

All Saints' Day



Sunday, November 6, 2022

8:30 & 11 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATION

All Are Welcome

Today in worship we will remember loved ones who have passed away this year during our All Saints Day Remembrance. As the names are read, a bell will toll and a candle bearing each name will be lit in their memory. It will be a beautiful and meaningful worship experience, and are delighted you have joined us for this celebration of life.

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.

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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.

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GATHERING

**Please stand as you are comfortable.
Bold indicates congregational response.*

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Procession of the Bell Banner

Paul Idikwu, 8:30
Seth Robertson, 11:00

*We Sing a Song of Praise

For All the Saints

The United Methodist Hymnal 711, vs. 1, 3, & 4

*We Prepare Our Hearts to Worship

Pastor Lane

We remember, O God...

The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time.

We remember, O God...

The tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes, the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones.

We remember, O God...

The gentle strength of grandparents, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, the sacrifice of so many.

We remember, O God...

The unfailing love of Jesus, the glory of his resurrection, and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the Lord.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving! Amen.

In Memoriam

*As each name is read, family and friends of the remembered are invited to stand in silence in their honor and memory.
After the bell is silent, you may be seated.*

Judy Barbay

March 12, 2022

St. John's Church Charter Member

William "Bill" Black

May 7, 2022

St. John's Church Member

Anne Byland

June 15, 2022

Mother of Dave Byland

James E. "Eddie" Byrd
November 14, 2021
Brother of Jackie Creed

Mark Chapman
September 10, 2022
Friend of Lenni Stickles

Claude K. Elkins, Jr.
November 17, 2021
Father of Janice Keene

Claude K. Elkins, IV
March 21, 2022
Nephew of Janice Keene

Ringa Feemster
February 9, 2022
Mother of Sherri Artecona

Don Fuller
April 14, 2022
St. John's Church Member

Andrea Benzina Theora Gourdine
February 17, 2022
Mother of Angeletta KM Gourdine

Frances Hammonds
November 11, 2021
St. John's Church Member

Keith Hartman
July 26, 2022
Father of Ben Hartman

Sandra Hodgson
April 17, 2022
Friend of Jim & Kathleen Matthew

Mary Jones
November 21, 2021
St. John's Church Member

Roy Keezel
August 15, 2022
Son-in-law of Betty Sandifer

Martha Kelly
July 17, 2022
St. John's Church Member

Nangaung Lahpai
September 13, 2022
Mother of Seng Kinraw

Emily "EJ" McCune
November 13, 2021
Friend of Kris Renfroe

Gilbert McMurry
January 2, 2022
St. John's Church Member

Karen Moody
May 20, 2022
St. John's Church Member

Daria Karen Moore
September 29, 2022
Niece of Rev. Bernie Johnson

Nelva D. O'Dell
July 28, 2022
Mother of Rev. Jack O'Dell

ToiAnnie Q. Odom
August 24, 2022
Friend of the Leleaux family

Thomas "Tom" Oswald
November 17, 2021
St. John's Church Member

Pauline Smith
August 22, 2022
Aunt of Beth Forester

Lillian Sprunger
April 7, 2022
Mother of Phil Sprunger

Christine B. Tanksley
September 3, 2022
Aunt of Janice Keene

Andre Toups
October 30, 2022
Friend of Anne & Mike Nolan

Sara Tubb
October 16, 2022
St. John's Church Member

Saroj Welch
August 28, 2022
St. John's Church Member

Daniel "Dan" Luther Winn
October 31, 2022
Brother of Pastor Lane

Bevelyn "Bev" Yonts
April 17, 2022
Mother of Pam Toney

Seab Young
June 8, 2022
St. John's Church Member

We Pray in Remembrance

**O God, whose love embraces all your children,
bind us together into one beloved community.
Make us conscious not only of those whom our eyes can see,
but also of that great unseen community of those who have
gone before us, our forefathers and mothers in the faith,**

those who have lived and died trusting your
promise, our loved ones, whose memory we honor this day,
and whose living presence is all around us.
By the power of your Spirit, make us one with them and one
with you, members of that communion, which is beyond all
time and space.
And with all the company of heaven, we will glorify our
Savior's name and sing your praise for all eternity! Amen.

***We Sing a Song of Remembrance**

Alleluia, Alleluia (2x)
The United Methodist Hymnal 143, vs. 1

LISTENING

Children's Message

Jennifer Curry

We Pray for Insight

Rev. Dr. Jack O'Dell

**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.**

Adapted from Psalm 19:14

***We Celebrate the Witness of Holy Scripture**

Luke 20:27-38

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

We Receive the Spoken Word

Rev. Jack

"Ain't Got Time"

RESPONDING

***We Sing a Hymn of Faith**

Come Thy Fount of Every Blessing
The United Methodist Hymnal 400, vs. 1 - 3

We Lift Our Confessions

**Beloved God,
who was known to our mothers and fathers, and to
our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us.
We do not always love as you would have us love.
We do not always do as you would have us do.
In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should
turn toward you.**

Hold us, dear One. Comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence.

We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones that we don't share with any but you.

Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.

A time of silence.

We Receive Forgiveness and Grace

Friends, hear the good news! Though thousands upon thousands of our ancestors did not follow God's ways perfectly, we have hope in the One who did! Jesus of Nazareth taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us. Thus, we and all who have come before us, are rightly known as Saints – the holy ones of God!

**Thanks be to God for God's mercy,
grace, and love! Amen.**

We Highlight Mission and Ministries

Sherri Artecona

United Women in Faith

We Offer Ourselves and Resources

Chancel Choir Anthem, 11 a.m.

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

by John H. Hopkins

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 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!**

***The Great Thanksgiving**

A Service of Word and Table III

The United Methodist Hymnal 15

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join in their proclamation:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blest is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The congregation is seated and the institution
of the Lord's Supper is recalled.*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and concludes:

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Everyone is welcome to share in Holy Communion.

Communion will be served using the ancient means of "intinction" with only the pastor and servers touching the elements, or, if you prefer, you may receive pre-packaged elements. Our communion elements are bread and grape juice.

A gluten-free option is also available.

You are invited to stay at the chancel for prayer as long as you desire.

If you are mobility challenged, please let the usher know and someone will bring communion elements to you.

Communion Response

Evan Gager

O God, our Great Comforter,

**Thank you for feeding us spiritually and physically and for
surrounding us with such a great cloud of witnesses.**

**May we take courage from them in facing each new
challenge and draw comfort from you when we fall.**

**May your Spirit fill us with hope as we run with endurance
the race you have set before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus
Christ, who keeps us rooted and grounded in love.**

In His name we pray. Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE

Call to Action

Pastor Lane

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.

*We Sing a Hymn of Discipleship

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee
The United Methodist Hymnal 430, vs. 1 - 4

Please bring groceries for The Shepherd's Market forward during the singing of our closing hymn.

Recession of the Bell Banner

We Receive a Blessing

Postlude

WORSHIP NOTES

USHERS

8:30 - Beth Forester and Rhonda Tucker

11:00 - Richard and Marilyn Damberg

COFFEE TIME

After the 8:30 service, everyone is invited to the FLC for coffee and refreshments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge to the St. John's "well" for 2023. October 30 was Commitment Sunday, and it was an uplifting and exciting day of worship and fellowship. To date, we have received 70 pledges totaling \$338,184.

We are encouraged by these figures. In comparison, last year, we also received 69 pledges on Commitment Sunday, but those pledges only totaled \$295,628. We see this as a good sign and positive progress towards our goal of a fully funded budget for 2023. If you have not had a chance to turn in a pledge for 2023, we hope you will do so soon. You can pledge online (<https://www.stjohnsbr.org/pledge-2023>) or turn in a pledge card at church, which are available in the office and the Narthex. In 2022, we have a total of 112 pledging households. Your 2022 pledge will NOT automatically renew for 2023. Pledges enable our Finance Committee 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.

If you have any questions you may contact Mike Creed (microed51@gmail.com), our Finance Committee Chairperson, or LeAnn Davis (leanndavis@stjohnsbr.org), our Manager of Finance and Facilities.

HOLY CARBS WORSHIP SERIES

As we get closer to the holidays, we are reminded how central food is to our lives. On the Sundays leading up to Thanksgiving, we will revisit some of the grandest food stories found in scripture with our "Holy Carb" worship series. With God, food isn't just important – it is Holy! Through this series, we will get to know more about who God is and how God wants to be in relationship with us.

SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING MAKE-UP SESSION

If you missed the Safe Sanctuaries Training in July, we're having a make-up session on **Wednesday, November 9 from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.** Anyone, staff or volunteer, who works with children or youth is required to take the training. Please confirm your attendance with Lynn (225-766-4594 or office@stjohnsbr.org).

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE

The United Women of Faith Mary Martha Circle will meet on **Tuesday, November 8 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Parlor. All women are invited to attend.

PRIME TIMERS BREAKFAST

The Second Saturday Buffet Breakfast of the Prime Timers will meet on Saturday, November 12 at 8:30 a.m. at the Drury Inn & Suites, 7939 Essen Park Ave. All of you in your prime are invited to meet us for a Dutch-treat breakfast.

FRIENDSGIVING BRUNCH

All families with Children and Youth (infants through 12th grade) as well as volunteers in these ministries are invited to a Friendsgiving Brunch on **Saturday, November 19 from 10-11:30am** in the FLC. Bring a brunch dish to share for the potluck and enjoy a time of fun and fellowship with your church friends! Connor Dean, our new interim Director of Youth and Children's Ministries is planning to be there. We hope your family can join us. If you are willing to help with set up and/or clean up, please contact Pastor Lane (pastorlane@stjohnsbr.org).

2022 HOLIDAY SUPERSTORE

Shopping for Opening Doors Holiday Superstore will be held **Monday, November 21** beginning at 8 a.m. at Target on Seigen Lane. Volunteers are needed to do Christmas shopping for children using money from Opening Doors! Contact Marilyn Damberg (225-335-3321 or marilyndamberg@mac.com) for more information.

UWF BAKE AND CRAFT SALE (CALL FOR DONATIONS)

The United Women of Faith are asking bakers and crafters to consider donating items to their Holiday Bake and Craft Sale on **Sunday, December 18 from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** All proceeds from the sale will benefit local missions. Contact Liz McDonald (318-542-9272) for more information.

GREAT TURKEY GIVEAWAY

The twelfth annual Great Turkey Giveaway will be held on **Saturday, December 17.** Volunteers of all ages and abilities are needed. Please plan to arrive by 7:30 a.m. For more information, contact Theresa Sandifer (225-337-1306 or tsandifer0829@gmail.com).

ELF NIGHT

Our United Women in Faith will be hosting Elf Night on **Friday, December 2, 6-8:30 p.m.** On this night the children (ages 2 years through 5th grade) of St. John's families can be dropped off in the FLC, at no charge, in order to provide parents with a night out to shop for Christmas! Please sign up today in the FLC during coffee time! If you are interested in helping, our Planning Meeting is today at noon (immediately after church) in the Family Life Center.

ST. JOHN'S WRITERS' GROUP

The St. John's Writers' Group will meet on **Sunday, November 13 at 4 p.m.** on Zoom. Email Mari Walker (silvermari@gmail.com) for the Zoom information if you are interested in joining the group. Everyone is welcome.