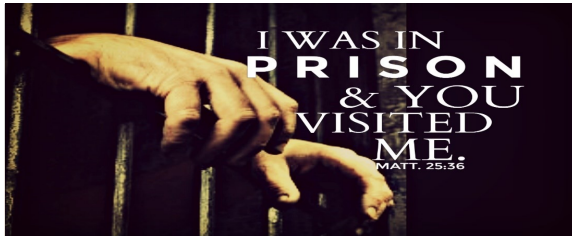


## Get Involved



### Carole Young Unit Christmas Outreach

We will be doing our Christmas outreach to the inmates at the Carole Young facility over on Attwater Ave.

We invited everyone to participate by donating funds towards this outreach. To ensure we got everything we needed in time to complete this project and to honor people's time during this busy season we have already purchased the items in bulk that were needed to complete the bags:

400 shampoos / 400 bars of soap / 400 pairs of socks  
/ 400 wash cloths / 400 toothbrushes

The total cost of the supplies ordered is \$1,400.00.

#### Here's how you can help:

- Donate funds to help cover the cost of the supplies purchased in bulk.
- Come on **Thursday, December 16th at 1:00pm** to assemble the bags.



### Sermon Notes

1. Jesus is the Prince of Peace. Remember a time when you felt at peace at an anxious time. What was it like?

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2. Think about the first time you encountered Jesus. How were you introduced to Jesus?

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3. How has your relationship with Jesus made a difference in your life?

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Lord hear our prayers...

- 11-7 Randy Thomas, Joyce Vyvial, Calvin Treybig, Cheryl Scott, Barbara Williams, Dan Koster, the Blake Schmidt family
- 11-14 Linda Johnson Adams, Debbie Collins, family and friends of Les Oleson, family and friends of Emily Gray, Gena McGinty, Gina Rosales, April and Reagan Hitt, Terry Fry, Beth Stinson and family, Gary and Pam Scoggin and family
- 11-21 Kylie Ferrell
- 11-28 Dorothy Blankenship, Jessica Potter, Aaron White, Michael Cooper, Finn Carmichael

**Those in Care Facilities:** Richard Alvarado (Bayou Pines), Mary Jenkins (Sodalis), Pam Syers (Lillian's Love), Walter Wilson (The Crossings)

**Those Who are Homebound:** J.T. Agregard, Grace Boyd, Joy Holder, Mozelle Lubojasky, Mildred McLemore, Louise Ovesny, Tommye Pitman

For all those affected by Hurricane Ida and Nicholas, for Afghanistan, for students, teachers and staff, for caregivers, for those who are recovering from the aftermath of natural disasters, marriages that are struggling, our nation, for those affected by the pandemic, our church, those in the military.



# ST. JOHN'S

## A United Methodist Congregation

### Second Sunday of Advent December 5, 2021



Welcome to worship at St. John's! May your worship experience be one of blessing and encouragement! While you are here, CDC guidelines are encouraged. Masks are recommended, but not required. And please silence your phone, so that you won't be distracted to hear God's call! Now, take a few slow breaths and relax. You've made it through the hardest part – you walked through the door and found your seat. Make yourself at home. Worship will start in a few minutes.

Got kids? There will be a children's moment early on in the service and then they will go to the treehouse for their own worship time. There are activity bags for your children at the Welcome Center to help you keep them engaged while in worship. Simply return the bag and supplies after worship. Nursery is also provided for children 5 and under. The ushers & greeters are friendly and will be happy to show you around or answer your questions.

Guest Wi-Fi password is: **walnut89**



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Church office hours: Monday 10 AM - 2 PM / Tuesdays-Thursdays 9 AM - 4 PM

Pastor - Rev. Stephanie Hughes

Minister of Discipleship & Connections - Rev. Cindy Riddick

Director of Missions and Administration - Ingrid Clark

Youth Director - Mae Diaz de Leon

Director of Traditional Worship - Dr. James Heffel

Praise Band Leader - Azzi Jerice

## 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship

Welcome	Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements	
Lighting of the Second Advent Candle	Christian Kopeck & Kinzley
For many of us, the call to head home is one of joy and of hope. We can't wait to reconnect with family, with history and tradition, with a wonderful time of freedom and loving support.	
<b>We can't wait to go home.</b>	
There are those who fear going home, however, and there are times when going home brings back memories that are not so good, not so healing. We are reminded of when we didn't fit in, when we didn't measure up, when we weren't loved like we needed to be loved.	
<b>Home can be a difficult place for some.</b>	
The prophet Malachi tells us that even when we are in the hottest of fires, there is a presence who can make us better, who can refine and purify. John the Baptist tells us that the road home is always under construction, mountains leveled, and valleys filled in, to make smooth the path that leads us to our true destination, where we can live in peace and unity with all. We light these candles, the candle of hope and the candle of peace, as a sign of our assurance that though the road is hard, we believe it is worth the journey.	
<b>It is time to go home.</b>	
*Worship Songs:	Praise Band
	<i>Blessed Be Your Name</i> <i>How Great Is Our God</i>
Children's Moment	
Prayer	Rev. Cindy Riddick
Scripture	Luke 19:1-9
Sermon	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Holy Communion	
Invitation to Christian Discipleship	
*Reflection Song:	Praise Band
	<i>Word of God Speak</i>
*Benediction	<b><i>*please stand as you are able</i></b>

## 11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude:	Chancel Bells
	<i>Abundant Praise</i> Eithun
Welcome & Greeting	
Choral Introit	Chancel Choir
	<i>Christians, We Have Met To Worship</i> arr Larsen
Lighting of the Second Advent Candle	Jim & Peggy Jakubik
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*Hymn of Praise	<i>Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies</i>	UMH # 173
Special Music	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i> Ryan	Chancel Bells
Pastoral Prayer/ The Lord's Prayer		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Special Music	<i>O How I Love Jesus</i> arr Geschke	Chancel Bells
Preparation Hymn	<i>It Came upon the Midnight Clear</i>	UMH # 218
Scripture		Luke 19:1-10
Sermon	Invitation to Come Home	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Holy Communion		
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Closing Hymn	<i>Hail to the Lord's Anointed</i>	UMH # 203
*Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>Sent Forth by God's Blessing</i>	UMH # 664 v1
Postlude	<i>Joyful, Joyful</i> arr Meyers	Sophie Chapman, piano

***\*please stand as you are able***



# Angel Tree

**Grab a tag**

**Sign out your tag on sheet on the table**

**Take your tag and shop for your Angel**

**Bring back the gift,**

**wrapped with the tag attached**

**All gifts need to be returned by December 19th!**



**Church Conference  
on Sunday,  
December 12  
between services**

Save the date and plan to attend the Church Conference on December 12 between the two worship services. The purpose of this called Church Conference is to vote on a single board model of leadership for the church and to create a permanent endowment for legacy giving to the church. Both proposals require the vote of the church body. If you attend the second service, plan to be at the church by 10:30am, so you can come to the church conference. If you attend the first service, plan to stay a little later.

We invite you to drop off your offering and prayer requests in the baskets at the entrance to the sanctuary.

**Other convenient ways to give are:**

Give online on our website at

<https://stjohnsumctc.org/giving/>

OR

♦ **NEW Text Giving...**Text "GIVE" to (409) 226-0450 and then follow prompts

Thank you for your generosity and blessing!

