

DREAMS in the *inbetween*

Jacob's story meets us right where we often find ourselves — somewhere between where we've been and where we're going. As he rests on the road, God gives him a dream of presence, purpose, and promise. In our own "in-between" moments — as individuals, families, and as a congregation — God still meets us, calling us to trust the promise: "Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place."

CHECK-IN &
PRAYER REQUESTS
VIA QR CODE



Make A Difference This Week

Starting today, we'll be accepting **weekly donations to the Shepherd's Market**. With SNAP Benefits in flux, our neighbors are in more need than ever. Each week we'll publish a "Most Needed" list of items. This week our Most Needed items are: **tomato sauce, pasta, canned spinach and peas, and snacks**. Thanks for keeping the shelves full!

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 **St. John's Prayground** is in the front of the sanctuary during services. Children are welcome to spend **the entire service** here.
- 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. - 10:45 a.m.

 The flowers are from Daphne Grady and J.R. Madden in thankfulness, and to honor the U.S. Marine Corps on its 250th birthday on November 10, and with much gratitude for all veterans and their families who have served so that we have our freedoms in this country. Thank a veteran and their family on November 11.

Today's Ushers are Paul Ivey & Joyce Robinson.

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please complete your 2026 Pledge!

Thank you to everyone who has made a financial pledge for 2026! If you haven't pledged yet, it's not too late—commit online at stjohnsbr.org/pledge-2026 (QR code at right) or pick up a card in the narthex or church office.



United Women in Faith, Circle of the Heart

The United Women in Faith Circle of the Heart will meet Wednesday, November 12 at 9:30 a.m. in the Founders Parlor, with Norma Thomason presenting on the 2025 Thank Offering and 2026 Pledge Program—all women are invited for fellowship and coffee!

Young Adults Dinner, Followed By Pickleball, Wednesday, November 12

Young adults—join us Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 5:30 p.m. at Sammy's for dinner, then head to church for pickleball; come hungry, ready to connect, and have fun!

The River Speaks, Sunday, November 16

An expanded choir will debut Dr. Terry Byars' original arrangement of traditional spirituals at both services. Join us for this musical debut!

Kids Night for K-5th Grade, Sunday November 16

Join us for Kids Night from 4:30-6:00 p.m. as we learn about living with grace and gratitude by making **Manna Bags for those in need**—donations of small food or hygiene items like water bottles, crackers, tuna, granola bars, socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, or wipes are welcome!

Termite Repairs on Campus, November 17-20

Spencer Construction will be on site Nov. 17-20 repairing termite damage, so please use the south side doors while the Family Life Center doors are closed and avoid taped areas for safety.

Charge Conference, Thursday, November 20

Join us on Thursday, November 20 at 5:00 p.m. for our annual Charge Conference. We'll celebrate an important milestone as Natalie Cooper is voted on as a Candidate for Ministry, along with conducting our regular church business.

Make A Difference this Holiday Season

Gobble, gobble—it's almost time for the Great Turkey Giveaway on Saturday, December 13! Arrive at 7:00 a.m. to help assemble and distribute holiday meals—and **if you have freezer space, please "babysit"** a few of Duane and Fran's homemade loaves until December 12 to support this joyful mission.

Holiday Superstore Shopping Day is almost here! Join us Monday, Nov. 25 at 8:00 a.m. at the far-right entrance of Target as we shop for children from the Charlie Thomas Head Start Center through Opening Doors' Holiday Superstore program—no cost to shoppers! To help or learn more, contact MarilynDamberg@mac.com.

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 Nov 16

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 Café Fruit - I-P Last Names Nov 16

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 -*Postponed this week to Wednesday (11/12)*
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

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

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ST. JOHN'S
United Methodist Church

8:30 Worship Celebration

Sunday, November 9th 2025

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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**.

Gathering Music Dr. Terry Byars

Words of Welcome Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Welcome in the Light of Christ* U.M. Hymnal #451 vs 1, 2, 3
Be Thou My Vision

Invitation to Worship* Frankie Guajardo

We gather in the in-between of what has been and what will be.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Here we rest, here we dream, here we listen for God’s voice.

God is with us, watching over us, calling us toward hope and promise.

Let us worship the God who meets us on the way.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place!

We Sing Together* The Faith We Sing #2036

Give Thanks

We Encourage Our Children Natalie Cooper

We Read the Word Frankie Guajardo

Genesis 28:10–22

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.

We Reflect On The Word Pastor Lane

“Dreams in the Inbetween”

We Sing Together* U.M. Hymnal #328 (2x)

Surely the Presence of the Lord

We Name Our Need For Grace* Frankie Guajardo

We come before God with honest hearts, trusting that grace meets

us—even in the in-between. Let us pray together:

God of promise and presence,

we confess that we grow anxious in the in-between.

When the way ahead is uncertain,

we try to take control instead of trusting you. When dreams are

delayed or unclear, we forget that you are still at work.

When we feel alone, we overlook the truth that you are beside us,

your faithfulness beneath every stone we rest upon.

Forgive us, O God.

Meet us again in this place,

and remind us that your dream for us is still unfolding. Amen.



Words of Grace and Forgiveness*

Frankie Guajardo

Hear the good news:

Just as God met Jacob on the road,

God meets us where we are,

with mercy that renews and grace that restores.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.

Thanks be to God!

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

We Greet One Another with Joy and Peace*

We Offer God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

Presence Medley

Geron Davis

Kristine Isenhower &

Troy Prevot

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*

U.M. Hymnal #94

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*

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.

The blessings of God, across time and generations, are shared, concluding with:

Therefore, with all the company of heaven,

we rejoice as we sing your unending praise!

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. (3x)

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. (3x)

Please be seated as we recall the Last Supper, concluding with:

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

we gratefully offer to you our whole selves – heart, mind, soul and

strength – as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!

Hosanna in the highest. (3x)

We pray for the Spirit’s presence in this holy meal

concluding with The Lord’s Prayer.

We Pray the Lord's Prayer

U.M. Hymnal #895

We Partake in Communion*

All are welcome to receive Communion.

We serve by intinction (bread dipped in juice); servers handle the

elements. Pre-packaged & 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.

We Pray Together

Frankie Guajardo

Faithful God, you have met us at this table,

feeding us with grace for the journey ahead.

In bread and cup, you have reminded us

that we never travel alone.

As you watched over Jacob on his way,

watch over us in our in-betweens —

in the questions, the waiting, and the new beginnings.

May this meal strengthen our faith, renew our hope,

and awaken us to your dream for the world.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Receive This Week’s Call To Action

We joyfully welcome all those who wish to become members of

St. John’s and invite you to come forward and stand with Pastor

Lane during the singing of the next song.

We Sing Together*

U.M. Hymnal #102 vs 1, 3

Now Thank We All Our God

We Share in a Blessing*

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

We Go Out into the World*

The service ends, but our worship continues as we go forth to

love and serve the Lord.