



*Sunday, November 3, 2024
8:30 a.m. Worship Celebration*

All Are Welcome

Today is All Saints Sunday, which is a day when the Christian Church remembers that we are better together. We are in holy communion with all who have walked this journey in the past, those who walk with us today, and all who will join with us in the future. During worship, we will remember and give thanks for those who have passed away this year by reading their names and lighting a candle, giving thanks for their lives and good witness. We welcome guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Frances Hooton, the Superintendent of the Southwest District of the Louisiana Conference, and daughter of Vivian and Guy Johnson.

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

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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All Saints' Sunday

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

Procession of Light and Bell Banner

Jane Walker

*Song of Praise

For All the Saints
The United Methodist Hymnal 711, vs. 1, 2, & 4

*Call to Worship

Bobbi Marino

Come, a great cloud of witnesses surrounds us as we gather!
May the God of every generation form us anew for this day and age.

We gather today as the family of Christ, siblings and saints,
diverse yet united by God's grace.

**We remember the unending love of Jesus
that brings us together in holy communion.**

We remember in every time and place
the saints of God who have shown us the Lord.

**Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us worship God with praise and thanksgiving!**

May the comforting presence of the Holy Spirit be with us.
**And may a new joy and deep peace rise in our lives and
in the life of the world. Amen.**

*Sung Response

For All the Saints
The United Methodist Hymnal 711, vs. 6

In Memoriam

Jeff Duke
June 15, 2024
St. John's, Retired Clergy

Marion Dyess
November 5, 2023
St John's Church Member

Judie Gilbert
May 25, 2024
St. John's Church Member

James "Jimmy" Grimes, Jr.
June 9, 2024
St. John's Church Member

Asher Thomas Hoeastra
October 9, 2024
*Great grandson of
Lenni Stickles*

Dale Harding
September 6, 2024
St. John's Church Member

Jessie Hammonds
January 21, 2024
St. John's Church Member

Robert "Bob" Jenkins
November 27, 2023
St. John's Church Member

Elizabeth Ayling Keith
December 27, 2023
Spouse of Dick Keith

Cherlyn Allen Kelley
August 18, 2024
Mother of LeAnn Davis

Dorothy Lively
January 17, 2024
Mother-in-law of Pat Lively

BJ McKee
January 25, 2024
St. John's Church Member

Larry McKee
April 6, 2024
St. John's Church Member

Patricia "Pat" Means
August 24, 2024
Mother of Chris Means

Sydney Perry
April 7, 2024
Mother of Mari Walker

Mary Ann Reynolds
September 15, 2024
Aunt of Kristine Isenhower

Jim Schaffhauser
November 17, 2023
Brother-in-law of Joyce Perry

Bilwood Smith, Jr.
April 17, 2024
Cousin of Lynn Cooper

Frank D. Steffen
January 17, 2024
Father of Rhonda Tucker

Allen Taylor
November 21, 2023
St. John's Church Member

Ronald D. Tucker
October 27, 2024
Father of Parker Tucker

Joan Wharton
November 11, 2023
St. John's Church Member

John Winn
December 27, 2023
St. John's, Retired Clergy

Prayer

By John Winn

Remembrance Song

On Eagles Wings
The United Methodist Hymnal 143

Children's Moment

Natalie Cooper

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Dr. Frances Hooton

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

Hebrews 12:1-2

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

Rev. Francey

"Together"

*Hymn

Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above
The United Methodist Hymnal 709, vs. 1 & 4

*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 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 the Table

To prepare for Holy Communion, we recall the story of the Last Supper and the pastor invokes the presence of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing in Holy Communion

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

Bobbi Marino

**We give you thanks, O God,
that you have refreshed us through this healing time of worship
and around your table of grace.**

**We know that in our grief and in our celebration, you are with us in
Spirit and we are not left alone.**

**We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in
Christ as we go forth this day. 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

Hymn of Promise

The United Methodist Hymnal 707, vs. 1 - 3

*During the singing of the hymn, we invite you
to bring forward donations to The Shepherd's Market.*

*Blessing and Sending Forth

*Postlude

Worship Notes

Ushers for the 8:30 service are Brian and Danielle Blackwood.

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

Connect with Us

You are invited to participate in any of our activities, and to become a part of this community of faith and love. Sign up for text/email notifications by texting the word "Connect" to 225-230-1017.

Announcements

GUEST PREACHER

Our guest preacher today, Rev. Dr. Frances Hooton, is the Superintendent of the Southwest District of the Louisiana Conference. She is the daughter of Vivian and Guy Johnson, long time members of St. John's UMC. For over thirty years she has served many United Methodist Churches in Louisiana. She is married to retired pastor Rev. Richard Hooton. She is a Spiritual Director and is deeply committed to spiritual formation. Francey loves to read, knit, and play with her two dogs, Taffy and Sandy. Welcome to St. John's, Rev. Hooton.

TODAY - BATON ROUGE DISTRICT CHARGE CONFERENCE

The 2024 Charge Conference for St. John's will be held today at 4 p.m. at Jefferson UMC, 10328 Jefferson Hwy. If you are a member of St. John's Church Council, you are a voting member of the Charge Conference.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

We had such an incredible morning of worship and fellowship on Commitment Sunday! Thank you to all who took part in that special day. As of November 1, we have received 76 pledges totaling \$435,415. This is a great start toward funding our 2025 aspirational budget of \$687,102. If you haven't turned in a pledge for 2025, please complete your pledge online (stjohnsbr.org/pledge-2025) or with a printed pledge card (available in the Office and Narthex) as soon as possible.

We know that circumstances change, including personal finances, and so Pledges do not automatically renew each year. Please complete a new pledge annually. If you have your pledge set up as a recurring gift through the online system, please make sure to log in and enter your new 2025 pledge with a new start and end date for next year. If you would like to adjust the amount of your 2025 pledge and keep your recurring gift active without logging in, email LeAnn Davis at leannDavis@stjohnsbr.org with instructions and she can make the change for you. Just make sure to let her know if you want to cover the processing fee.

ELECTION DAY RIDES

Need a ride to the polls on Election Day? Church member, Susan Teddlie, is willing to drive anyone who needs a ride to their polling site. Coordinate your ride with Susan by calling her at 225-281-5993.

PICKLEBALL NOT HELD TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5

St. John's is a polling location therefore there will be no Pickleball on election day **Tuesday, November 5**. Pickleball will resume on Tuesday, November 12.

CHURCHWIDE WORKDAY NOVEMBER 16

Can you scoop ice? Wipe down appliances? Use a paint brush? Wash windows? Trim bushes? If so, we have work items matching your skill set! If those skills aren't for you, can you do minor electrical work? Replace light covers? Plant flower beds? If so, we have work items matching those skill sets, too!

Whatever you can do, we have small jobs that you can do during the St. John's Fall Workday. Trustees will bring donuts, supplies and some tools, we just need you to bring yourself and join us for workday on **Saturday November 16 at 8 a.m.** Don't forget your work gloves.

PRIME TIMERS BREAKFAST

Everyone is invited to the Prime Timers Second Saturday Dutch-treat buffet breakfast (\$10.99) on **November 9 at 8:30 a.m.** at Drury Inn, 7939 Essen Park Ave.

COFFEE TIME SNACKS

If your last name begins with **T-Z**, **Sunday, November 10** is “your” day to bring a snack for Coffee Time. Remember, this is just a much appreciated suggestion not an obligation. You don’t have to cook or bake – in these days of prepared foods, any grocery store has plenty of delicious items to choose from. ***Please bring your items in a disposable container or single-use dish, and take them to the FLC by 9:30 a.m.***

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The call is out for craft & baked items that you might want to donate to the United Women in Faith’s Craft & Bake Sale on **Sunday, December 15**. This very worthy cause raises funds for local missions supported by Circle of the Heart. If you would like to donate items, contact Clara Maynard at claramaynard@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE - HOLIDAY SUPERSTORE

This year’s shopping day for the Holiday Superstore will be on **Monday, November 25** at the Target on Siegen Lane; plan to meet at **8 a.m. at the entrance on the far right**.

For those of you who have not been involved before, the Holiday Superstore is an Opening Doors program that targets the children of the Charlie Thomas Head Start Center located in the Gardere area. During the year, parents earn points by following guidelines to get them involved in their children’s education, these points are translated into a dollar amount and volunteers from St. John’s do the shopping for the gifts. The money is budgeted by Opening Doors so there is no cost to you as the shopper.

If you can help this year or would like more information about this mission, email Marilyn Damberg (marilyndamberg@mac.com) or phone/text at 225-335-3321.

Upcoming Children’s & Youth Events

MUSIC MAKERS WILL MEET TODAY

Music Makers will meet this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. Children and Youth in grades K - 12 are invited to this fun, learning experience with Dr. Steve.

TODAY - YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

The youth Bible Study will meet today, **Sunday, November 3, 4 - 5:30 p.m.** at the Robertson’s home (286 Stanford Ave., Baton Rouge). Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. For our Bible Study series this fall, we will be using the TrndSstr curriculum from Church of the Resurrection.

YOUTH ST. MARK’S MISSION

The St. John’s youth group is planning a one-night trip to New Orleans on **Saturday and Sunday, November 23-24**. We will have a lock-in the evening of Saturday, November 23. On the morning of Sunday, November 24, our mission team will serve meals to those experiencing homelessness and hunger in the French Quarter. Adult volunteers are welcome to join as well!! Please email Connor for more information (connordean@stjohnsbr.org).

COMMON GROUND YOUTH RETREAT

YOUTH, SAVE THE DATE - February 21-23. A group of youth directors across the Louisiana United Methodist Conference are working together to plan a retreat for students in 6th-12th grades this winter at Camp Istrouma. The total cost to attend is about \$100-\$125 per person. **HOWEVER**, St. John’s and the Louisiana United Methodist Conference will pay a portion of this cost. Students will need to pay \$20 to attend, which is due by December 15.

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, November 3

- 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
- 4:00 p.m. Charge Conference, Jefferson UMC
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study, Robertson Home
- 4:30 p.m. Music Makers, Choir Room
- 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Bells Room

Monday, November 4

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

Tuesday, November 5

THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET CLOSED

- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Wednesday, November 6

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

Thursday, November 7

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market Client Choice Food Pantry, FLC
- 5:00 p.m. River City Quilts Meeting, FLC

Friday, November 8

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

Saturday, November 9

- 8:00 a.m. River City Quilts Workshop, FLC
- 8:30 a.m. Prime Timers Breakfast, Drury Inn
- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC

*Family Life Center



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