



holy in the everyday



Sunday, February 5, 2023

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATION

All Are Welcome

Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."
John 6:35

In the things that nourish us we find Jesus. This could be the food we eat or the other moments that fill us up and give us life. We often take for granted this "daily bread," becoming mindless consumers. This week we will explore what it means to slow down and enjoy the bread of life.

Whether you are a guest or member, we invite you to register your attendance (scan the QR code in the pew) 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

OUR MISSION

We are a Christian community called to share our gifts through worship, witness and service so that others will know God and become disciples of Jesus Christ.

OUR VISION

Our church will be known as a center for feeding people spiritually and physically in our community.

OUR CORE VALUES

We believe the following guiding principles make us a fruitful and spiritually intentional church:

- Fellowship: A sense of family, hospitality, and belonging to an open, accepting, and nurturing community.
- Caring: Loving response to needs of all people through empathy and compassion.
- Mission: giving of ourselves to meet and serve the needs of all others by faithful witness through our actions, servanthood and way of living.
- Spiritual Growth: Studying, understanding and growing in the word of God by Christ-centered prayer, worship and service through discipleship in action.

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ST. JOHN'S
United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.

GUEST INFORMATION

Welcome to worship! 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.

You are invited to participate in any of our activities, and to become a part of this community of faith and love.

Thank you for being here.

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 Playground** 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 Playground 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.

Any questions? Ushers are glad to assist you.

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PREPARE

**Please stand as you are comfortable.
Bold indicates congregational response.*

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

*Songs of Praise

Halle, Halle, Halleluja (2x)
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2026

He Has Made Me Glad
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2270

*Call to Worship

Connor Dean

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us -
in our waking and in our sleeping;
in our coming in and our going out;
in our everyday, ordinary lives,
God is with us. Always and forever. Amen.

*Song of Response

Taste and See
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2267

ENGAGE

Children's Message

Barbara Benton

*Prayer for Illumination

Connor Dean

Lord,
**Open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read
and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

*Scripture

Connor Dean

John 6:25-35

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.

“Overlooked Nourishment”

RESPOND

*Hymn of Faith

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

The United Methodist Hymnal 629, vs. 1 & 2

Installation and Blessing of 2023 Officers and Church Leaders

*Prayer of Confession

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God,

We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*Words of Grace and Forgiveness

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God. Amen.

*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 at 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!

*The Great Thanksgiving

A Service of Word and Table III

The United Methodist Hymnal 15

Our sung communion responses are from The Faith We Sing Songbook 2257.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

**Blest is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

*The congregation is seated and the institution
of the Lord's Supper is recalled.*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and concludes:

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

**Amen. Amen. Amen.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and 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.

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.

BLESS

Call to Action

Pastor Lane

*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 of Discipleship

Break Thou the Bread of Life

The United Methodist Hymnal 599

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

*Blessing and Sending Forth

*Postlude

WORSHIP NOTES

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are from Lynn Cooper in memory of her mother, Heartsease Wood Higgins, on this day, her birthday.

USHERS

Ushers for the 8:30 service are Paul Ivey and Joyce Robinson.

COFFEE TIME

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UWF RUTH CIRCLE

The Ruth Circle of United Women in Faith will meet **Tuesday, February 7 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Parlor. The program will be presented by Liz McDonald. All women are invited to attend.

PRIME TIMERS SECOND SATURDAY BREAKFAST

Meet the Prime Timers at Drury Inn and Suites, 7939 Essen Park Ave. at **8:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 11** for a Dutch treat buffet breakfast. You will be glad you did.

DAYS FOR GIRLS

Day for Girls Spring work days will be **Saturday, February 18, 25, and March 4 at 9 a.m.** in the FLC. Days for Girls is a mission of United Women in Faith that makes feminine hygiene kits for girls in developing countries. We can always use your help. You do not have to know how to sew! Contact Joyce Perry (225-763-6613) for more information.

MEETING FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

A meeting for families with children in elementary school (Kindergarten-5th grades) will be held on **Sunday, February 26th from 4:30-6pm.** The meeting will primarily be informative, shedding light on the Children's Ministry programming calendar for spring and summer activities. As always, constructive feedback is appreciated to help create a ministry that best meets the faith needs of your family! Childcare will be provided.

COFFEE TIME REVISITED

Tired of boxed raisins and packaged muffins? It's time to Bring Back the Food! The Food, Fun, and Fellowship team is looking for volunteers to provide snacks for Coffee Time on Sundays. Sign up for several Sundays as a group – Sunday School class, church committee, or just a bunch of friends! Sign up to celebrate a birthday or an anniversary! See more details and get on the schedule by going to <https://tinyurl.com/CoffeeTimeSignup>.

VOLUNTEER WITH YOUTH SIGNUP

If you have a passion to work with young people or are just looking for more ways to get involved at St. John's, consider signing up as an adult volunteer with our youth group. To ensure the safety of our young people, St. John's requires at least two adults be present to oversee all events involving youth and/or children. Volunteers essentially serve as a secondary adult to help supervise these activities. You may sign up at tinyurl.com/sjumcyouthsignup. Remember, you don't have to have a child in Youth to help out!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 5

GROCERY BAG SUNDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Praise Team Warm Up, Sanctuary
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Coffee Time, FLC*
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Campus Wide
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 3:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, Parlor
- 4:30 p.m. Music Makers (1st-12th grades), Choir Room
- 6:00 p.m. Alleuia Ringers, Bells' Room

Monday, February 6

- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor
- 3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, Library
- 3:30 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
- 4:30 p.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study, Library
- 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Tuesday, February 7

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
- 9:30 a.m. UWF Ruth Circle, Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Gardere Initiative Youth, FLC
- 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Wednesday, February 8

- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, February 9

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
- 4:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Friday, February 10

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Parlor
- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC
- 8:00 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, FLC

Saturday, February 11

- 8:30 a.m. Prime Timers Breakfast, Drury Inn
- 9:00 a.m. Watercolor Class, FLC-E
- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC

*Family Life Center