

HOLDING SPACE

CHECK-IN & PRAYER REQUESTS



For Rest & Growth

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone. This Sunday, we face mortality honestly and gently. Lent invites us to ask a brave question. Knowing we will die, how then shall we live? In naming death, we may discover a deeper, fuller life.

Donations Needed

Help us restock the **Shepherd's Market** Urgent needs include pasta (no mac & cheese), condiments, drinks (water, juice, boxed drinks), and regular-size cereal. Ongoing needs: peanut butter, jelly, dried beans, household items, and personal hygiene products.

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.

The flowers on the altar are given by **Renee Rodi in honor of her parents, Margaret and James Mohr**, on their 75th wedding anniversary.

Today's ushers are David and Mecah Idikwu

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Care Ministries: Meal Ministry

Our Meal Ministry is a simple, meaningful way to care for one another during life's most challenging seasons—after a loss, surgery, the arrival of a new baby, or other times of need. You can cook, pick up a meal, or help as you're able. Signing up simply lets us know you're willing to be contacted when a need arises. Scan the QR code to join or email Mary Madalyn St. Pierre (marymadalynstpierre@stjohnsbr.org).



Memorial Hospitality Ministry

Our Memorial Hospitality Ministry offers care and support for families during funerals and celebrations of life. Volunteers serve in a variety of ways and are only called upon occasionally. If you feel called to help, please sign up— it is a meaningful way to care for our church family.



Easter Dedications – Lilies & Gifts

Celebrate and remember loved ones this Easter through lily dedications or gifts supporting our Mission & Vision. Lilies will beautify our worship space, and all dedications will be listed in the Easter bulletin. Deadline: March 30 | Sign up online.



Sunday, March 29 – One Worship Service | 10:00 a.m. | Coffee at 9:00 a.m.

Join us for Palm Sunday as we gather for one combined worship service at 10:00 a.m. Come early for coffee and fellowship at 9:00 a.m. and a festive palm processional from the Family Life Center to the Sanctuary. Everyone is invited to bring refreshments for the extended Coffee Time.

Thursday, April 2 – Maundy Thursday Worship | 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a meaningful service commemorating the Last Supper and pivot to Jesus' final hours with his followers. We will gather at 6:00 p.m. on April 2.

Sunday, April 12 – St. Mark's Mission Day | 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

All ages are invited to serve at St. Mark's UMC in the French Quarter. The group departs from St. John's at 7:30 a.m. and returns mid-afternoon. There is no cost to participate; a Dutch-treat meal stop is typical on the way home. To sign up, contact Rev. Larry Norman at 225-933-1881.

Sunday, April 19 – Discover St. John's | 9:45 a.m. | Pastor Lane's Office

If you've been visiting or just wondering how to take a next step, Discover St. John's is for you! Come meet a few friendly faces, hear a bit about St. John's, and explore ways to get connected. Coffee, conversation, and a place for you. Please RSVP with QR Code or email Mary Madalyn St. Pierre (marymadalynstpierre@stjohnsbr.org).



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
All last names may bring snacks on 3/29

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Sundays
6:00 p.m. The 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: None
3:30 p.m. Music Makers (K-5th grades)
4:30 p.m. Music Makers (Middle School)
5:00 p.m. Youth Group (6th-12th grades)

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

HOLDING SPACE

For Life & Death

8:30 AM Worship Celebration

Sunday, March 22nd, 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**.

Gathering Music

Dr. Terry Byars

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

We Sing Together*

When We All Get to Heaven

U.M. Hymnal #701 vs 1, 2, 3

Invitation to Worship*

Bobbi Marino

We come carrying many things – joy and sorrow, beginnings and endings.

All of it belongs in God's presence.

We don't have to separate what feels alive from what feels like loss.

God holds it all together.

So come as you are.

Let us worship the God who meets us in all of it.

We Sing Together*

In His Time

U.M. Hymnal #2203 vs 1

We Encourage Our Children

Marilyn Damberg

We Read the Word

Ecclesiastes 3:1-12

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.

Pastor Lane

We Reflect on the Word

Holding Space for Life & Death

Pastor Lane

We Sing Together*

O God Our Help in Ages Past

U.M. Hymnal # 117 vs 1, 2, 5, 6

We Name Our Need for Grace*

Bobbi Marino

Trusting in God's mercy, let us name our need for grace,
as we pray together:

God of life and death,

We confess that we resist the rhythms you have created.

We cling to what we should release.

We avoid what we need to face.

We fear endings, and deny our limits.

We turn away from grief.

We hide from death.

We pretend we are in control.

Forgive us. Slow us down.

Help us trust that you are present

not only in life's joys, but also in its endings.

Teach us to live fully –

and to trust you with what we cannot hold onto. Amen.

We Hear Words of Grace

Bobbi Marino

& Forgiveness*

Hear the good news:

God meets us in every season –

in what is ending and in what is being made new.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and not alone.

Thanks be to God.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

We Greet One Another with Joy & Peace*

Mission Moment

Mary Madalyn St. Pierre

Meal Ministry

We Offer God's Tithes and Our Gifts

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.



We Sing Together*

U.M. Hymnal # 94

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

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 Pray Together

Bobbi Marino

God of life,

you have met us at this table

with grace and mercy.

As we go from here, help us trust you

in every ending

and every beginning. Amen.

We Receive This Week's Call To Action

Pastor Lane

We Sing Together*

Soon and Very Soon

U.M. Hymnal #706 vs 1, 2, 3

We Share in a Blessing*

Pastor Lane

We Go Out into the World*

Dr. Terry Byars

Music sends us out, but our worship continues as we go forth to love, grow together, and serve our neighbors.