



CHECK-IN & PRAYER REQUESTS

HOLDING SPACE *for* RESURRECTION

Easter begins in a place that feels like the end. But at the tomb, we discover that God has been at work all along—holding space for resurrection. Today we celebrate the good news that Christ is risen, and that new life is still unfolding—even now.

Make A Difference

Help **restock the Shepherd's Market Client-Choice food pantry** with our most urgently needed items – pasta (no Mac & Cheese, please), condiments, drinks (water, boxed drinks, juice), and regular size cereal.

In addition, peanut butter, jelly, dried beans, household items (detergent, paper products, etc.) and personal hygiene items are always welcome.

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 **Prayground** is a child-friendly space at the front of the sanctuary where children and their families are welcome to participate in worship in a way that works for them.
- 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. to 10:45 a.m., along with a variety of adult classes as well.

Easter Dedications

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in celebration and in memory of loved ones. A full list of dedications can be found on the insert. Those who made a flower dedication may take their lily home following the 11:00 a.m. service.

Today's ushers are **Sandra Kuykendall, Joyce Robinson, and Phil & Jill Slicker.**

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome, Guests!
We're so glad you're here! Please stop by the Narthex (lobby) after worship to receive a gift from Mary Madalyn St. Pierre, our Welcome, Belonging & Congregational Care coordinator.

Lent Bingo
Got a BLACKOUT? Pick up a sweet treat in the Narthex today from Frankie, our intern. Thank you for journeying with us! We hope it was a meaningful Lent.

St. Mark's One-Day Mission | April 12 | Leaving St. John's parking lot at 7:30 a.m.
Serve with us at St. Mark's UMC in the French Quarter as we prepare and serve lunch for approximately 100 neighbors who are unhoused. No cost to participate; dutch-treat meal on the way home; all ages & abilities welcome. Call Rev. Larry Norman (225-933-1881) to serve.

Next Sunday | Soundtrack of Faith worship series begins
In our new worship series, we'll explore the *Soundtrack of Faith* – ancient songs that give voice to every part of our lives. The Psalms remind us who we are, what shapes us, and how God meets us in every season. Together, we'll discover how these songs still ground us, walk with us, and lead us to the help we need. Join us for this new series that starts April 12.

Discover St. John's | April 19 | 9:45 a.m. | Pastor Lane's Office
Curious about St. John's? Whether you're new or have been visiting, we'd love to connect you. Join us for a relaxed, no-pressure gathering to learn who we are, what we value, and how to get connected. Meet Pastor Lane & Mary Madalyn St. Pierre, and others. Coffee and snacks are on us—just come as you are. RSVP via the QR code or email marymadalynstpierre@stjohnsbr.org.



Kids Night | April 19 | 4:00–5:30 p.m.
Held on the third Sunday of each month, Kids Night offers children in Kindergarten through 5th grade a safe, welcoming space for activities, faith formation, and a shared meal. It's a meaningful and fun way for kids to grow in faith and community.

Coffee & Conversation for Retirees | April 23 | 10:30 a.m.
Save the date for this casual fellowship gathering hosted in the Founders' Parlor.

Labyrinth Prayer Walk | May 20 | 4:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.
Whether you're new to the labyrinth or have walked it before, you are welcome. This simple, meaningful practice invites you to slow down, reflect, and listen for God's presence with each step. Gentle guidance will be available—just come as you are and enter a space for prayer and renewal.

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 A-C invited to bring snacks 4.12.26

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Sundays
9:45 a.m. Campus Wide for All Ages

MUSIC MINISTRIES
Sundays
6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, (Off today for Easter)
Wednesdays
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room

CHILDREN & YOUTH
Sundays
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Campus Wide
Upstairs Cafe Fruit: Last Names A-H 4.12.26
3:30 p.m. Music Makers (K-5th grades), (Off for Easter)
4:30 p.m. Music Makers (Middle School), (Off for Easter)
5:00 p.m. Youth Group, (Off for Easter)

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

WELLNESS

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

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
A client choice food pantry
Mon 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. FLC (Closed tomorrow)
Tues & Thurs 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. FLC
shepherdsmarket.org

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Monday – Friday (Closed tomorrow)

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8:30 AM Easter Celebration

Sunday, April 5th, 2026

St. John's Mission

Go and make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

St. John's Vision

Love.
Grow Together.
Serve Our Neighbors.

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ST. JOHN'S
United Methodist Church

WELCOME

8:30 AM Worship Celebration

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



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Gathering Music Dr. Terry Byars
An Easter Fanfare
Arranged by Dr. Terry Byars

Words of Welcome Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Invitation to Worship* Rev. Lane Cotton Winn
Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!
We come this morning from many places –
from joy and from grief,
from hope and from uncertainty.
We come as we are,
trusting that God meets us here.
Even in what felt like the end,
God was holding space for resurrection.

So come, all who are weary.
Come, all who are wondering.
Come, all who are hoping.
Let us worship the God who brings life from death.
Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!

We Sing Together* U.M. Hymnal #310 vs 1, 2, 3
He Lives
During the song, flowers are brought to the Resurrection Cross.

We Encourage Our Children Pastor Lane

Musical Celebration Music Makers
Alleluia
by Jerry Sinclair

We Read the Word* Pastor Lane
Luke 24:1-12
For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

We Reflect On The Word Pastor Lane
Holding Space for Resurrection

We Come to God in Prayer Pastor Lane

We Sing Together* U.M. Hymnal #707 vs 1, 2, 3
Hymn of Promise

We Name Our Need for Grace* Grace Idikwu
Even on this day of resurrection, we remember that we are
still learning to trust God’s new life, so let us come before God in prayer.
Merciful God,
we confess that we do not always trust
that you are at work in our lives.
When things feel uncertain,
we lose hope.
When things feel finished,
we assume you are done.
We cling to fear, we hold onto doubt,
and we forget your promises.
Forgive us, we pray.
Open our hearts again to the new life you are bringing.
Raise us up, O God, and lead us into hope. Amen.

We Hear Words of Grace and Forgiveness* Grace Idikwu
Hear the good news: Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed!
God is not finished with us.
In Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven, we are loved,
and we are being raised to new life.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

We Share Signs of Peace*

We Offer God’s Tithes and Our Gifts The Worship Team
Thine Be the Glory
By G. F. Handel
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* U.M. Hymnal # 94
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 Prepare for Communion* Pastor Lane
We give thanks for God’s grace, hear Jesus’ words spoken at the table,
and ask the Holy Spirit to bless the bread and cup. In this holy meal,
we are joined with Christ and with one another, reminded that
there is always room at God’s table for all.

We Pray the Lord’s Prayer

We Partake in Communion* Vocal/Guitar: Bryan Adams
Because He Lives
By William and Gloria Gaither
All are welcome to receive Communion.
We serve by intinction (bread dipped in juice); servers handle the elements. Pre-
packaged and gluten-free options are available. You may remain at the chancel
to pray. If you need Communion brought to you, please let an usher know.

We Share in Prayer Grace Idikwu
Gracious God,
we give you thanks for this meal
where Christ meets us in bread and cup.
In this place, you remind us that
even when all seemed lost,
you were still at work—
holding space for resurrection.
Send us now in hope,
to trust you in every unfinished place,
and to live as people being raised up
by your grace. Amen.

We Receive This Week’s Call to Action Pastor Lane

We Sing Together* U.M. Hymnal #302 vs 1 – 6
Christ the Lord is Risen Today
During the singing of the hymn, we bring forward groceries for the
Shepherd’s Market Client–Choice Food Pantry as an offering.
If you feel ready to take a step of faith by joining the church and
committing to support its ministries with your prayers, presence, gifts,
service, and witness, we invite you to come forward as we sing.

We Share in a Blessing Pastor Lane

We Go Out Into the World* Dr. Terry Byars