

I wish I may I wish I might

Make A Difference This Week

Donate this week's most needed items to The Shepherd's Market: Our most needed items are Snacks & Pasta and we always have demand for cereal, condiments, drinks, and household items.

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 **Playground** 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.

Todays ushers are **Brian & Danielle Blackwood**.

CHECK-IN &
PRAYER REQUESTS
VIA QR CODE



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Pop-Up, Wednesday, January 7

Pastor Lane is visiting local spots around town and would love to see you! Stop by, say hello, and enjoy a relaxed conversation – no agenda, no pressure, just community. Everyone is welcome! The first Pop Up will be January 7, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., at Light House Coffee (257 Lee Dr.). Everyone is welcome!

The Chosen Watch Parties, Wednesdays beginning January 7

Join us on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. to watch *The Chosen: Season 1*, a TV series about the life of Jesus. Watching the full season is encouraged, but all are welcome at any time. For more information contact Rhonda at parkerrhondatucker@gmail.com.

Church Council meeting January 11

Join us in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. next Sunday for the first Church Council meeting of the year. Both 2025 & 2026 Council members are invited for a special presentation from our Mission & Vision Revision Team as we continue our shared discernment.

Weekly Youth Group starts January 11!

Our Youth (6th-12th grades) will be meeting every Sunday, 5:00–7:00 p.m., starting January 11 for faith, food, community and fun! Dinner provided.

Kids Night, January 18th

Join us in the Family Life Center for fun and games as we convene for our first Kids Night of the year! 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Associ-Eights Is Returning, Spring 2026!

Associ-Eights is a short-term small-group experience at St. John's focused on connection and community. When you sign up, you'll be placed in a thoughtfully mixed group of eight to help build new connections. Groups meet at least three times between February and April. Sign-ups run January 4–January 22.

Flower Dedications Needed

If you haven't already, consider dedicating flowers to a loved one on a Sunday in 2026. You may contact the church office or sign up on the paper chart in the hallway of the Admin and Education building. Office@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
Last Names A-C may bring snacks on January 11

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 Cafe fresh fruit: *Last Names A-H*

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

THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET

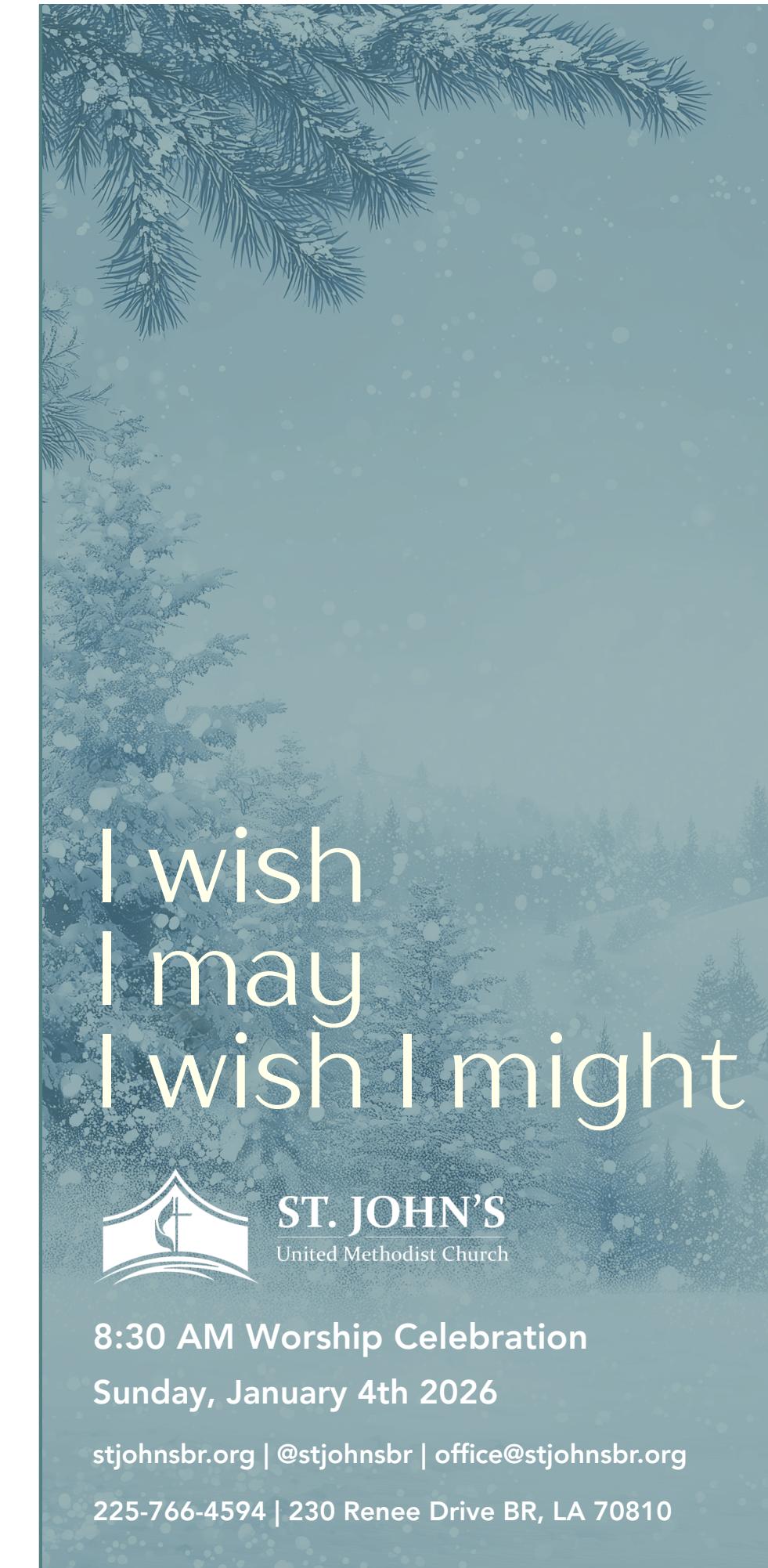
A client choice food pantry
Mondays 3:30 p.m. FLC
Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:00 a.m. FLC
shepherdsmarket.org

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

CONTACT

stjohnsbr.org/contact-us



8:30 AM Worship Celebration

Sunday, January 4th 2026

stjohnsbr.org | @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**.

CHECK IN
& PRAYER
REQUESTS



Gathering Music

Dr. Terry Byars

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

We Sing Together*

The Faith We Sing #2095 v 1 & 5

Star Child

Invitation to Worship*

Pastor Lane

We gather asking, "Where is the light God has sent?"

The light is here, shining among us.

We gather wondering, "Where is Christ revealed today?"

Christ is revealed in love, mercy, and compassion.

We gather ready to worship the One who comes for all.

We worship Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

We Sing Together*

U.M. Hymnal #242 v 1

Love Came Down at Christmas

The Children's Moment

Rev. Rosmery LaFontaine

We Read the Word*

John 1:1-18

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.

Thanks be to God.

We Reflect on the Word

"I wish I May, I wish I Might..."

Rev. Rosmery LaFontaine

We Sing Together*

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

U.M. Hymnal #206 vs 1 & 2

Ministry Moment

Associ-Eights

BJ Cobb & Karen Holton

We Offer God's Tithes and Our Gifts

Medley: This Little Light of Mine; John Toney, vocalist
My Life Is in You, Lord

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*

*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

May our journey this year lead us closer to Jesus the Christ.

Together, we lift our voices.

We are seekers – just like the Magi.

Light our paths and lead us closer to you.

We are longing for hope, love, joy, and peace, and for all that Christ brings.

Light our paths and lead us closer to you.

As we come to Christ's table, may we arrive open and expectant – ready to receive grace.

Light our paths and lead us closer to you.

As we receive a Star Word today, may it encourage us, guide us, and remind us that you are near.

Light our paths and lead us closer to you.

Teach us to notice your presence – in this holy meal and in the days to come.

Light our paths and lead us closer to you.

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.

As you come forward for Communion, you are invited to take a Star Word from the basket. Each Star Word is unique – a personal word of encouragement, guidance, or inspiration for the days ahead.

We Pray Together

**Radiant God,
we thank you for this holy meal—
for grace tasted and love received.**

*As we rise from this table,
bless the Star Word we carry.
Let it be a light along our way,
a whisper of hope,
a reminder that you are near.*

*Fed by Christ and sent in peace,
may our lives reflect your light.
Amen.*

We Receive This Week's Call To Action

Pastor Lane

We Sing Together*

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

U.M. Hymnal #173 vs 1 & 3

We Share in a Blessing*

Rev. Rosemery LaFontaine

We Go Out into the World*

Music sends us out, but our worship continues as we go forth to love and serve the Lord.

We Pray the Lord's Prayer

U.M. Hymnal #895