



CHRIST IS RISEN!

ALLELUIA!

*Sunday, March 31, 2024
11 a.m. Worship Celebration*

All Are Welcome

“In three words I can summarize everything I have learned about life: it goes on.”

- Robert Frost

The Easter story is a proclamation of resurrection, new life, and hope! It is a day we proclaim that while death is a part of life – even little “deaths” along the way of dreams, of love, of the way we thought life would go – we are part of a faith that invites us to consider that the Good Gardener is always tending us, abiding with us, beyond any kind of death that faces us. Easter tells us that life goes on. Welcome to worship, as we celebrate that the tomb is empty and Christ is alive forevermore.

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

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.

ST JOHN'S CLERGY AND STAFF

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Welcome to the Celebration of the Risen Lord!

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



Prelude

An Easter Fanfare
Terry Byars, piano

Words of Welcome and Prayer

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Procession of Light and New Life

Carillon for a Joyous Day
By Douglas E. Wagner
Alleluia Ringers

The children will process with flowers to decorate our resurrection cross.

Gathering Song

Hallelujah! Jesus Is Risen
By David L. Ray
Music Makers

*Call to Worship

Darlene Dickson

Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope.
Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. And it is true. Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord is with us
now and always.

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Amen.

*Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
The United Methodist Hymnal 302, vs. 1 - 3

Children's Message

Pastor Lane and Connor Dean

Anthem

Lord of the Dance
Shaker Tune - Words by Sidney Carter
Music Makers

Prayer

Pastor Lane

**O Risen Christ,
Open us to the power of your resurrection as we hear it
proclaimed anew this day, that we too might rise to new life
in you. Amen.**

*Scripture

Pastor Lane and
Rev. Larry Norman

John 21:1-18

A Word of God that is still speaking,
Thanks be to God.

Witness to the Word

Pastor Lane

“Jesus is Alive as God is Alive”

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn

Hymn of Promise
The United Methodist Hymnal 707, vs. 1 - 3

*Easter Proclamation

Rev. Larry
By John Winn

With the enthusiasm of a Disciple, the heart of a Pastor,
the soul of a Priest, and the mind of a Prophet,
let us unite in the Easter Proclamation.

**I believe that my life is a gift,
that it keeps coming and never ends;
that more than anything I possess or consume,
it is love alone that makes it worth living.**

**I believe that I am loved;
by people near and far, young and old;
that love can be a memory;
love can be a touch; love can be a word spoken in truth;
but whenever and however it happens,
it, too, comes as a gift and renews my life.**

**I believe that I can love—myself,
people who are like me, people who are different from me;
I can do it with my whole being: body, mind, and spirit.**

**I believe that is what loving God is all about:
and that is precisely the way God keeps
giving life back to us; God loves us back to life!
again and again and again! Amen.**

*Musical Response

Alleluia
The United Methodist Hymnal 186, vs. 1
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Sharing the Love and Peace of Christ

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Offertory: *African Alleluia*

By Jay Althouse
Chancel Choir

*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!**

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

He Lives

The United Methodist Hymnal 310, vs. 1 - 3

*Benediction

*Postlude

*The end of worship.
The beginning of service.*

Worship Notes

ROSEBUD ON ALTAR

The rosebud on the altar is placed in honor of the birth of Norah Katherine, daughter of Mary Hannah and Thornton Johnson and granddaughter of Troy and Sarah Prevot, born on March 25, 2024, weighing 8 pounds 12 ounces and measuring 19.5 inches.

EASTER LILIES

A list of Easter lily dedications can be found on the back of the bulletin.

USHERS

Ushers for the 11:00 service are Fred and Becky Shearer.

Announcements

SUPPORT THE FOOD PANTRY

Don't forget to pick up a yellow shopping bag on your way out of worship. Bring it back next week for Grocery Bag Sunday to help keep the shelves of The Shepherd's Market stocked with food to serve those who come to shop. On Grocery Bag Sunday in March we collected 797 pounds of nonperishable foods and household items. Let's try to collect over 800 pounds in April! So far this year, you have donated 2,447 pounds to the Shepherd's Market!

EASTER CLOSURES

The church office will be closed **Good Friday, March 29** and **Easter Monday, April 1**. The office will reopen Tuesday, April 2 at 9 a.m.

The Shepherd's Market will be closed **Easter Monday, April 1** and will reopen Tuesday, April 2 at 8 a.m. for regular shopping.

RESURRECTION STORIES AND SONGS

On **Sunday, April 7**, we will share in a service of Resurrection Stories and Songs at both 8:30 and 11 a.m. It will be in the style of "Lessons and Carols," which is popular around Advent and Christmas. We will read together the varied post-Easter resurrection stories of Jesus visiting his disciples and sing some of the most beloved Easter hymns of our faith. These stories in scripture will continue to inspire, as will the joyful music and the other aspects of our worship. (We will not share in Holy Communion this day, but it will be celebrated at both services Sunday, April 14.)

MUSIC MAKERS

There will be no Music Makers this afternoon. We will resume on **Sunday, April 7 at 4:30 p.m.** If you have a child in Kindergarten through 5th grade, we would love to have them join us. Just bring them to the Choir Room at 4:30 and pick them up at 5:30 in the Choir Room.

UWF CIRCLE OF THE HEART

The United Women of Faith (UWF) Circle of the Heart will meet on **Wednesday, April 10 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Founders' Parlor. All women are invited to attend.

PICKLE BALL AT ST. JOHN'S!

Join us for a friendly pickle ball match on **Sunday, April 14 from 3 - 4:30 p.m.** in the Family Life Center. Paddles and balls will be provided, but feel free to bring your own gear if you prefer. We will also have some light snacks and finger foods. Even if you aren't comfortable playing, we invite you to join us for this opportunity for food, fun, and fellowship!

COMMUNION COMPANIONS

Our Communion Companions will have a meeting on **Sunday, April 14 at 4:30 p.m.** to offer support and encouragement to one another in this caring ministry role. Our Communion Companions make monthly visits to our church members who are home-centered or facility-centered to offer Holy Communion and fellowship. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please contact Pastor Lane (pastorlane@stjohnsbr.org).

NEW WORSHIP SERIES: "UNIQUELY UMC" STARTS APRIL 14

Jesus' followers gather in churches of many different varieties: Catholic, Baptist, Presbyterian, Nondenominational, and so on. St. John's identity is rooted in The United Methodist Church. What is unique about being a United Methodist Christian and why does it matter? Beginning April 14, join us as we explore the possibilities and practices of being United Methodist through our "Uniquely UMC" worship series.

Thank You

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP

Thank you to all who aided in making our Holy Week and Easter worship so meaningful.

EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

Thank you to all of our volunteers, donors, and community members who provided so much support during this event. Without your help, we would not be able to host events like this one. We are abundantly blessed to have such a generous and servant-spirited congregation. We were able to share this free and fun event with over 100 children in our community — that's something to praise God for. And what a way to kick off Holy Week!

SPRING WORK DAYS

Many thanks to all who came out on the two work days sponsored by the Trustees. Our campus looks wonderful for Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

BABY CHICKS

Thank you to Zachary Feed and Seed for supplying us with the baby chicks.

Intern at St. John's

SEEKING SUMMER INTERN APPLICANTS

Applications are now being accepted for our Summer Internships! There are two different positions available: one youth ministry intern and one children's ministry intern. Youth ministry involves working closely with students in 6th - 12th grades while children's ministry involves working closely with students in 5th grade and younger. Each internship spans 13-weeks throughout the summer, with the expectation of working at least 20 hrs each week -- including Sunday mornings from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. These positions are designed for young adults who have a passion for ministry with youth and/or may be exploring a call to ministry by providing an opportunity to lead young believers in their spiritual formation through dynamic programming. It is a great opportunity to gain valuable ministry and leadership experience!

We are looking for people who have a desire to learn, serve, and encourage others in a local church setting. This is a great opportunity for those majoring in education and humanities, but all degree programs are welcome.

Each intern will receive \$2,000, to be paid semi-monthly (15th & 30th of each month) during the 13-week internship. For more information, visit: stjohnsbr.org/summer-interns-2024/

Anyone who is interested should send a cover letter, resume, and the contact information of at least two references to jobs@stjohnsbr.org by **April 15, 2024**.

Upcoming Events For

CHILDREN



Park Playdate

April 28 | 4-6 PM

Join us for a playdate at Highland Road Community Park as we build stronger relationships with God and one another by playing in creation.

Vacation Bible School

June 17-21 | 8 AM - 12 PM

Children in 5th grade & younger (2023/24 school year) are invited to join us for VBS! You can register online at stjohnsbr.org/vbs-2024.

Summer Pool Parties

May 24 | 6-8 PM

July 21 | 4-6 PM

Members of St. John's offer to host pool parties for children throughout the summer. We invite you to join in on the fun on May 24 & July 21!

Glow Party

July 12 | 6-8 PM

\$20 Admission

Invite your friends and get your glow on with us at this fundraiser for our Children's Ministry. Music, food, drinks, and fun are provided!

Upcoming Events For

YOUTH



Bible Study

April 7 & May 5 | 4-6 PM

During the school year, our 6th-12th grade students gather at a church member's home on the first Sunday of each month for Bible Study.

Wednesday Night Live

April 17 & May 15 | 6-7:30 PM

During the school year, our youth gather in the Upstairs Café on the third Wednesday of each month for dinner and fellowship activities.

Summer Tour

*Wednesdays in June & July
6-8 PM*

Each Wednesday in June & July (except July 3), a different UMC church in the Baton Rouge area hosts an activity for students.

Youth Week

*July 29 - August 2
Various times each day (TBA)*

Join us for a week full of service and fun activities like laser tag, go karts, large group games, and more!
Pay \$25 participation fee by June 16.

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, March 31

- 8:00 a.m. Praise Team Warm Up, Sanctuary
- 8:20 a.m. Line-up for Flower Processional
- 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
- 10:50 a.m. Line-up for Flower Processional
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, April 1

OFFICE CLOSED

THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET CLOSED

- 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
- 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Tuesday, April 2

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

Wednesday, April 3

- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC
- 6:30 p.m. Ladies' AA Meeting, FLC-C

Thursday, April 4

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
- 5:00 p.m. River City Quilt Guild, FLC

Friday, April 5

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

Saturday, April 6

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC

*Family Life Center



Easter Lilies

In memory of...

Ronnie Benton by Barbara Benton

Karen Cochran by Bobbi Marino

Danny Fontenot by Hal Holloway and Bobby Johnson

Pearl Fournet by Suzanne and Gray Sexton

Walter Fournet, Jr. by Suzanne and Gray Sexton

Ron Johnson by Hal Holloway and Bobby Johnson

Danny Jones by Hal Holloway and Bobby Johnson

George & Frances Lindsley by Jim and Norma Thomason

Linda Locke by Jesse Locke

BJ McKee by Gray and Suzanne Sexton

Jim Schaffauser by Joyce and Bill Perry

Valentine Sexton by Gray and Suzanne Sexton

Hilda & James Thomason, Sr. by Jim and Norma Thomason

James Randle Yates by Clara Maynard

Angie Wall by Susan Teddlie

John Winn & Keith Hartman by the "Hart-Winn" family
(Pastor Lane, Ben, & Julian)

John Winn by Carole Cotton-Winn



In honor of...

All those that volunteer in The Shepherd's Market
by Jill & Phil Slicker

The congregation of St. John's UMC & Pastor Lane
by Lynn Cooper

Livia Walker, whose 8th birthday is today!
by Mari, Shawn & Jane Walker

*Thank you for your lily dedications.
Plants can be taken home following the
11 a.m. service or picked up during the week.*