



CALLED **TO** ***COMMUNITY***

Sunday, October 22, 2023

11 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATION

All Are Welcome

When Jesus was ascending he said “GO!” He sent the disciples out to invest and give their “all” to the furthering of his message during a peak time of uncertainty. Through them, the church was born! And we are still being called to do the same. We revisit this story today with our third sermon in our “Called to Community” worship series. Welcome to worship.

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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.



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.

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ST. JOHN'S

United Methodist Church

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. If you are feeling cold, shawls are available in a basket in front of the media desk in the back of the sanctuary. 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 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.

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.*



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Introit

Spirit of God

***Call to Worship**

Bill Metcalf

We are beloved children of God:

Called to serve, and to bless, and to love.

We are citizens of the world:

Called to care, and to respond, and to generosity.

We are members of a community:

Called to support, and to nurture, and to welcome.

We belong to God and to one another.

**So may our hearts be as one, as we worship our God,
who calls us together in love.**

***Hymn of Praise**

We Are Called

The Faith We Sing Songbook 2172, vs. 1 & 2

***Opening Prayer**

Pastor Lane

God of incredible surprises,

**As we gaze into the clouds, remind us that we are standing
on holy ground.**

**Draw our attention from the vision of the Lord rising to the
heavens to be with you and help us to focus on the
ministries that you would have us do.**

**Keep us rooted in faith and willing to serve you all our days.
Amen.**

***Sharing the Love and Peace of Christ**

COMMUNITY FORMATION

Children's Moment

Darlene Dickson

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 Reading

Acts 1:6-11

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.

Message

"Putting Down Roots"

Pastor Lane

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS

*Hymn of Faith

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2241, vs. 1, 2, & 4

*Affirming Our Faith

The Nicene Creed
The United Methodist Hymnal 880

Bill Metcalf

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
True God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**He came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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.**

Stewardship Moment

Gray Sexton, Chair
Staff, Parish Relations Committee

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

He Is Exalted
arranged by Stan Pethel
Chancel Choir Anthem

*We appreciate your generosity.
Each gift enables us to be a blessing in our community.
You may give online by scanning the QR Code
or navigate to 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!**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

THE COMMUNITY DEPARTS

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 of Discipleship**

Go, Make of All Disciples
The United Methodist Hymnal 571, vs. 1 & 4

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

*The end of worship.
The beginning of service*

WORSHIP NOTES

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are given by Beth Forester to the Glory of God and in memory of her parents, Eva and Chuck Forester.

The rosebud on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Ezra Sayer Adams. Ezra was born on October 14 and is the son of Anna Woods and Justin Adams. Ezra is the grandson of Bryan and Cindy Adams.

USHERS

Ushers for today's worship service are Scott Durham and Renee Rodi.

Worship & Music

ONE SERVICE & POTLUCK AT 10 A.M. OCTOBER 29

We will have one service next **Sunday, October 29, at 10 a.m.** for Commitment Sunday, which is the culmination of our 2024 Stewardship Campaign, "Called to Community." Next Sunday we will celebrate the gifts that we all contribute and all the ways we are stewards to each other and to the broader communities that St. John's serves. Our celebration will continue with a potluck luncheon immediately following the service at 10 a.m. Bring your pledge card and a dish to share for the luncheon.

If you would like more information about our goals for 2024, Stewardship Packets are available in the Narthex and Church Office. Please prayerfully consider how you will join us in answering our "call to community" by turning in your pledge for 2024 next Sunday. For your convenience, you may also pledge online at stjohnsbr.org/pledge-2024. We will have additional printed pledge cards available next Sunday.

MEN'S CHORUS

We are putting together a men's chorus to perform on Sunday, October 29 in worship. This is an open invitation for all men to come and sing. We will hold one more rehearsal, **Tuesday October 24 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the sanctuary**. The rehearsals will prepare us to sing together on Commitment Sunday, which is October 29. We will have one worship service that day at 10 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Rushing at stevenrushing@stjohnsbr.org

MUSIC MAKERS RESUMES OCTOBER 29

Join us for Music Makers on October 29 as we get ready to share music in an upcoming worship service and as we get ready for Advent & Christmas! Music Makers will not meet today because everybody will be at the Fall Fest. If you have a child (or children) in grades Kindergarten through fifth grade bring them to Music Makers on October 29 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. and on the first three Sundays of the month so they can explore their faith through music.

ALL SAINTS' DAY

On **Sunday, November 5**, we will be observing All Saints' Day in worship. During the service, we will remember and give thanks for those who have passed away since the previous November 1, by reading their names and lighting a candle, giving thanks for their lives and good witness. If you have a loved one who has died in the past year that you would like us to name aloud in those services, **please email Pastor Lane (pastorlane@stjohnsbr.org) with their name by October 30.**

Fellowship & Spiritual Growth

WOULD YOU CONTRIBUTE TO OUR ADVENT DEVOTIONAL?

The St. John's Writer's Group is curating a publication to enrich our Advent journey this year, and we invite anyone in our congregation to submit a reflection. Our theme for the year is "The Gift of Many Names," to follow with our Advent worship series, but you are encouraged to share anything from the heart related to Advent or Christmas. For more information, please email silvermari@gmail.com. Submissions are due to Mari no later than Friday, November 3.

Servanthood

TODAY IS FALL FEST!

We are so excited to welcome families in our community to Fall Fest **today from 4 - 6 p.m.** Fall Fest will be a community celebration involving activity stations, a trunk-or-treat, food, and an inflatable slide. We are so excited for this opportunity to engage more families in our area. Thank you for supporting this community outreach event!

NOTES:

- volunteers, please be here by 3:30 p.m.
- trunk or treaters, please be here by 3:30 p.m.
- we are accepting candy donations until 3:30 p.m.

HELP MAKE NEW CHRISMON TREE ORNAMENTS!

The United Women in Faith is refurbishing the Chrismon ornaments which we have been using since the mid 1980's. As you may know our sanctuary tree is decorated with gold and white ornaments called Christ monograms or Chrismons (Christ and Monograms).

We will have an informational and instructional workshop on **Wednesday, November 1**, meeting in the library from 9 - 11 a.m. Kits will be provided with all the supplies you need to make an ornament. If you are unable to meet with us and want to create an ornament, please see Pat Lively for kits to make counted-cross stitch ornaments and/or Joyce Perry for kits to make beaded ornaments.

MEALS FOR ST. JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP

Help us provide meals for the St. John's youth group for their evening fellowship on the **second and fourth Wednesday of the month**. Students meet from 6-8 p.m.; meals should be delivered between 5:45 - 6 p.m. to the Admin Building. The meal should include an entree, side dish, and dessert for 8-10 people. You are welcome to bring a home-cooked meal or order fast food (pizza, chicken fingers, tacos, etc.). We will have drinks, plates, and cutlery. You can signup by scanning the QR code or by visiting this link: tinyurl.com/StJohnsYouthMeals.



Youth & Children's Ministries

FALL DISCIPLESHIP SERIES - C.H.A.O.S.

Our fall discipleship series for children & families is called C.H.A.O.S., which is an acronym that stands for...

Christ Here And Other Spaces

This month's C.H.A.O.S. is FALL FEST! Join us **TODAY from 4-6 p.m.** for this family-friendly community wide event.

We will meet again, next month, for C.H.A.O.S. on **Sunday, November 26 from 4- 6 p.m.** in the Family Life Center. The lesson will focus on how we can make and prepare spaces for Christ in our lives and in the lives of those around us. To accompany this lesson, we will work on Chrismons (Christian ornaments) with guidance from some of the members of the St. John's United Women in Faith. Dinner will be included. We hope to see you all there.

SUNDAY MORNING CAFE TIME AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30-9:50 Cafe time for youth & children (K-12th) in Room 202

9:50-10:50 Children's & Youth Sunday School time

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY SERIES - BIBLICAL LAMENT

The study series we are following for Sunday School from now until Advent is called "Biblical Lament." This series is designed to help teenagers navigate complex feelings and experiences by finding Biblical examples of the same feelings and experiences. The series covers topics such as sadness, fear, joy, surprise, anger, and even issues facing LGBTQ youth.

YOUTH GROUP

In addition to our Sunday School times, the St. John's youth group (6th-12th grades) meets for Bible study on 1st and 3rd Sundays, 4-6 pm, and for fellowship activities on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 6-8 pm. Dinner is provided on Wednesday nights.

Youth Halloween Party

We are hosting a Halloween Party on **Sunday, October 29 from 4-6 p.m.** in the St. John's FLC. Other UMC youth groups in the greater Baton Rouge area have been invited to join in on the fun, too!

We will play some Halloween-themed games and have a costume contest. (Students, please use discretion for costumes, nothing too scary or inappropriate.)

Snacks: Students with last names starting with A-K should bring a salty/savory snack to share. Students with last names starting with L-Z should bring a sweet snack to share. Snacks can be Halloween-themed or simply cookies/chips. Drinks, plates, napkins, and plastic cutlery will be provided.

Junior High Retreat

Junior High Retreat is just around the corner! The Wesley Center in Woodworth, LA (where we gathered for Fusion Fest back in September) is hosting an overnight, weekend-long retreat for students in **6th-8th grades**. The retreat will start in the evening on Friday, November 3, and students will return in the afternoon on Sunday, November 5. Students are only required to pay \$35 to secure their spot for the trip. St. John's will cover the rest! Cash/check payments can be turned in to the church office, and credit/debit card payments can be submitted online. **The deposits and completed initial registration form (found at stjohnsbr.org/jr-high-retreat) are due by noon on October 20.**

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, October 22

- 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
- 4:00 p.m. FALL FEST, FLC
- 4:30 p.m. Music Makers, Choir Room
- 6:00 p.m. Bells Practice, Bells Room

Monday, October 23

- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Immersion Bible Study, Library
- 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, Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Tuesday, October 24

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
- 2:00 p.m. GriefShare Support Program, Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Immersion Bible Study, Library
- 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Chorus Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 25

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

Thursday, October 26

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC

Friday, October 27

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

Saturday, October 28

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC

*Family Life Center