



Sunday, October 6, 2024
8:30 a.m. Worship Celebration

All Are Welcome

Welcome to Worship! In today's reading we remember God's steadfast relationship with us throughout time and trials. We remember that the Israelites complained in the wilderness but were met with manna. Even in stories of desperation and deep betrayal, we are gifted with God's provision—of the feast of enough, and the holy meal of remembrance.

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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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

Psalm 30
By Jane McFadden

Alleluia Ringers

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

*Songs of Praise

All Who Hunger
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2126, vs. 1

Cry of My Heart
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2165, vs. 1

*Call to Worship

Natalie Cooper

May we remember...

That God created.

May we remember...

That God set free.

May we remember...

That God fed.

May we remember...

That God is still creating,

God is still setting free.

And God is still feeding us.

Let this be our story.

**Let this be where we begin
as we worship our Holy God.**

*Response

Taste and See
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2267

Children's Moment

Pastor Lane

Scripture

Exodus 16:1-18

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.

Pastor Lane

Witness to the Word

Pastor Lane

"Remember"

Mandala Moment

Anthem

Variations on *Madrid*
Arranged by Michael Helman

Alleluia Ringers

Prayer of Confession

Natalie Cooper

Holy God,

We admit to remembering the wrong things.

We remember worldly lessons like,

“Everyone for themselves,”

“An eye for an eye,” and

“All is fair in love and war.”

**And yet, we forget to forgive 70 times 7,
to love our neighbors as ourselves,
and to live like the body of Christ.**

Why is it so hard to remember the right things?

**Release us from our muscle memory and
re-center us in**

a new place,

a fresh place,

a space grounded in your love.

Help us to receive your word anew,
and to consider stewardship not with the world's rules,
but with your rules.

Help us remember.

With hope we pray, Amen.

*Words of Grace and Forgiveness

Friends, remember the Good News:

the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting.

Let us proclaim the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Alleluia! Amen.

*Sharing the Love and Peace of Christ

Stewardship Moment

“Our Mission & Money Story”

Pastor Lane

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Grace Alone

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!**

Invitation to the Feast

Natalie Cooper

When we gather around this table,
we remember that all are welcome here.

When we gather around this table,
we release the worldly narrative
that only those with status or wealth deserve to be fed.

When we gather around this table,
we can reimagine what could be —
what a world could look like when all belong.

And so we gather around this table
as an act of restoration and an act of faith.

So, come.

Come with your dreams and your memories.

Come with your full authentic self — scars and all.

Come with your questions, your wonderings, your hopes,
and your prayers.

Come — not because you have to, but because you can.

Come because this is a moment of restoration,
a moment where everything is holy.

So, come. All are welcome here.

Remembering the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrating 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

Natalie Cooper

Holy One,

As we leave this table, help us to remember this moment.

Help us remember that with you, all are invited,

there is a seat for everyone,

and there is enough food to go around.

Help us remember so that as we go,

we can build tables like this in the world.

We need more tables like this in the world.

Gratefully we pray,

Amen.

Call to Action

Connor Dean

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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
The United Methodist Hymnal 127, vs. 1 & 3

Please bring donations for The Shepherd's Market forward during the singing of this our closing hymn.

*Blessing and Sending Forth

*Postlude

Alleluia Ringers

Hymn to Joy
Arranged by Edward Hodges

Worship Notes

Some worship prayers were written by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

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

PICKLEBALL

Pickleball for adults will be played in the FLC **Tuesday, October 8 at 7 p.m.** Beginners are welcome. Contact Donnie Lambert (225-921-0446) for more information.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CIRCLE OF THE HEART

The UWF Circle of the Heart will meet **Wednesday, October 9 at 9:30 a.m.** in The Founders' Parlor. Clara Maynard will present the program. All women are invited to attend.

PRIME TIMERS BREAKFAST

The Prime Timers are meeting **Saturday, October 12 at 8:30 a.m.** for their Second Saturday Dutch-treat Buffet Breakfast at the Drury Inn, 7939 Essen Park Ave. The buffet is \$10.99.

DAYS FOR GIRLS RESCHEDULED TO OCTOBER 19

The United Women in Faith Circle of the Heart has scheduled the final Fall Mission workday for Days for Girls for **Saturday, October 19, 9 am-12pm** in the FLC. All helpers are welcome and needed! We have many jobs such as applying snaps, inserting ribbons, and folding panties and washcloths. **No sewing skills needed!**

FALL FEST AND TRUNK-OR-TREAT

St. John's is hosting a Fall Fest for families in our community on **Sunday, October 20, 4-5:30 p.m.**, and we need your help! We will have a trunk-or-treat, carnival-style games, and a snack station. We are so excited for this opportunity to connect with those in our community. Please join us by signing up to volunteer at www.stjohnsbr.org/Fall_Fest_Volunteer/.

We are also receiving donations of candies, fall and Halloween decorations, and small prizes for games. Donations will be accepted until noon on October 20. Please use the blue tubs located in the Admin building and Narthex for your donations.

METHODIST MISSION TO CUBA

Donnie and Susan Lambert will be participating in a mission to Cuba, **October 22 - 29**. The primary objective is to share the love of Christ through actions and interactions. The Cuba 2024 mission team will be working on La Catedral Church in Holguin, which was built before the revolution.

If you would like to support the Cuba 2024 mission team, you can through both prayers and donations. A list of items that are not readily available to most people in Cuba is available in the Narthex, Admin. Building, and newsletters. We will have blue tubs in the narthex and hallway of the Admin Building for the next several weeks for your donations, for example note pads, colored pencils, wash cloths, men's ties, ballcaps, lipstick/lip moisturizer. Deadline for donations is Tuesday, October 15.

To donate money you may write a check to St. John's with Cuba Mission in the memo line or to donate online go to stjohnsbr.org/give; click on General Budget and select Missions from the drop down menu; click on Sub Fund and select Cuba Mission. ALL donations will go toward the work at La Catedral Church and the people of Holguin.

HURRICANE HELENE SPECIAL OFFERING

In the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, the devastation across the impacted areas is heart-wrenching, leaving communities facing a long and difficult road to recovery. In response, The Louisiana Conference of The United Methodist Church is stepping up to support fellow Conferences, donating \$10,000 each to the Western North Carolina Conference, the North Georgia Conference, and the Florida Conference to aid in recovery efforts.

Our Bishop Dolores J. Williamston is calling on all of us to take part in this crucial mission of love and solidarity. Donations can be made online at stjohnsbr.org/give (Fund: Missions; Subfund: Disaster Relief/UMCOR) or mark checks/cash with "Hurricane Helene". All monies raised will be evenly distributed among the Western North Carolina, North Georgia, and Florida Conferences to support their recovery efforts.

COFFEE TIME SNACKS BY LAST NAME CONTINUES!

If your last name begins with **L - N, Sunday, October 13** 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.***

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.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

All youth in grades 6-12, are invited to Bible Study **Today, Sunday, October 6, 4 - 5:30 p.m.** at the home of Beth and Stephen LaCour, 12530 Lazy K Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70810. For our Bible Study series this fall, we will be using the TrndSitr curriculum from Church of the Resurrection. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE OCTOBER 16

Mark your calendar - Wednesday Night Live will be **October 16, 6 - 7:30 p.m.** Wednesday Night Live is on the third Wednesday of each month during the school year. For WNL, youth meet in the Upstairs Café for dinner and a fellowship activity.

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, October 6

- 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
- 9:45 a.m. Discover St. John's, Pastor's Office
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study, LaCour's Residence
- 4:30 p.m. Music Makers, Choir Room

Monday, October 7

- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, The Founders Parlor
- 3:30 p.m. The Shepherd's Market Client Choice Food Pantry, FLC
- 4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, The Founders' Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Tuesday, October 8

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market Client Choice Food Pantry, FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Immersion Bible Study, Library
- 7:00 p.m. Pickleball, FLC
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Wednesday, October 9

- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC
- 9:30 a.m. UWF Circle of the Heart, The Founders' Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Ladies' AA Meeting, FLC-C
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room

Thursday, October 10

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market Client Choice Food Pantry, FLC

Friday, October 11

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

Saturday, October 12

- 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

2025 Stewardship Campaign "Our Mission & Money Story"

Each fall, as we budget and begin planning financially for the following calendar year, we invite you to consider how you will support the mission and ministries of St. John's United Methodist Church through your financial giving.

The theme for this year's stewardship campaign is "Our Mission & Money Story."

This stewardship season, we will ask ourselves what new story God is inviting us to write that weaves together our mission and money into a narrative of hope and joy. We will be guided by the themes of remembering, releasing, reimagining, and restoring found in scripture. Throughout the campaign, there will be an ongoing conversation about how the mission of St. John's UMC is made possible only through your investment in it.

With the rising costs of printing and mailings, our campaign will primarily be digital this year. Each week you will be emailed a Stewardship Newsletter that we ask that you to read as you consider what you will pledge for 2025. There will be a link to make a pledge online and we will also have printed pledge cards available in the Narthex and church office.

We will gather for one combined worship service on **Commitment Sunday, October 27 at 10 a.m.** followed by a Potluck luncheon. We hope you will make plans to join us that morning as we offer our commitments as an act of worship followed by a time of fellowship and celebration on October 27.



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