



Sunday, February 9, 2025
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATION

All Are Welcome

Jesus calls us to be salt and light for the world - to spread depth and direction, grace and love in his name. In a dialogue sermon, Pastor Lane and Lay Leader, Sandra Kuykendall, will highlight ways that St. John's sprinkled salt and shed light in 2024 in our efforts to glorify God, feed people spiritually and physically, and make disciples of Jesus Christ. We will also have a leadership installation and prayer of blessing for those serving in leadership in 2025. Welcome to worship as we give God the glory and seek God's guidance for the year ahead.

Whether you are a guest or member, we invite you to register your attendance and share any prayer requests you have at stjohnsbr.org/here or scan the QR code.



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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 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.

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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

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus
Arranged by Dan R. Edwards

Alleluia Ringers

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

*Song

Bring Forth the Kingdom
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2190, vs. 1 - 3

*Call to Worship

Susan Lambert

We are called to embrace a new understanding of God:
that God so loves the world.

**May our love be like salt that brings depth to our
lives and others.**

We are called to embrace a new hope in God:
that in Christ, we are given new life.

May our living be a light to the world.

Come, let us be the salt of the earth and the light of the world!

**Let us join together to worship and follow Jesus,
that we might enter into joyful service in his name.
Amen.**

*Response

Shine, Jesus, Shine
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2173, refrain

Children's Message

Pastor Lane

*Scripture

Matthew 5:13-16

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

Pastor Lane &
Sandra Kuykendall, Lay Leader

"The Church of Salt & Light"

*Hymn

Together We Serve
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2175, vs. 1 & 4

Leadership Installation and Blessing

Those serving in leadership positions for 2025 will be recognized and a prayer of installation and blessing will be offered.

A list of our leaders can be found in the Narthex and Church Office as well as our e-newsletters.

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

2024 Highlights Video

'Tis a Gift to be Simple
Arranged by Anna Laure Page
Anthem: Alleluia Ringers

*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 God's Table

Pastor Lane

The Lord's Prayer

*Sharing the Bread & 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.

Wesleyan Covenant Prayer Litany

Blending of the 18th Century prayer with a modern interpretation.

I am no longer my own, but thine.

I am not my own self-made, self-reliant human being.

In truth, O God, I am Yours.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Make me into what You will.

Make me a neighbor with those whom You will.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Guide me on the easy path for You.

Guide me on the rocky road for You.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

**Whether I am to step up for You or step aside for You;
Whether I am to be lifted high for You or brought low
for You;**

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

**Whether I become full or empty, with all things or
with nothing;**

I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.

I give all that I have and all that I am for You.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven.

**And may I always remember that you,
O God, and I belong to each other. 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**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
The United Methodist Hymnal 206, vs. 1 & 2

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken
Arranged by D. Linda McKechnie

Alleluia Ringers

Worship Notes

Our 2024 Highlights video was made by Jane Walker.

The flowers on the altar are given by Jill Slicker in celebration of Phil's 84th birthday. Happy birthday, Phil!

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

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

Announcements

2025 LENT REFLECTION GUIDE

The St. John's Writers' Group is creating a 2025 Lent reflection guide, and we are seeking submissions. Our theme is "Full to the Brim." The devotional will serve as a reflection guide throughout the season of lent.

About our theme: The scriptures for this Lenten season are filled with parables and promises of God's abundant and expansive grace. We've done nothing to deserve or earn this grace, and yet, like water, it spills over. Our Lenten theme, "Full to the Brim," is an invitation into a radically different Lent - into a full and abundant life. It's an invitation to be authentically who you are, to counter scarcity and injustice at every turn, to pour out grace wherever it is needed. When we allow ourselves to be filled to the brim with God's lavish love, that love spills over. It reaches beyond ourselves; like water, it rushes and flows, touching everything in its path.

Each submission should be 300 - 500 words plus a verse or short passage of scripture and a prayer. We've shared short stories and poems in the past - so you don't have to stick to any format or strict word count. Find out more or send your submissions by email to Mari Walker at silvermari@gmail.com. **Deadline for submissions is February 17.**

YOUTH INTERN INTRODUCTION

We are excited to welcome Cavin Taylor as our Youth Intern for the spring semester! Cavin is a theatre major at Southeastern University of Louisiana and is excited to share his gifts of leadership and ministry with us during this season. Cavin served as a counselor at Camp Istrouma last summer and is active at his church in Hammond, where he serves as the Children's Choir Director and Bible Study Coordinator. He is passionate about helping young people deepen their faith and grow into the individuals God has called them to be. Cavin's first official Sunday with us will be February 16, and he'll make a special guest appearance at today's Youth Council Meeting.

WE'RE HIRING!

We're excited to announce that the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is now accepting applications for passionate individuals to join our staff in the areas of Communications, Children's Ministry, and Youth Ministry! These are part time positions, but we are also open to hiring someone full-time to cover all three positions. We are looking for the right candidate(s) and will modify the responsibilities and compensation based on the gifts, needs, and preferences of the most qualified candidate(s). We would greatly appreciate you passing on this information to anyone you think may be interested in this opportunity. There are more details on the positions and how to apply at stjohnsbr.org/jobs. You can also help us get the word out by sharing our Facebook post about the positions at facebook.com/stjohnsbr/posts.

2025 FLOWER CHART

The 2025 Flower Chart is up in the hallway of the Admin/Education Building. This is a wonderful way to remember or honor someone in your family, a very good friend, a group, or to the Glory of God, to name a few. Lynn will contact you during the week to remind you your Sunday is coming up and will ask you for a dedication to be printed in the bulletin.

COFFEE TIME SNACKS

If your last name begins with **S**, "your" day to bring a snack for Coffee Time is next Sunday, **February 16**. Remember, this is just a much appreciated suggestion not an obligation. *Please bring your items in a disposable container or single-use dish, and take them to the FLC by 9:30 a.m.*

Children's & Youth Ministries

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETS TODAY

If you are an adult or youth student who would like to help create & plan various events and programs for our students in 6th - 12th grades, consider joining our new Youth Council. **Our first meeting is this afternoon, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Room.** The Youth Council is a team that will meet regularly to collaborate and answer different questions about the youth ministry at St. John's: Do we want to plan a lock-in? What activities should we include? What are some community service projects we should be involved in? Where and when do we want to go for a summer mission trip? We will to meet to envision together and come up with creative youth programming for the next season of St. John's Youth. Please contact Connor if you or your student is interested in serving on Youth Council.

JOIN TEAM ORANGE

At our meeting for families with Youth & Children back in the fall, there was discussion about starting up a committee focused on working closely with the Director of Children's Ministry to envision what types of Family Ministry events and programming we want at St. John's. Team Orange seeks to be the resolution to this suggestion.

For Team Orange to be most effective, we need many voices in the room. Whether you have children or grandchildren in preschool, elementary school, or even middle and high school, your perspective is needed and will be appropriately valued in the Team Orange meeting space. Even if you don't have children in your household but you are passionate about creating an effective ministry program for younger generations, we invite you to join Team Orange. **Our first meeting will be Sunday, February 16, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.** Please email Connor to indicate your interest in being a part of this group.

KING CAKE C.H.A.O.S.

Our next C.H.A.O.S. event will be **Sunday, February 23 from 4 - 6 p.m.** to bake and deliver King Cakes to local first responders -- firefighters and healthcare workers. This is an act of service to share the love of Jesus Christ with hard-working members of our community. All participants should meet at the St. John's FLC at 4:00 p.m. Depending on how many participants arrive, we will split into different groups to take turns baking or writing notes to the first responders. Connor will also lead a brief devotional during our time together. We will need at least 5 drivers who can transport others in their personal vehicles for the King Cake deliveries. After all deliveries have been completed, we will return to the FLC to share a meal together. Please let Connor know via email or text if you plan to join us for this event, as it will require more intentional preparations than some of our other C.H.A.O.S. events. We would love to see you there!

YOUTH AND CHILDREN SUNDAY FLOW

We offer faith formation for children and youth of all ages during Sunday School.

Upstairs Café opens at 9:30 a.m. - Students start in the Upstairs Cafe (Room 202 of the Admin building) helping them get settled, enjoy a snack, and have a time of fellowship with one another before separating into their age specific Sunday School groups.

Sunday School Classes - Children 2 yrs to 4 yrs are in the Pre-K Room on the first floor of the Admin building; students in Kindergarten through 2nd grade are in Room 204; students in 3rd through 5th grades are in Room 207; students in 6th through 12th grades are in the Youth Sunday School class Room 201.

YOUTH GROUP (6th-12th Grades)

First Sundays: The St. John's youth group gathers on the first Sunday of each month from 4 - 5:30 p.m. at the homes of different church members for small group Bible Study, games, crafts, or other activities.

Third Wednesdays: Youth also meet on the third Wednesday of each month from 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room for Wednesday Night Live. **The next Wednesday Night Live will be February 19.**

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, February 9

- 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
- 4:30 p.m. Music Makers, Choir Room
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Council, Youth Room

Monday, February 10

- 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, February 11

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market Client Choice Food Pantry, FLC
- 4:30 p.m. Quilters Computer Class, FLC-E
- 7:00 p.m. Pickleball, FLC
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Wednesday, February 12

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

Thursday, February 13

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

Friday, February 14

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

Saturday, February 15

- 6:00 a.m. Primary Election, FLC
- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC

*Family Life Center



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