

SOUNDTRACK of FAITH



CHECK-IN &
PRAYER
REQUESTS



The Psalms are the soundtrack of faith – ancient songs that give voice to every part of our lives. They remind us who we are, what shapes us, and how God meets us in every season. In this series, we'll discover how these songs continue to ground us, walk with us, and lead us to the help we need.

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 & Water Fountains are located in the narthex (lobby). We invite all first time guests to stop by the welcome table to receive a gift. Text **'CONNECT'** to 225-230-1017 join St. John's updates.

For Families with Children

Children are always welcome in worship. If at any time you'd prefer a quieter space, the Bride's Room—located at the back of the Narthex (lobby)—is available for you, with books, a rocker, and a nearby women's restroom.

- 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.

The **flowers** on the altar are from John and Pam Toney and are dedicated to the Glory of God and with thanksgiving for all the blessings we have.

Today's ushers are **Brian and Danielle Blackwood**.

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discover St. John's | Sun., April 19 | 9:45 a.m.

New or curious about St. John's? Join us today for Discover St. John's, a relaxed, informal gathering to learn more about the church and connect with others, hosted at 9:45 a.m. in Pastor Lane's office (Admin building). They'll be coffee, snacks, and great company.

Kids Night | Sun., April 19 | 4:00–5:30 p.m.

K–5th graders are invited for an evening of fun, connection, and faith-filled activities today!

Coffee & Conversation for Retirees | Thurs., April 23 | 10:30 a.m. | Founders' Parlor

Join us for coffee, conversation, and community with fellow retirees.

Campus Tour | Sun., April 26 | 10:00 a.m. | Family Life Center

New or want to learn your way around? Join Mary Madalyn St. Pierre for a guided campus tour and time for questions. Meet in the Family Life Center or connect after the 8:30 service in the Narthex (lobby) to walk over together.

Confirmation & Youth Sunday | Sun., May 3 | Both Services

Join us on May 3 as our youth lead worship, our intern, Frankie Guajardo, preaches, and we celebrate the confirmation of nine students! Note: Communion will be observed on May 14 to allow time for confirmations.

Labyrinth Prayer Walk | Wed., May 20 | 4:00–6:30 p.m. | Narthex (Lobby)

A quiet, guided opportunity for prayer and reflection. Come and go as you're able.

Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser

Envelope Challenge In Narthex (Lobby) & Family Life Center

Help send our youth into mission! Choose an envelope numbered \$1–\$100—your number is your gift amount. Sign the sheet so we can track progress & return your donation by May 10. If all 100 envelopes are taken, we'll raise over \$5,000, helping offset the \$500 per-student cost so every youth can participate. Thank you for being part of their mission journey!

Family Ministries Summer Internship

A 12-week, paid internship (\$3,000 stipend, ~20 hrs/week) for those passionate about serving children and youth. Learn more via the QR code.



UWF Reading Program Certificates

Completed the 2026 United Women in Faith Reading Program? Contact Norma Thomason or Clara Maynard by May 15 for certificate information.

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 H–I invited to bring snacks 4.26.26

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Sundays
6:00 p.m. 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 Cafe Fruit: Last Names Q–Z 4.26.26
3:30 p.m. Music Makers (K–5th grades)
4:30 p.m. Music Makers (Middle School)
5:00 p.m. Youth Group

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
Tues & Thurs 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. FLC
shepherdsmarket.org

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

CONTACT stjohnsbr.org/contact-us

deeply ROOTED

8:30 AM Worship Celebration
Sunday, April 19th, 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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& PRAYER
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Gathering Music

Alleluia Ringers

Carillon for a Joyous Day
By Douglas E. Wagner

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

We Sing Together*

U.M. Hymnal #140 vs 1, 2, 3

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Invitation to Worship*

Steve Causey

Come, let us gather as people seeking life.
We come with dry places and hopeful hearts.
Come, let us draw near to the One who is our source.
We come to be rooted in God's love.
Blessed are those who delight in the way of the Lord,
who are planted by streams of living water.
We come to be shaped, sustained, and made new.

We Sing Together*

The Faith We Sing #2032

My Life is In You, Lord

We Encourage Our Children

Shawn Walker

We Read the Word*

Psalms 1
Pastor Lane
Psaltar, U.M. Hymnal #738, Response 2

SUNG RESPONSE

Like a tree that's planted by the water, we shall not be moved.

Blessed are those
Who do not walk in the counsel of the wicked;
Or stand in the way of sinners,
Or sit in the seat of scoffers;
But their delight is in the law of the Lord,
And on God's law they meditate day and night.
They are like trees
Planted by streams of water
That yield their fruit in season,
And their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

SUNG RESPONSE

Like a tree that's planted by the water, we shall not be moved.

The wicked are not so,
But are like chaff which the wind drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment;
Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
But the way of the wicked will perish.

SUNG RESPONSE

Like a tree that's planted by the water, we shall not be moved.

We Reflect On The Word

Pastor Lane

Soundtrack of Faith: *Deeply Rooted*

We Sing Together*

U.M. Hymnal #529 vs 1, 2, 5

How Firm a Foundation

We Name Our Need for Grace*

Steve Causey

Before we come to God's table,
we pause to be honest about our lives and our hearts.
Let us confess the ways we have rooted ourselves in things that do not give life.
God of life,
we confess that we do not always planted ourselves in you.
We chase what is quick instead of what is lasting.
We listen to voices that pull us away from your truth.
We neglect the quiet practices that nourish our souls.
We confess that we often want growth without patience,
strength without deep roots,
and faith without formation.
Forgive us, O God.
Turn us again toward your living water.
Plant us in your grace, and restore what has withered within us. Amen.

Words of Grace and Forgiveness

Steve Causey

Hear the good news:
God does not abandon what God has planted.
In love and mercy, God forgives, restores, and renews.
We are forgiven, and in Jesus Christ, we are made new.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

We Greet One Another with Joy & Peace*

Mission Moment

Jen and Daniel Cszaszar

Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser

We Offer God's Tithes and Our Gifts

Alleluia Ringers

Rejoice
By 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.



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

U.M. Hymnal #895

We Partake in Communion*

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

Steve Causey

Gracious God,
we thank you for this meal –
for bread that nourishes and cup that sustains.
In this simple feast,
you have met us again at the source of life.
Now send us out deeply rooted in your love,
grounded in your truth,
and strengthened for the days ahead.
May what we have received here
take root in us –
growing into lives of faith, hope, and love.
Through Christ, our living water. Amen.

We Receive This Week's Call to Action

Pastor Lane

We Sing Together*

U.M. Hymnal #368 vs 1, 2

My Hope is Built

We Share in a Blessing

Pastor Lane

We Go Out Into the World*

Alleluia Ringers

Fantasy on "Hyfrydol"
By Hal H. Hopson