



Sunday, January 21, 2024  
**11:00 WORSHIP CELEBRATION**  
All Are Welcome

Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." John 1:44-45

*Whether you are a guest or member, we invite you to scan the QR code to register your attendance 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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**ST. JOHN'S**  
United Methodist Church

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*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*

# GUEST INFORMATION

Welcome to worship! 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.

You are invited to participate in any of our activities, and to become a part of this community of faith and love.

*Thank you for being here.*

## 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. 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 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.

*Any questions? Ushers are glad to assist you.*

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# Welcome To The Celebration Of The Gospel

*\*Please stand as you are comfortable.  
**Bold** indicates congregational response.  
Please scan the QR Code to register your attendance.*



## Gathering

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Jack O'Dell

Introit

*Come We That Love the Lord*

**\*Call to Worship**

Darlene Dickson

For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"  
who has shone in our hearts  
**to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God  
in the face of Jesus Christ.**

**\*Prayer**

O God of all the nations, you manifested your love by sending  
your only Son into the world that all might live through him.  
Pour your Spirit on your Church, that it may fulfill his command  
to preach the gospel everywhere; send forth laborers into your  
harvest; defend them in all dangers and temptations; give them  
grace to bear faithful witness to you; endue them with zeal and  
love, that they may turn many to righteousness; through the same  
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*Spirit Song*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 347, vs. 1 & 2

## Listening

Children's Message

Natalie Cooper

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**

Jonah 3

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.**

**Sermon**

“Three Conversions”

Rev. Jack

# Responding

**\*Hymn of Faith**

*Amazing Grace*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 378, vs. 1 - 3

**\*Affirming Our Faith**

The Apostles' Creed  
The United Methodist Hymnal 881

Darlene Dickson

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he arose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God  
the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*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.**

## \*Sharing the Love and Peace of Christ

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Jack

The Lord's Prayer

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

*Sing a Song of Praise*

by Allen Pote

Anthem: Chancel Choir

Penny Kemler on flute

*We appreciate your generosity.*

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

*You may give online at [stjohnsbr.org/give](http://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!**

## Departing to Serve

Call to Action

Connor Dean

*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 of Discipleship

*O How He Loves You and Me*

The Faith We Sing Songbook 2108, vs. 1 & 2

\*Benediction

Rev. Jack

\*Postlude

*The end of worship.*

*The beginning of service.*

## Worship Notes

### FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given by Pam Toney in celebration of John's 72nd birthday! Happy birthday, John!

### USHERS

Ushers for the 11:00 service are Susanna Seals and Harriet Walters.

# Announcements

## **THIS WEEK'S PASTOR ON CALL**

Pastor Lane is taking Bereavement Leave in the recent passing of her father. For the week of January 21, the Pastor On Call is Rev. Dr. Jack O'Dell. He can be reached on his cell: 318-401-1243, should a pastoral need arise. Thanks Rev. Jack for preaching and leading worship for us today, too.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Finance Committee will have a meeting on **Thursday, January 25 at 6 p.m.** in the Library.

## **8-SESSION BIBLE STUDY STARTS AT THE END OF JANUARY**

Our upcoming Bible Study on James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2, & 3 John, and Jude explores these letters not only with a keen theological eye and a pastor's heart, but also with the imagination of a poet and master storyteller. Guy Johnson will be leading this 8-session Bible Study using the Immersion workbook as the guide, which is designed to help us explore the emotional, spiritual, and intellectual needs of our faith.

We will offer two sessions of this study. Choose the one that works best for you!

- DAYTIME: Mondays at 10am (starting January 29)
- EVENING: Tuesdays at 6pm (starting January 30)

Register online at [stjohnsbr.org/winter-study-2024](http://stjohnsbr.org/winter-study-2024) or by filling out the form in the Narthex.

Participants will need a workbook and a Bible. Workbooks are \$15 and will be handed out at the first class session. If you do not have a Bible, the church can provide one for you. A nursery as well as scholarships are available upon request. Please contact the church office ([office@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:office@stjohnsbr.org); 225-766-4594) for assistance.

You can pay for your workbook online at [stjohnsbr.org/give](http://stjohnsbr.org/give) (Select "SS Classes and Small Groups" Fund; "Bible Study" Sub fund) or by placing a check in the offering plate made out to St. John's, with Bible Study on the memo line.

## **YOUTH GROUP SPRING SEMESTER**

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

**Third Wednesdays:** Youth will also meet on the third Wednesday of each month from 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room for *Wednesday Night Live*. Monthly activity calendars are being mailed to households with youth. Contact Connor Dean ([connordean@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:connordean@stjohnsbr.org)) if you did not receive one. **YOUTH WILL MEET WEDNESDAY JANUARY 17 AT 6 PM IN THE YOUTH ROOM!**

## **YOUTH MEALS NEEDED**

Help is needed to feed our Youth once a month! Yes, it is only for the third Wednesday of each month for 8 - 10 people. The meal should be brought to the Admin Building between 5:45 and 6 p.m. Sign up to help at [stjohnsbr.org/YouthMeals](http://stjohnsbr.org/YouthMeals). Contact Connor Dean ([connordean@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:connordean@stjohnsbr.org)) for more information.

## **C.H.A.O.S. - CHRIST HERE AND OTHER SPACES**

Save these dates for our upcoming events for children and their families!

**January 28, 4:00 p.m.** Join us for a family movie night in the Family Life Center. We will enjoy a hot cocoa bar as well! Families can vote for the movie we will watch by using this link: [stjohnsbr.org/MovieNight](http://stjohnsbr.org/MovieNight).

**February 25, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.** Bring your leftover Mardi Gras beads and join us for a craft night using upcycled beads! Dinner will be included.

**March 23, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.** St. John's UMC is hosting our annual Bunny Breakfast celebration - complete with pancakes, crafts, games, and an egg hunt. You won't want to miss out on this!

**April 28, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.** Save the date for this event... More info coming soon!

# This Week at St. John's

## **Sunday, January 21**

- 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, Rm 202
- 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. Bells Practice, Bells Room

## **Monday, January 22**

- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Founders' Parlor
- 3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, Library
- 3:30 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
- 4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Founders' Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

## **Tuesday, January 23**

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
- 2:00 p.m. Grief Support, Founders' Parlor
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

## **Wednesday, January 24**

- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room
- 6:30 p.m. Women's AA Meeting, FLC-C

## **Thursday, January 25**

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee, Library

## **Friday, January 26**

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Founders' Parlor
- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC
- 8:00 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, FLC

## **Saturday, January 27**

- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC

\*Family Life Center