



CHECK-IN &
PRAYER REQUESTS
VIA QR CODE



Welcome to the debut of *The River Speaks* by Dr. Terry Byars, an original setting of traditional spirituals.

Make A Difference This Week

Weekly donations to the Shepherd’s Market Client-Choice Food Pantry continue! With SNAP Benefits delayed, our neighbors are in more need than ever. Here are this week’s **Most Needed Items: canned meat, pasta, canned spinach, canned peas, and snacks.**

Thanks for keeping the shelves full!

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 on **haitus** today for the special performance. Children are welcome back next Sunday!
- The **Nursery** serves infants – preschool in the Education & Administration building next door.
- **Changing tables** are located in the restrooms and nursery.
- **Holy Communion** 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. – 10:45 a.m.

✿ *The flowers on the altar are given in honor of Terry Byars’ birthday and in gratitude for the many gifts he shares with us. Happy birthday, Terry, and congratulations on the premiere of “The River Speaks.”*

Today’s Ushers
8:30 – Sandra Kuykendall & Amy Richardson
11:00 – Fred & Becky Shearer

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please complete your 2026 Pledge!

Thank you to everyone who has made a financial pledge for 2026! If you haven’t pledged yet, it’s not too late. Commit online at stjohnsbr.org/pledge-2026 (QR code at right) or pick up a card in the narthex or church office.



Kids Night for K–5th Grade, TODAY – November 16

Join us for Kids Night from 4:30–6:00 p.m. as we learn about living with grace and gratitude, share dinner together, and make **Manna Bags for those in need**—donations of small non-perishable food or hygiene items like water bottles, crackers, tuna, granola bars, socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, or wipes are welcome!

Termite Repairs on Campus, November 17–20

Spencer Construction will be on site Nov. 17–20 repairing termite damage, so please use the south side doors while the Family Life Center doors are closed and avoid taped areas for safety.

Youth – Wednesday Night Live, November 19

All middle and high schoolers are invited for dinner, fun, and midweek connection. Bring a friend and come hang out! Wednesday, 6:00–7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room.

Charge Conference, Thursday, November 20

Join us on Thursday, November 20 at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary for our annual Charge Conference. We’ll celebrate an important milestone as **Natalie Cooper is voted on as a Candidate for Ministry**, along with conducting our regular church business. Everyone is encouraged to come and support Natalie!

Hanging of the Greens, Sunday, November 30

Begin Advent by bringing the symbols of the season to life as we decorate the sanctuary, with scripture and song guiding our preparation. Stay afterward for extended Coffee Time. **This is a One Service Sunday, 10 a.m.** (No Sunday School.).

Make A Difference this Holiday Season:

Help us prepare for the Great Turkey Giveaway by taking home a loaf of **homemade bread** today and freezing it until December 12. It will be part of the holiday meals we share at the Great Turkey Giveaway on December 13. on Saturday, December 13! Arrive at 7:00 a.m. on the 13th to help assemble and distribute holiday meals.

Serve at the Holiday Superstore! Meet us **Monday, November 24 at 7:30 a.m.** at the far-right Target entrance to help shop for the children of Charlie Thomas Head Start. This Opening Doors Nonprofit program empowers families earn points in the fall that convert gift dollars— at no cost to shoppers! To help or learn more, contact MarilynDamberg@mac.com.

EVERY WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S

FLC = Family Life Center

WORSHIP SERVICES

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

COFFEE TIME

Sundays
9:30 a.m. FLC
Last Names D–G may bring snacks on Nov 23

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays
9:45 a.m. Campus Wide

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 – Q–Z Last Names Nov 23

4:30 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

SHEPHERD’S MARKET

A client choice food pantry

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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A SETTING OF
TRADITIONAL SPIRITUALS

By Dr. Terry Byars



ST. JOHN’S
United Methodist Church

8:30 & 11:00 Worship Celebrations

Sunday, November 16th 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**.

Gathering Music Dr. Terry Byars

Words of Welcome Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Invitation to Worship* Pastor Lane

The river speaks...
And we are here to listen!
It carries songs of sorrow and songs of joy...
Songs that lift our hearts and strengthen our spirits!
The river flows through the stories of God’s people...
We will wade in and hear God’s voice!
Through every song, from the river’s depths to its rolling waters,
the river calls us...
We come to be washed, renewed, and sent!
Come, beloved of God...
We come! We come to the river!

Welcome in the Light of Christ* U.M. Hymnal #127 v 1, 3
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

We Offer God’s Tithes and Our Gifts
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!

We Receive This Week’s Call To Action Pastor Lane



GIVING

THE River Speaks

A Setting of Traditional Spirituals
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Narrator: Rev. Larry Norman
Baritone solo: Dr. Steve Rushing
Flute: Dr. Penny Kemler
Keyboard: Dr. Terry Byars
The St. John's Chancel Choir

- *Deep River*
- *I Stood on the River of Jordan*
- *Michael, Row the Boat Ashore*
- *Roll, Jordan, Roll!*
- *Wade in the Water*

We Share in a Blessing* Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

We Go Out into the World* Dr. Terry Byars

Thank you for joining us! Our service ends, but our worship continues as we go forth to love and serve the Lord.