



THE HEAVENS declare

Welcome to our Lessons & Carols service! We are overjoyed to share with you a morning of reflection in both word and song.

CHRISTMAS EVE DEDICATIONS

Honor or remember loved ones this Christmas through a Poinsettia Dedication or a Mission & Vision Dedication. More info on the back of this bulletin. Forms available in the Narthex/Church Office and online at stjohnsbr.org/christmas-dedication.



Prayer Requests

Share prayer requests by scanning the QR code above, emailing prayers@stjohnsbr.org or visiting stjohnsbr.org/here.

All Are Welcome & Affirmed Here

Whoever you are, wherever your faith journey, you are welcome and affirmed. We are so glad you joined us and hope you feel at home here.

For Newcomers

Restrooms & Welcome **Brochures** are located in the narthex (lobby). Our **ushers** can help you in any way you may need. Text 'CONNECT' to 225-230-1017 join our updates.

For Families with Children

- The **St. John's Playground** is in the front of the sanctuary during services. Children are welcome to spend **the entire service** here.
- The **Nursery** serves infants - preschool in the Education & Administration building next door.
- Changing tables** are located in the restrooms and nursery.
- Holy Communion will resume next Sunday.** The elements of bread and grape juice are available to all including children weekly at the 8:30 a.m. service and on the first Sunday of the month at the 11:00 a.m. service. **Gluten free** elements are also available.
- We offer **Sunday School** for 18 months - 12th grade from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., along with a variety of adult classes as well.

 **The flowers on the altar are given by Pat Cobb in memory of her husband, Earl.**

Today's Ushers

8:30 - Susan Johnston & Bobbi Marino

11:00 - Tommie Reinhardt & Dianne Stilley

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You for the Great Turkey Giveaway Helpers!

Warm thanks to everyone who supported and served in this year's Great Turkey Giveaway. Your generosity fed families, lifted spirits, and wrapped our neighborhood in grace.

The Giving Tree — Gifts Due December 15 by noon.

Gifts for Wildwood Elementary and Gardere Community Christian School students are due by Noon on December 15.

United Women in Faith Bake & Craft Sale — Today!

Browse homemade treats, handcrafted gifts, and festive goodies—all supporting local missions. Don't forget to check the Lost & Found Table while you're there; remaining items will be donated after today.

Family Ministries Christmas Party — December 18

Join us from 6:00–7:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center and around the bonfire for s'mores, fellowship, and relaxed Christmas cheer. All ages welcome!

Christmas Dedications — Deadline December 18

Honor or remember loved ones through a Poinsettia or Mission & Vision Dedication (\$35 each). All dedications will appear in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Forms via the QR code to the right, stjohnsbr.org/christmas-dedication or in the Narthex/Church Office. Payment: check/cash or stjohnsbr.org/give. Deadline: December 18.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday

CONTACT

stjohnsbr.org/contact-us



8:30 & 11:00 Worship Celebrations

Sunday, December 14th 2025

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225-766-4594 | 230 Renee Drive BR, LA 70810

Welcome

8:30 & 11:00 AM Worship Celebrations

Please stand as you are comfortable where marked by an asterisk (*) & join in speaking where text is in **bold**.



CHECK IN
& PRAYER
REQUESTS

Prelude

A Fanfare for Advent

Dr. Terry Byars

Words of Welcome

Reverend Lane Cotton Winn

Proclamation

The Heavens Declare!

Reverend Larry Norman &
Reverend Barb Duke

Musical Reflection

O Little Town of Bethlehem,
Cynthia Dobrinski

The Alleluia Ringers

We Sing Together*

While Shepherd's Watch Their Flocks

U.M. Hymnal #236 vs 1 & 6

Spoken Word

The Heavens Declare: Gloria!

Rev. Larry

Spoken Word

Music on Christmas Morning
Anne Bronte

Rev. Barb

Musical Reflection

Hear the Angels Singing
Lloyd Larson

The Chancel Choir

We Greet One Another with Joy and Peace*

We Light the Advent Candles

8:30 a.m. Candle Lighters - Jane, Princess, & Davis Ezim

11:00 a.m. Candle Lighters - Will & Loretta Martin

Today, we light the candle of Joy.

In this season when creation sings and the heavens declare God's glory, we open our hearts to the Good News Christ brings.

Come, Lord Jesus, our Joy.

As we light this candle, we rejoice that God is with us.

(We light the candles of Hope, Peace, and Joy.)

Christ comes to bring joy to weary hearts, lifting our spirits, renewing hope, and filling the world with a song that cannot be silenced.

We welcome the One who is our joy!

We Sing Together

Sanctuary

Our Faith We Sing #2164

Musical Reflection

Away in a Manger

Music Makers

We Encourage Our Children

Marilyn Damberg

Spoken Word

Before the Paling of the Stars

Christina Rossetti

Rev. Barb

Musical Reflection

Still, Still, Still

Robert Hobby

The Chancel Choir

Spoken Word

In this Humble Stall

Rev. Larry

Spoken Word

The Lamb

William Blake

Rev. Larry & Rev. Barb

Musical Reflection

Little Lamb

Ruth Artman

Julian Hartman & Jane Walker

We Read from God's Word

Jeremiah 23:5-6

Rev. Larry

Musical Reflection

I Saw Three Ships

Douglas E. Wagner

Alleluia Ringers

We Read from God's Word

Isaiah 40:1-3, 5

Rev. Barb

We Sing Together*

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

U.M. Hymnal #218 vs 1 & 4

We Offer God's Tithes and Our Gifts

Ding Dong Merrily On High

Cynthia Dobrinski

The Alleluia Ringers

Thank you for your generosity. Your gift helps us be a blessing in our community. Scan the QR code or visit stjohnsbr.org/give to give online.



GIVING

We Sing Together*

Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

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!

Spoken Word

Wonder

Nancy Buckley

Rev. Larry & Rev. Barb

Musical Reflection

On a Night of Wonder

Jay Althouse

The Chancel Choir

We Sing Together*

The First Noël

U.M. Hymnal #245 vs 1 & 2

Musical Reflection

The Christmas Handbell Suite

Eugene Butler

Alleluia Ringers

We Pray Together

Rev. Lane

We Pray the Lord's Prayer

U.M. Hymnal #895

We Hear This Week's Call To Action

Rev. Lane

We joyfully welcome all those who wish to become members of St. John's and invite you to come forward and stand with Pastor Lane during the singing of the next song.

We Share in a Blessing*

Rev. Lane

We Go Out into the World*

Dr. Terry Byars

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

The service ends, but our worship continues as we go forth to love and serve the Lord.