



Then the Lord said to Moses,  
"I'm going to make bread rain  
down from the sky for you.  
The people will go out each  
day and gather just enough  
for that day."

Exodus 16:4

Sunday, November 13, 2022

**8:30 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

All Are Welcome

As we get closer to the holidays, we are reminded how central food is to our lives. For the next two weeks, we are revisiting some of the grandest food stories found in scripture. With God, food isn't just important – it is *Holy*! Today we read the story of God providing manna and quail in the wilderness for the Israelites as they wandered in search of the promised land for 40 years. Ours is a God who hears us, responds to us, and provides for us.

*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.

## OUR CONTACT INFO

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**ST. JOHN'S**  
United Methodist Church

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*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

## \*We Sing Songs of Praise

*We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise*  
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2031

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 133, vs. 1 & 3

## \*We Prepare Our Hearts to Worship

Danielle Blackwood

From the bustle of the world and the silence of our wilderness,  
we pause together for worship.

**At times, we can be a grumbling people, quick to focus on the  
lack and the gaps.**

Yet in love, God, you listen to our cries and provide for us.

**Impatiently, we are a searching people, craving peace  
and purpose.**

And with patience, God, you offer us hope and sustain us.

**Help us to be a thankful people, recognizing your love for us  
in all its abundance.**

Through your presence, God, you turn us towards you and nourish us.

**In this time of worship, let us open our hearts and be filled.**

## We Pray for Our Veterans

Pastor Lane

We remember our Veterans today, and commend them to you for  
their bravery, their patriotism, and their honor.

**We give you thanks, O God.**

For the sacrifices made, including those who gave their very lives  
in that service.

**We give you thanks, O God.**

Grant that those who serve today may be kept in your everlasting love  
and protection.

**Give comfort and encouragement to their families.**

For those veterans whom we neglect and who suffer mental illness or  
physical challenges because of their service.

**We ask for your comfort and mercy, O God.**

For all the ways in which you call us to love beyond our division, hurt,  
and pain.

**Keep us true to that call, O God.**

Let us pray...

Lord of all, you long for a time when all nations will be ruled with justice and a world where everyone lives in safety and harmony. Until that time when swords are beaten into plowshares and the wolf and the lamb eat together, we give thanks for veterans who have served their country with honor and courage.

We remember the sacrifices made by members of the military and their families. We know that they endured long seasons apart from loved ones, the disruption of moves and deployments, the stress of being sent to regions engulfed by violence, the repercussions of physical, spiritual and moral injuries.

Where the pain of those injuries persists, bring healing. Where the memories of that trauma are harrowing, grant relief. Where the grief of those losses threaten to overwhelm, grant hope.

We pray, gracious God, for an end to war and for the new earth where there will be no need for military might. But now, we ask your blessing upon our veterans and those closest to them that they may know the gift of your presence and the peace that passes understanding. Amen.

**\*We Sing a Song of Remembrance**

*O God of Every Nation*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 435, vs. 1

# LISTENING

**Children's Message**

Rhonda Tucker

**We Pray for Insight**

Pastor Lane

**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**

Exodus 16:1-5, 10-16, 31

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**We Receive the Spoken Word**

Pastor Lane

"Bread for the Journey"

# RESPONDING

## **\*We Sing a Hymn of Faith**

*God Will Take Care of You*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 130, vs. 1 & 3

## **We Lift Our Confessions**

Evan Gager

We cannot flee from God, the psalmist reminds us. If we ascend to the greatest height, or if we dive to the deepest low, still God is with us, surrounding us with love and mercy. We are safe, then, to make our confession in the midst of God's grace.

Let us pray together:

**When we are weary, O God,  
give us bread for the journey.**  
**When we are complacent, O God,  
set a fire in our bellies.**  
**When we are frightened, O God,  
put courage in our hearts and hands.**  
**When we are angry, O God,  
turn our anger into faithful response.**  
**When we are bewildered, O God,  
help us to see and follow You.**  
**When we stray,  
turn us around.**  
**When we fail,  
give us another chance.**  
**When we sin,  
forgive us.**  
**And hear our silent prayers.**

## **We Receive Forgiveness and Grace**

Friends, hear the good news:  
God so loved the world that God sent Jesus to us,  
not to condemn the world  
but in order that we might be saved –  
healed and forgiven – through him.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**  
**Glory to God. Amen.**

## **\*We Offer Signs of God's Grace**

## **We Highlight Our Mission and Ministries**

Marilyn Damberg

A Ministry Moment about Christmas missions and  
service opportunities through Opening Doors

## **We Offer Ourselves and Resources**

*We appreciate your generosity.*  
*Each gift enables us to be a blessing in our community.*  
*You may give online at [stjohnsbr.org/give](http://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*

*Our sung communion responses are from The Faith We Sing Songbook 2257.*

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 their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)  
Blest is the one who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

*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.  
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

*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. Amen. Amen.  
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

**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

Danielle Blackwood

**Eternal God,**

**Thank you for this holy meal that nourishes our bodies and spirits. By feasting on this bread of life, we are reminded that you hear us, you respond to us, and you provide for us. May your unending grace be our foundation as we journey onwards with Christ. 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

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 127, vs. 1 & 3

## \*We Receive a Blessing

## \*Postlude

# WORSHIP NOTES

## FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are given by J.R. Madden and Daphne Grady in thanksgiving for all veterans and their families and in remembrance of the 247th birthday of the United States Marine Corps (Nov 10, 1775).

## USHERS

Ushers for the 8:30 service are Brian and Danielle Blackwood.

## 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 79 pledges totaling \$384,204. 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. Your 2022 pledge will NOT automatically renew for 2023 - you must turn in a new pledge card every year.

## HELP MAKE A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS BRIGHTER

Opening Doors is offering us a chance to help brighten Christmas for children from 2 of our neighborhood schools, Wildwood Elementary School and Gardere Community Christian School, through their new mission: **Neighborhood Friends**. During Coffee Time today and next Sunday, you will have an opportunity to choose a student or students and purchase gifts for them. You will receive instructions when you pick your student(s).

## SNACKS FOR COFFEE TIME

We need snacks for Coffee Time. Many thanks to those of you who have answered the calls that we sent out. Now that we are loosening the wrapping requirements, if you have a new recipe you would like to try out, I think Coffee Time is the place to do it! If you have a favorite recipe you haven't made in a while, I think Coffee Time is the place to bring it. We will always welcome individually wrapped sweet or salty snacks. You may drop off any snacks in the kitchen. Again, thanks for your help.

## HAPPENING IN NOVEMBER

### ST. JOHN'S WRITERS' GROUP

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

### GOOD GRIEF, ST. JOHN'S!

Our monthly support and fellowship group will meet **Tuesday, November 15 at 5:30 p.m.** in the Parlor. Anyone who has suffered a loss is invited to attend. Contact Susan Johnston at 225-773-9563 or [sbjohnston@gmail.com](mailto:sbjohnston@gmail.com) for more information.

### 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](mailto: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 from The Charlie Thomas Head Start Center using money from Opening Doors! Contact Marilyn Damberg (225-335-3321 or [marilyndamberg@mac.com](mailto:marilyndamberg@mac.com)) for more information.

## **DECORATING FOR ADVENT**

We need volunteers to help make our Narthex and Sanctuary beautiful for Advent and Christmas. On **Tuesday, November 22 at 10 a.m.** (following The Shepherd's Market), the decorating will begin! Come be a part of making St. John's festive for the holiday season.

## **HAPPENING IN DECEMBER**

### **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, please contact Sherri Artecona (iama225secfan@yahoo.com or 985-320-3018).

### **JOY FEST**

Save the date of **Sunday, December 11** for our Advent celebration this year. We will gather for festive fellowship from 5 - 7 p.m. in the Family Life Center. We will have fun for all ages with a potluck dinner, word games, Name that Tune, crafts for the kids, singing, and a visit from a special someone.

### **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).

### **HOMEMADE BREAD**

Duane Craig will soon begin baking 500+ loaves of homemade bread for the Turkey Giveaway. If you have room in your freezer, please consider taking some home until Friday, December 16 when they will be brought to the FLC where we will be taking count of loaves out and loaves in.

### **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.