



Sunday, January 19, 2025
8:30 a.m. Worship Celebration
All Are Welcome

Through our gospel reading today, we see Jesus' abundant, generous grace on full display as he turns water into wine during a wedding celebration. As those who follow Jesus' example, how might we strive for others to have abundant life too? Welcome to worship as we consider this question together.

Whether you are a guest or member, we invite you to register your attendance and share any prayer requests you have at stjohnsbr.org/here or scan the QR code.



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Welcome to St. John's United Methodist Church

GUEST INFORMATION

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, located in the back of the Sanctuary.

Please take home a copy of our Welcome Brochure located in the Narthex or view it online at: stjohnsbr.org/welcome-brochure.

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 Prayground** 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 Prayground 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.

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The Celebration of the Gospel

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



Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

*Song

We Are Called
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2172, vs 1 - 3

*Call to Worship

Sandra Kuykendall

We come this day, gracious God,
as people in need of your steadfast love.

**With you is the fountain of life;
in your Light we see light.**

We gather this day, Water-changing God,
as people looking for signs.

**With you is the fountain of life;
in your Light we see light.**

We worship this day, Life-changing God,
for the best of yet to come!

**With you is the fountain of life;
in your Light we see light.**

*Response

Make Me a Servant
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2176

Children's Message

Barbara Benton

*Scripture

John 2:1-11

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.

Witness to the Word

Pastor Lane

"They Have No Wine"

*Hymn

The Servant Song
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2222, vs. 1 - 4

*Prayer of Confession

Sandra Kuykendall

Lord, how we must try your patience!

We often doubt, when we should place our faith in your abiding presence.

We think that we have to have all the answers, and judge others who fail to live up to our expectations.

We think that we are the one thing that matters most in life. So we place ourselves at the center of our own universe.

Forgive us when we show how shallow our faith is.

Help us to really understand the miraculous ways in which you have already worked in our lives and will continue to work as we journey in faith.

Bring to us the Light of Joy, and let it flood through our whole beings, that we may be transformed into people of joyful service and faith. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

*Words of Grace and Forgiveness

God's love is continually poured out for us. Drink from the cup of forgiveness and compassion, dear ones.

In Jesus' name, you are forgiven!

In Jesus' name, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

*Sharing the Love and Peace of Christ

Mission Moment: Cuba Mission

Donnie Lambert

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 by scanning the QR Code
or navigate to 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!**

*Gathering at God's Table

Pastor Lane

The Lord's Prayer

*Sharing the Bread & 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.*

Closing Prayer

Sandra Kuykendall

**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.**

Call to Action

*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**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2153, vs. 1 - 3

***Blessing and Sending Forth**

***Postlude**

Worship Notes

Ushers for the 8:30 service are Darren and Chris Stubbs.

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

Announcements

OFFICE AND PANTRY CLOSURES

The church and The Shepherd's Market will be closed **Monday, January 20**, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and remain closed **Tuesday, January 21** because of the expected inclement weather.

UPCOMING MEETINGS, WEATHER PERMITTING

The Trustees meeting planned for Tuesday, January 21 will not meet and will be rescheduled.

The Finance Committee will meet on **Thursday, January 30 at 5:30 p.m.** in the Library. Both the 2024 and 2025 committee members will meet to go over this year's budget.

FROM FEAR TO BELONGING - ONLINE PRAYER VIGIL

Join The United Methodist Church on **Monday, January 20, from 4-5 p.m.** for "From Fear to Belonging," an online prayer vigil to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy. The event will feature music, prayers, and messages from across the denomination. The vigil will also feature a time to confess our collective sins and reframe the narrative from fear to belonging. You will need to register at stjohnsbr.org/prayervigil in order to receive the link to participate.

JANUARY 26 is UWF SUNDAY

Next Sunday, January 26, is United Women in Faith Sunday, and we will welcome Rev. Mary Rachel Moore, LSU's new Wesley Foundation Director, as our guest preacher. We will also hear about the impact UWF is making through their various mission efforts and recognize this year's recipients of the Special Mission Recognition Pin, given to members of St. John's who exemplify the motto of "Compassionate Commitment."

KARAOKE C.H.A.O.S.

Come make a joyful noise with us at our C.H.A.O.S. event on **Sunday, January 26 from 4-6 p.m.** in the Family Life Center. Participants will have an opportunity to lift their voice in song during karaoke, create Valentine's Day cards for our home-centered and facility bound members, and share a meal together. Join us for St. John's fellowship, singing, and if you want, make Valentine's Day cards!

GOOD GRIEF! SUPPORT FELLOWSHIP RESCHEDULED

Good Grief! originally scheduled for Tuesday, January 21 has been rescheduled to **Tuesday, January 28 at 5:30 p.m.** in The Founders' Parlor.

COUNCIL KICKOFF: A MORNING OF ORIENTATION & COLLABORATION

The Church Council will gather on **Saturday, February 8, from 8:30 to 11:30 AM** for a morning of orientation and collaboration. During this session, we will take time to reflect on our accomplishments and experiences from 2024, as well as look ahead to opportunities and goals for this year. We will also take care of some beginning-of-the-year business, including the adoption of the 2025 budget. Though this is designed for the 2025 Church Council, anyone who is interested in attending is welcome to come. Please let us know in the church office (office@stjohnsbr.org) that you're coming so we can plan accordingly.

COFFEE TIME SNACKS

If your last name begins with **H - K**, "your" day to bring a snack for Coffee Time is next Sunday, **January 26**. Remember, this is just a much appreciated suggestion not an obligation. *Please bring your items in a disposable container or single-use dish, and take them to the FLC by 9:30 a.m.*

2025 FLOWER CHART

The 2025 Flower Chart is up in the hallway of the Admin/Education Building. This is a wonderful way to remember or honor someone in your family, a very good friend, a group, or to the Glory of God, to name a few. Lynn will contact you during the week to remind you your Sunday is coming up and will ask you for a dedication to be printed in the bulletin. Many thanks for adding to the beauty of our Sanctuary and to the day the Lord has made.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Beginning **Sunday, January 26**, we are asking members to spend some time with the youngest blessings of St. John's. This will help us meet our budget and best stretch your contributions! If no children arrive within the first 15 minutes of the worship service and/or Sunday School, volunteers are free to leave the nursery. You will remain "on call" until your time has ended and will receive a text if a child shows up and you are needed. Thank you for your willingness to serve on the rotation with others!

To sign up and share your availability, go to stjohnsbr.org/nurseryvolunteer. Also, keep an eye out for Safe Sanctuary Training sign-up, coming soon!

Middle school and high school students are welcome to sign up, too!

2025 CHURCH LEADERS INSTALLATION AND BLESSING

On **Sunday, February 9** at both worship services we will have an installation of officers of our committees and will offer a blessing to those who have been called to serve in leadership and as members of our boards and committees of the church for 2025.

DONATE TO UMCOR/CALIFORNIA FIRES

If you would like to help the California relief effort through UMCOR, you can go online at stjohnsbr.org/give, on the General Budget pull down menu select Missions and on the Sub Fund pull down menu, select Disaster Relief/UMCOR. You may also pay by check with UMCOR or CA Fire Relief in the memo line. You may mail the check to the office or put your check or cash (marked on the envelope UMCOR or CA Fire Relief) in the offering plate on Sunday. Remember, 100% of your donation goes to the California relief effort.

Youth and Children's Ministries

YOUTH AND CHILDREN SUNDAY FLOW

We offer faith formation for children and youth of all ages during Sunday School.

Upstairs Café opens at 9:30 a.m. - Students start in the Upstairs Cafe (Room 202 of the Admin building) helping them get settled, enjoy a snack, and have a time of fellowship with one another before separating into their age specific Sunday School groups.

Sunday School Classes - Children 2 yrs to 4 yrs are in the Pre-K Room on the first floor of the Admin building; students in Kindergarten through 2nd grade are in Room 204; students in 3rd through 5th grades are in Room 207; students in 6th through 12th grades are in the Youth Sunday School class Room 201.

UPSTAIRS CAFE SNACK SCHEDULE

First Sundays - Sunday School Teachers

Second Sundays - PreK - 2nd Families

Third Sundays - 3rd - 5th Families

Fourth Sundays - Youth Families.

We will deal with Fifth Sundays separately.

JOIN MUSIC MAKERS

Music Makers rehearse on **Sundays at 4:30 p.m.** in the Choir Room. This is a wonderful opportunity for Kindergarten through 5th grade students as well as Youth (6th - 12th grades) to be introduced to songs and hymns of the United Methodist Church and a variety of instruments. Drop them off and pick them up in the choir room. They will have a wonderful time with Dr. Steve.

YOUTH GROUP (6th-12th Grades)

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

Third Wednesdays: Youth also meet on the third Wednesday of each month from 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room for Wednesday Night Live.

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, January 19

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, 202 Admin Bldg.
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. Alleluia Ringers, Bells Room

Monday, January 20

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

7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Tuesday, January 21

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

Wednesday, January 22 - weather permitting

7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC
9:00 a.m. BR District Audit Committee, FLC
6:30 p.m. Ladies' AA Meeting, FLC-C
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, January 23

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market Client-Choice Food Pantry, FLC

Friday, January 24

7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC
8:00 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, FLC

Saturday, January 25

9:00 a.m. River City Quilt Workshop, FLC
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C
2:00 p.m. Youth Community Connection, Location TBA
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC

*Family Life Center

More Youth Announcements

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

St. John's Youth and their friends will get together on **Saturday, January 25, 2 - 3:30 p.m.** for refreshments and fellowship. The location will be announced in next week's Youth Newsletter - but you should mark calendars now so you don't miss it.

NEW YOUTH COUNCIL

The Youth Council is a team that will meet regularly to collaborate and answer different questions about the youth ministry at St. John's: Do we want to plan a lock-in? What activities should we include? What are some community service projects we should be involved in? Where and when do we want to go for a summer mission trip? If you are an adult or youth student who would like to help create & plan various events and programs for our students in 6th - 12th grades, consider joining them at their first meeting February 9 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. Please contact Connor (connordean@stjohnsbr.org) if you or your student is interested in serving on the Youth Council.



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