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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.



The Longest Night Service — December 21

A quiet, reflective service at 5:00 p.m. offering comfort, prayer, and hope for anyone carrying heaviness during the holidays.

Christmas Eve Worship — December 24

- 4 p.m. Family-Friendly Service with a live children's nativity
- 6 p.m. Traditional Candlelight & Communion Service

Staff Love Offering — Deadline December 17

Help us bless our incredible staff this season. Give online (select "Staff Appreciation"), note it on your check/cash for Sunday offering, or drop off a gift at the church office. Online gifts by Dec. 16; checks/cash by Dec. 17.

One Service & Extended Coffee Time — December 28

Join us for a 10:00 a.m. service followed by extended Coffee Time in the Family Life Center. Bring a treat to share! Natalie Cooper will preach, and we'll enjoy caroling and a hymn sing-a-long.

Holiday Closures

- Church Office: Closed Dec. 22–26 and Dec. 29–Jan. 2
- The Shepherd's Market will be open through Dec. 18 and reopen for shopping on Jan. 5.

Epiphany Sunday & Star Words – January 4

Begin 2026 with encouragement and joy as Rev. Rosmery LaFontaine brings the message, and receive a guiding "Star Word" for the year ahead.



WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

COFFEE TIME

Sundays
9:30 a.m. Family Life Center
Last names H-L, December 21

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays, 9:45 a.m.
Find A Class
stjohnsbr.org/childrens-ministries
stjohnsbr.org/adult-sunday-school-classes/

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Sundays
6:00 p.m. The Alleluia Ringers, Bells Room
Wednesdays
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Sundays
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Campus Wide
Upstairs Café Fruit Dec. 21 – Last names: I-P
4:00 p.m. Music Makers (K–8th grades)

SERVE

Fridays
10:30 a.m. Holy Helpers, Church Office

WELLNESS

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC

Tuesdays
7:00 p.m. Pickleball
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Wednesdays
6:30 p.m. Ladies AA Meeting, FLC-C

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

THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET

Mondays 3:30 p.m. FLC
Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:00 a.m. FLC
shepherdsmarket.org

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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ST. JOHN'S
United Methodist Church

8:30 & 11:00 Worship Celebrations

Sunday, December 14th 2025

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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**.

Prelude Dr. Terry Byars
A Fanfare for Advent

Words of Welcome Reverend Lane Cotton Winn

Proclamation Reverend Larry Norman &
The Heavens Declare! Reverend Barb Duke

Musical Reflection The Alleluia Ringers
O Little Town of Bethlehem,
Cynthia Dobrinski

We Sing Together* U.M. Hymnal #236 vs 1 & 6
While Shepherd’s Watch Their Flocks

Spoken Word Rev. Larry
The Heavens Declare: Gloria!

Spoken Word Rev. Barb
Music on Christmas Morning
Anne Bronte

Musical Reflection The Chancel Choir
Hear the Angels Signing
Lloyd Larson

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 Our Faith We Sing #2164
Sanctuary

Musical Reflection Music Makers
Away in a Manger

We Encourage Our Children Marilyn Damberg

Spoken Word Rev. Barb
Before the Paling of the Stars
Christina Rossetti

Musical Reflection The Chancel Choir
Still, Still, Still
Robert Hobby

Spoken Word Rev. Larry
In this Humble Stall

Spoken Word Rev. Larry & Rev. Barb
The Lamb
William Blake

Musical Reflection Julian Hartman & Jane Walker
Little Lamb
Ruth Artman

We Read from God’s Word Rev. Larry
Jeremiah 23:5–6

Musical Reflection Alleluia Ringers
I Saw Three Ships
Douglas E. Wagner

We Read from God’s Word Rev. Barb
Isaiah 40:1–3, 5

We Sing Together* U.M. Hymnal #218 vs 1 & 4
It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

We Offer God’s Tithes and Our Gifts The Alleluia Ringers
Ding Dong Merrily On High
Cynthia Dobrinski

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.



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 Rev. Larry & Rev. Barb
Wonder
Nancy Buckley

Musical Reflection The Chancel Choir
On a Night of Wonder
Jay Althouse

We Sing Together* U.M. Hymnal #245 vs 1 & 2
The First Noël

Musical Reflection Alleluia Ringers
The Christmas Handbell Suite
Eugene Butler

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.