

MAKING Room

CHECK-IN &
PRAYER REQUESTS
VIA QR CODE →



John the Baptist went ahead of Jesus to make way for him and his ministry. In our own season of Advent preparation for Jesus, may we find ways to make room for Jesus in our own minds and hearts. This means doing some housekeeping – repenting of all that currently clutters our inner lives.

Most Wanted Pantry Items

Weekly donations to the Shepherd's Market Client-Choice Food Pantry continue!

We *urgently* need **all varieties of canned vegetables**; We have a lesser need for snacks, peanut butter, pasta, and condiments.

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 **St. John's Playground** is in the front of the sanctuary during services. Children are welcome to spend **the entire service** here.
- 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, given by Susan Teddlie, are dedicated to all who have an empty chair at their Thanksgiving table. The rose on the altar celebrates the birth of Samuel Paul LeBlanc, born on November 11. He is the son of Stephen and Maddie LeBlanc & the grandchild of Philip and Julie LeBlanc.

Today's Ushers
Jackie Creed & Laurie Williams

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Support God's Dreams for St. John's in 2026

Thank you for your 2026 pledges! Your generosity helps sustain the ministries we share. If you would like to make a pledge, you can do so online (QR Code) or at stjohnsbr.org/pledge-2026 or pick up a card in the narthex or church office.



Christmas Play to Benefit the Shepherd's Market

Join us at Jefferson United Methodist Church for Stories from the Birth of Christ, a Christmas play retelling the wonder, hope, and joy of Jesus' birth. Performances will be held on Sunday, December 7th at 2:00 & 6:00 p.m. A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales will be given to The Shepherd's Market. Scan the QR code to purchase your tickets (\$12).



Hanging of the Greens, Sunday, November 30

Begin Advent by bringing the symbols of the season to life as we decorate the sanctuary, with scripture and song guiding our preparation. Stay afterward for extended Coffee Time. **This is a One Service Sunday, 10 a.m.** (No Sunday School.).

Joyfest, Sunday December 7th, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a fun, festive, all-ages gathering filled with warmth and laughter. Wear your favorite Christmas pajamas or a delightfully tacky outfit, and bring a dish to share as we enjoy good food, good company, and the joy of the season together!

Christmas Eve Worship Opportunities

Join us on Christmas Eve for one of our services.

4 p.m. A Family-Friendly Service with a children's live nativity

6 p.m. A Traditional Candlelight & Communion Service

Make A Difference this Holiday Season:

Help us prepare for the Great Turkey Giveaway by taking home a loaf of **homemade bread** today and freezing it until December 12. It will be part of the holiday meals we share at the Great Turkey Giveaway on December 13. on Saturday, December 13! Arrive at 7:00 a.m. on the 13th to help assemble and distribute holiday meals.

Serve at the Holiday Superstore! Meet us **Monday, November 24 at 7:30 a.m.** at the far-right Target entrance to help shop for the children of Charlie Thomas Head Start. This Opening Doors Nonprofit program empowers families earn points in the fall that convert gift dollars— at no cost to shoppers! To help or learn more, contact MarilynDamberg@mac.com.

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 letters may bring snacks on Nov 30

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays
9:45 a.m. Campus Wide

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 Café Fruit – No snacks on 11/30

4:30 p.m. Music Makers (K-8th grades)

SERVE

Fridays
10:30 a.m. Holy Helpers, Church Office

WELLNESS

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

SHEPHERD'S MARKET

Closed on 11/27 for Thanksgiving

Mondays 3:30 p.m. FLC

Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:00 a.m. FLC
shepherdsmarket.org

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Monday – Friday
Closed 11/27 & 11/28

CONTACT

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ST. JOHN'S
United Methodist Church

8:30 a.m. Worship Celebration

Sunday, November 23rd 2025

stjohnsbr.org | [@stjohnsbr](https://www.instagram.com/stjohnsbr) | office@stjohnsbr.org

225-766-4594 | 230 Renee Drive BR, LA 70810

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 MusicDr. Terry Byars

Words of WelcomeRev. Lane Cotton Winn

We Welcome in the Light of Christ*The Faith We Sing #2031
We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

Invitation to Worship*Beth Forester
In the wilderness, God speaks a word of hope.
We come to listen and make room in our hearts.
Prepare the way of the Lord; clear a path for grace.
We come to turn toward God’s mercy and love.
God welcomes all to the table of abundance.
We come to create sanctuary and receive Christ anew.

We Sing Together*
Sanctuary

We Encourage Our ChildrenDarlene Dickson

We Read the Word*Pastor Lane
Mark 1:1–8
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 Reflect On The WordPastor Lane
“Making Room”



We Sing Together*The Faith We Sing #2091, vs 1, 3
The King of Glory Comes

We Name Our Need For Grace*Beth Forester
Gracious God,
we thank you for every good gift –
for the tables that have welcomed us
and the people who have made room for us.
Yet we confess that we do not always offer
that same welcome to others.
Our lives grow crowded, our attention grows narrow,
and we hold tightly to comfort and routine.
Forgive us.
Clear space within us so that our hearts
may become a sanctuary where all are invited,
and where Christ may dwell. Amen.

Words of Grace and Forgiveness*Beth Forester
Hear the good news: God’s grace is abundant,
God’s welcome is wide, and God’s mercy is new every morning.
Through Jesus Christ, a place is prepared for you –
a place of belonging, forgiveness, and joy.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!
May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

We Greet One Another with Joy and Peace*

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.



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
We give thanks, remember God’s saving acts, and call on the
Holy Spirit to bless the bread and cup. Together, we join in a
holy meal that connects us with Christ and one another.

We Pray the Lord’s PrayerU.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 & 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 TogetherBeth Forester
Gracious God,
thank you for feeding us at this table
with the grace we never earn
and the welcome we always need.
As we leave this meal of gratitude,
help us carry its spirit with us –
making room for others,
offering the kindness we’ve received,
and preparing our hearts and our world
for Christ who is coming.
In your love we give thanks, and in your Spirit we go. Amen.

We Receive This Week’s Call To Action
We joyfully welcome all those who wish to become members of
St. John’s and invite you to come forward and stand with Pastor
Lane during the singing of the next song.

We Sing Together*U.M. Hymnal # 213 vs 1, 4
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

We Share in a Blessing*Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

We Go Out into the World*Dr. Terry Byars
The service ends, but our worship continues as we go forth to
love and serve the Lord.