



ST. JOHN'S

A United Methodist Congregation

The Week Ahead

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| Sun., Nov 27 | 9:30 am - 10:30 am | Treehouse Kids Sunday School |
| | 10:30 am - 11:00 am | Fellowship Time |
| | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm | Traditional Worship Service |
| | 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm | Youth Group |
| Tues., Nov 29 | 9:00 am - 2:00 pm | Mother's Day Out |
| Wed., Nov 30 | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Chancel Bells Rehearsal |
| | 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| Thurs., Dec 1 | 9:00 am - 2:00 pm | Mother's Day Out |
| | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm | Advent Study -- in person |
| | 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm | Brown Bag Lunch Bunch - Bring lunch and eat in cafe |
| | 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm | Advent Study -- in person |
| Fri., Dec 2 | 8:00 am - 9:00 am | Community Garden work |
| | 7:30 pm | COM Vocal Arts Presentation - in the Sanctuary |

Sermon Notes

1. Have you ever had to wait for something for a very long time? What were you waiting for? What was it like to have to wait for so long?

2. Read Isaiah 40:1-3. What do you think it means to prepare the way of the Lord? What exactly are you preparing for this Advent?

3. Read Malachi 4:1-6 and Matthew 3:1-3. Set aside some time to research John the Baptist this week. What did you learn?

Lord hear our prayers...

- 10-31 Dan Koster, Gary Scoggin, Maurice White, David Welch, Josh Post
- 11-6 Linda Johnson Adams, Debbie Collins, Rusty McClellan, Debbie Forbush, Ron Collins, the Epperson & Lozano families, Curtis Collins, Suanne Alsip, Doug Fraley, Rebecca Wright, Amy Allgood, John Broadly, Deb Jandes, Carisa Venegas
- 11-13 Lupe Aguilar, Ingrid and Ty Clark, June Simpson
- 11-20 Carol Pounds, Clint Knudson, Joyce Vyvial, Desmond & Joan Hutchinson, Esta & Cary Geron

Those in Care Facilities: Richard Alvarado (Bayou Pines), Dolores Boatman (Brookdale Senior Living), Grace Boyd (Heartis Clearlake Senior Living), Mary Jenkins (Sodalis), Carol Spealman (Magnolia Crossing), Pam Syers (Lillian's Love), Barbara Williams (Regal Estates)

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

For the people who are recovering from Hurricane Ian, for the people of Uvalde, the people of Ukraine, 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.

First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2022



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

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

Children's Director & Bookkeeper - Leanne Post

Director of Traditional Worship - Dr. James Heffel

Praise Band Leader - Aassi Windom

Accompanist - Sophie Chapman

MDO Director - Melissa Patrick

9:30 AM Worship

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| Welcome | | Praise Band |
| Welcome and Announcements | | |
| Lighting of the First Advent Candle | | The Brace Family |
| Look, I am sending my messenger who will clear the path before me. | | |
| We wait for you, Lord Jesus. | | |
| The sun of righteousness will rise on those who revere my name. | | |
| We hope in you, Lord Jesus. | | |
| Look, I am sending Elijah the prophet to you, to turn the hearts of parents to children and the hearts of children to their parents. | | |
| We wait for you. Come, Lord Jesus. | | |
| Don't be afraid. Your prayers have been heard. A messenger is coming to prepare the way for the Lord. On this first Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of hope. We place our hope in the one who is coming. Let us make our hearts and lives ready to receive him, turning with faith and trust to the Lord our God. We seek to be a people prepared for the Lord. | | |
| *Worship Songs: | <i>Unstoppable God</i> <i>What a Beautiful Name</i> | Praise Band |
| Children's Moment | | Leanne Post |
| Generosity Moment | | |
| Prayer | | Rev. Cindy Riddick |
| Tithes and Offerings | | Praise Band |
| *Scripture | | Luke 1:5-17 |
| Sermon | "The Annunciation: "God Has Heard Your Prayers" | Rev. Stephanie Hughes |
| Invitation to Christian Discipleship | | |
| *Reflection Song: | <i>Reckless Love</i> | Praise Band |
| *Benediction | | <i>*please stand as you are able</i> |

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

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| Prelude | <i>Faith of Our Fathers</i> | arr. Eithun | Chancel Bells |
| Welcome & Greeting | | | |
| Congregational Introit | <i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i> | vs. 1 | UMH #211 |
| Lighting of the First Advent Candle | | Betty Magee and Brianna Harvey | |
| Look, I am sending my messenger who will clear the path before me. | | | |
| We wait for you, Lord Jesus. | | | |
| The sun of righteousness will rise on those who revere my name. | | | |
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| *Hymn of Praise | <i>Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart</i> | | UMH #160 |
| Generosity Moment | | | |
| Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer | | | Rev. Cindy Riddick |

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| Offertory/Special Music | <i>Simple Gifts</i> | arr. Cota | Chancel Bells |
| *Doxology | | | |
| Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. | | | |
| *Hymn of Preparation | <i>Blessed Be the God of Israel</i> | | UMH #209 |
| Scripture | | | Luke 1:5-17 |
| Sermon | "The Annunciation: "God Has Heard Your Prayers" | Rev. Stephanie Hughes | |
| Invitation to Christian Discipleship | | | |
| *Closing Hymn | <i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i> | | UMH #196 |
| *Benediction | | | |
| *Benediction Response | <i>Let Us Now Depart In Thy Peace</i> | | UMH #668 |
| Let us now depart in thy peace, blessed Jesus. Send us to our homes with God's love in our hearts. Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties. Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord, of thee. Amen | | | |
| Postlude | <i>Joyful, Joyful</i> | arr. Austin | Sophie Chapman, piano |
| | | | <i>*please stand as you are able</i> |



The flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God, and in joyful celebration of Maac & Stephanie Hughes' 23rd Wedding Anniversary. We wish them blessings for many more happy years together.

Advent Devotionals Available Today!

Prepare your heart and mind for the coming of the Christ Child. Pick up your Advent devotional to begin reading today on the first day of Advent.

Advent Bible Study begins Thursday, December 1 11 AM & 7PM

Prepare to receive Christ this Advent as we study the message of John the Baptist in the four weeks leading up to Christmas. Sign up in the church foyer. Study books are \$13 and available in the church foyer.

Christmas Play Sunday, December 11 at 6pm

We invite youth and children to be part of the Christmas play. It's no stress, no fuss but lots of fun and our kids love it!!!

Rehearsals will be on Saturday, Dec. 3 and Dec. 10 from 10:00-noon. Sign up today to participate!

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!



Thank you so much for showing your love and appreciation to your St. John's clergy! As we come to the end of the year, let's show the rest of the staff the same love and appreciation. They have been very busy working hard as it has been an exciting year for St. John's. Our staff has shown their love and support to our church through their dedication and outstanding performance during the year. You can drop off cards and gifts for Ingrid, Leanne, James, Aassi, Sophie and Melissa at the church office. Thank You all in advance for your generosity!!!