



Sunday, January 14, 2024

## 8:30 WORSHIP CELEBRATION

All Are Welcome

Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." John 1:44-45

*Whether you are a guest or member, we invite you to scan the QR code to register your attendance 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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# Welcome To The Celebration Of The Gospel

*\*Please stand as you are comfortable.  
**Bold** indicates congregational response.  
Please scan the QR Code to register your attendance.*



## Gathering

**Prelude**

**Words of Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Jack O'Dell

**\*Song of Praise**

*Blessed Assurance*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 369, vs. 1 - 3

**\*Call to Worship**

Bobbi Marino

Trust in the Lord and do good.

**May the Lord give strength to the people!**

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

**God is our refuge and strength.**

**\*Song of Response**

*Breathe on Me Breath of God*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 420, vs. 1

## Listening

**Children's Message**

Barbara Benton

**Prayer for Illumination**

Bobbi Marino

**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.**

**\*Scripture**

Bobbi Marino

John 1:43-51

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 Have Found the Messiah!”

# Responding

## \*Hymn of Faith

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 454, vs. 1 - 3

## Prayer of Confession

Holy and awesome God, we stand in your presence  
filled with regret for our many sins and failings.  
Though there is greatness in us, and a deep longing for goodness,  
we have often denied our better selves  
and refused to hear your voice  
calling us to rise to the full height of our humanity.  
For there is weakness in us, as well as strength.  
At times we choose to walk in darkness, our vision obscured.  
We do not care to look within,  
and we are unwilling to look beyond at those who need our help.  
O God, we are too weak to walk unaided.  
Be with us as a strong and wise friend,  
and teach us to walk by the light of your truth.

*(Offer prayers of confession in silence.)*

## Words of Grace and Forgiveness

The Lord God is merciful and gracious,  
endlessly patient, loving, and true,  
showing mercy to thousands,  
forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin, and granting pardon.  
**Amen.**

## \*Sharing the Love and Peace of Christ

### Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

*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  
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 a person with limited mobility, please let the usher know and someone will bring communion to you.*

## Prayer After Receiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world  
in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

# Departing to Serve

## Call to Action

Connor Dean

*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.*

## \*Hymn of Discipleship

*Be Thou My Vision*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 451, vs. 1 & 2

## \*Benediction

Rev. Jack

## \*Postlude

*The end of worship.  
The beginning of service.*

# Worship Notes

## FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given by Beth Forester to the glory of God and in honor of the newly elected officers of the United Women in Faith's Circle of the Heart.

## USHERS

Ushers for the 8:30 service are Beth Forester and Rhonda Tucker.

## COFFEE TIME

After the 8:30 service, everyone is invited to the FLC for coffee and refreshments.



# Announcements

## **THIS WEEK'S PASTOR ON CALL**

Pastor Lane is taking Bereavement Leave in the recent passing of her father. Retired clergy will be covering pastoral needs over the next 3-4 weeks. For the week of January 14, the Pastor On Call is Rev. Larry Norman. He can be reached on his cell: 225-933-1881, should a pastoral need arise. We are grateful that Rev. Dr. Jack O'Dell is preaching and leading worship for us today

## **PANTRY AND OFFICE CLOSED FOR MLKJr DAY**

Both the church office and The Shepherd's Market will be closed **Monday, January 15** in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The church office will reopen Tuesday at 9 a.m., The Shepherd's Market at 8 a.m.

## **TRUSTEES MEETING**

The trustees will hold their first meeting of the year on **Tuesday, January 16 at 4 p.m.** in the Library. They will be electing officers for 2024.

## **GOOD GRIEF! SUPPORT AND FELLOWSHIP**

Good Grief! Support and Fellowship will gather on **Tuesday, January 16 at 5:30 p.m.** in the Parlor. All who are experiencing any type of grief are invited to join us.

## **8-SESSION BIBLE STUDY STARTS AT THE END OF JANUARY**

Our upcoming Bible Study on James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2, & 3 John, and Jude explores these letters not only with a keen theological eye and a pastor's heart, but also with the imagination of a poet and master storyteller. Guy Johnson will be leading this 8-session Bible Study using the Immersion workbook as the guide, which is designed to help us explore the emotional, spiritual, and intellectual needs of our faith.

We will offer two sessions of this study. Choose the one that works best for you!

- DAYTIME: Mondays at 10am (starting January 29)
- EVENING: Tuesdays at 6pm (starting January 30)

Register online at [stjohnsbr.org/winter-study-2024](http://stjohnsbr.org/winter-study-2024) or by filling out the form in the Narthex.

Participants will need a workbook and a Bible. Workbooks are \$15 and will be handed out at the first class session. If you do not have a Bible, the church can provide one for you. A nursery as well as scholarships are available upon request. Please contact the church office ([office@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:office@stjohnsbr.org); 225-766-4594) for assistance.

You can pay for your workbook online at [stjohnsbr.org/give](http://stjohnsbr.org/give) (Select "SS Classes and Small Groups" Fund; "Bible Study" Sub fund) or by placing a check in the offering plate made out to St. John's, with Bible Study on the memo line.

## **YOUTH GROUP SPRING SEMESTER**

**First Sundays:** The St. John's youth group will gather on the first Sunday of each month from 4 - 5:30 p.m. Throughout the spring semester, they will meet at the homes of different church members for small group Bible Study, games, crafts, or other activities.

**Third Wednesdays:** Youth will also meet on the third Wednesday of each month from 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room for *Wednesday Night Live*. Monthly activity calendars are being mailed to households with youth. Contact Connor Dean ([connordean@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:connordean@stjohnsbr.org)) if you did not receive one. **YOUTH WILL MEET WEDNESDAY JANUARY 17 AT 6 PM IN THE YOUTH ROOM!**

## **YOUTH MEALS NEEDED**

Help is needed to feed our Youth once a month! Yes, it is only for the third Wednesday of each month for 8 - 10 people. The meal should be brought to the Admin Building between 5:45 and 6 p.m. Sign up to help at [stjohnsbr.org/YouthMeals](http://stjohnsbr.org/YouthMeals). Contact Connor Dean ([connordean@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:connordean@stjohnsbr.org)) for more information.



## **C.H.A.O.S. - CHRIST HERE AND OTHER SPACES**

Save these dates for our upcoming events for children and their families!

**January 28, 4:00 p.m.** Join us for a family movie night in the Family Life Center. We will enjoy a hot cocoa bar as well! Families can vote for the movie we will watch by using this link: [stjohnsbr.org/MovieNight](http://stjohnsbr.org/MovieNight).

**February 25, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.** Bring your leftover Mardi Gras beads and join us for a craft night using upcycled beads! Dinner will be included.

**March 23, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.** St. John's UMC is hosting our annual Bunny Breakfast celebration - complete with pancakes, crafts, games, and an egg hunt. You won't want to miss out on this!

**April 28, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.** Save the date for this event... More info coming soon!





# This Week at St. John's

## Sunday, January 14

- 8:00 a.m. Praise Team Warm Up, Sanctuary
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Coffee Time, FLC\*
- 9:30 a.m. Upstairs Cafe, Rm 202
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Campus Wide
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 4:30 p.m. Music Makers, Choir Room
- 6:00 p.m. Bells Practice, Bells Room

## Monday, January 15

### THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET IS CLOSED THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED

- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Founders' Parlor
- 3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, Library
- 3:30 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
- 4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Founders' Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

## Tuesday, January 16

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
- 2:00 p.m. Grief Support, Founders' Parlor
- 4:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting, Library
- 5:30 p.m. Good Grief! Fellowship, Founders Parlor
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

## Wednesday, January 17

- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Youth: Wednesday Night Live (WNL), Youth Room
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room
- 6:30 p.m. Women's AA Meeting, FLC-C

## Thursday, January 18

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC

## Friday, January 19

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Founders' Parlor

## Saturday, January 20

- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC

\*Family Life Center