St. John's Youth and their friends will get together on **Saturday, January 25, 2 - 3:30 p.m.** for refreshments and fellowship. The location will be announced in next week's Youth Newsletter - but you should mark calendars now so you don't miss it.

### **NEW YOUTH COUNCIL**

The Youth Council is a team that will meet regularly to collaborate and answer different questions about the youth ministry at St. John's: Do we want to plan a lock-in? What activities should we include? What are some community service projects we should be involved in? Where and when do we want to go for a summer mission trip? If you are an adult or youth student who would like to help create & plan various events and programs for our students in 6th - 12th grades, consider joining them at their first meeting February 9 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. Please contact Connor ([connordean@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:connordean@stjohnsbr.org)) if you or your student is interested in serving on the Youth Council.



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