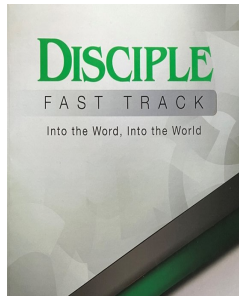


The Week Ahead

Sat., Dec 24	5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
Sun., Dec 25	10:30 am - 11:00 am	ONE SERVICE ONLY - Christmas Day Service
Mon., Dec 26- Mon., Jan 2		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Wed., Dec	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Chancel Bells Rehearsal
Fri., Dec 30	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden work
Sun., Jan 1	10:30 am - 11:30 am	ONE SERVICE ONLY - New Years Service

Please stay after service if you are able,
to help un-decorate the church.



Disciple II Fast Track Bible Study begins Jan. 12

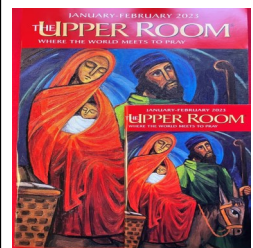
Sign up in the foyer today for this 8 week class on the Luke & Acts.

Thursdays:

In person at 11 AM - Rev. Cindy Riddick

In person & Zoom at 7 PM - Rev. Stephanie Hughes

Study books are \$13.



Begin the new year with a devotional time with God.
As a faith community, we make *The Upper Room* devotional available
in both regular and large print.

Pick up your copy of the January-February
issue from the display in the foyer.

Sermon Notes

1. Read Matthew 3:11-17. What does John say about baptism in these verses?

2. Read John 3:22-36. In what ways do you (or could you) point others to Jesus so that he will "increase"?

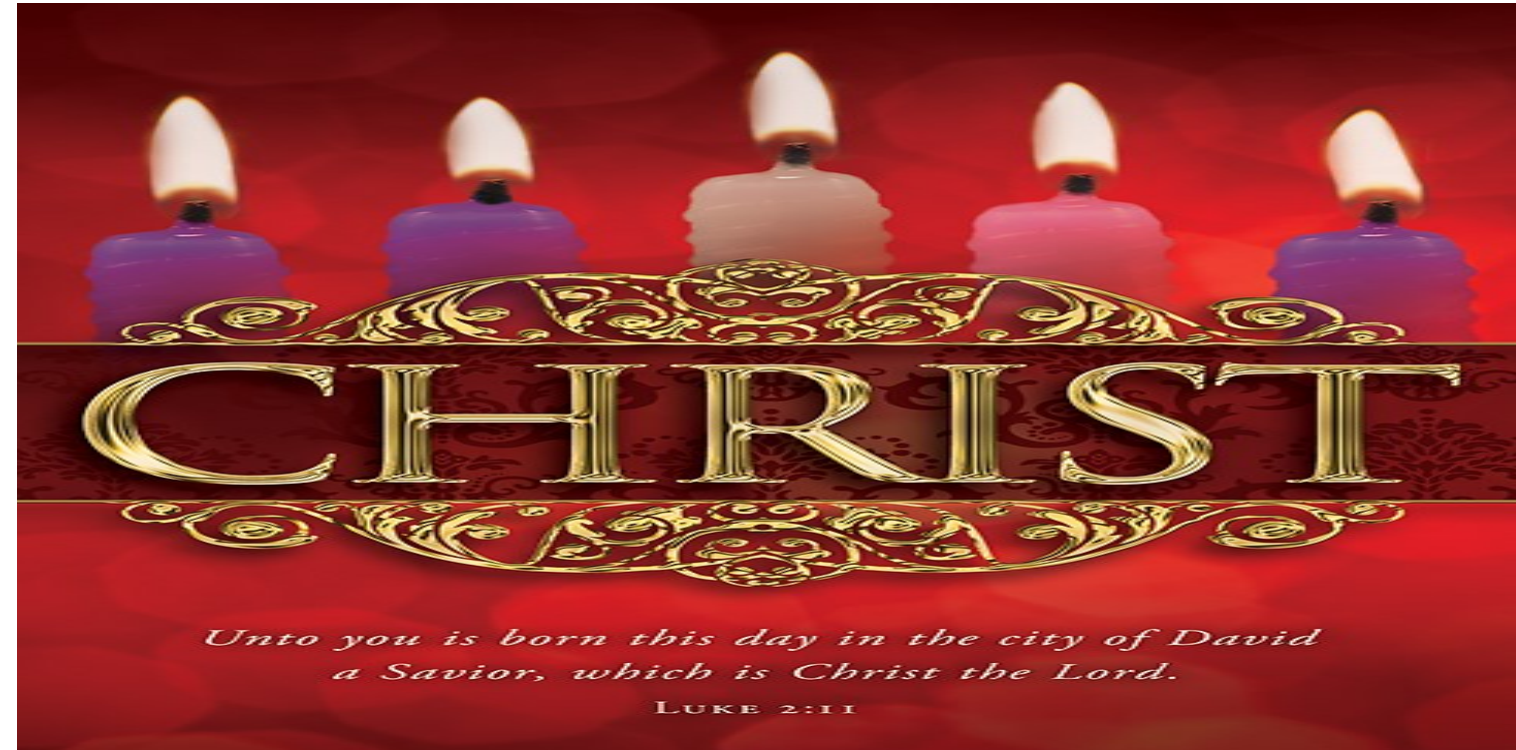
3. Read John 1:1-8. How do you see the light of Christ reflected in others?



ST. JOHN'S

A United Methodist Congregation

Christmas Eve December 24, 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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Church office hours: Monday 9 AM - 4 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

Christmas Eve Evening Services 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm

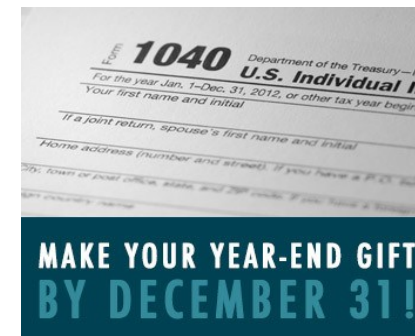
Prelude	<i>O Holy Night Medley</i>	Aassi Windom, piano
*Welcome Songs	<i>Joy to the World</i> <i>Away in a Manger</i>	Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements		
Candle Lighting: The Christ Candle		
	5pm – Marcella Worthy, Rachel Champagne and Colt	
	7pm – Hershel and Doris Glanz	
Those who walk in darkness have seen a great light. On people living in a land of darkness, light has sprung forth. The light that shines on all people is coming into the world. The light is for all people. The darkness can't extinguish it. The light shines on us. We are witnesses to the light. You have made your people great. You have increased our joy. The light that shines on all people is coming into the world.		
Our joy is complete. The light has come. On Christmas, we light the Christ candle. We have heard the message of John, who came to testify to the light. We have made ourselves ready. We are turning to God. We are changing our hearts and lives. We welcome and receive Christ with joy and gladness, and we commit ourselves to reflecting the light that he brings into the world. We seek to be a people prepared for the Lord.		
Children's Moment		Leanne Post
Christmas Carol	<i>Oh Holy Night</i>	Aassi Windom & Emily Hughes
Generosity Moment		
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Special Music	<i>Mary Did You Know</i>	Marisol Gutierrez
Scripture		John 1:1-14
Sermon	"Witnesses, Testifying to the Light"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Service Of Holy Communion		
*Receiving the Light of Christ		
*Closing Song	<i>Silent Night</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		

*Please stand as you are able.

The altar flowers are placed to the glory of God,
and in joyous celebration of the birth of our Lord & Savior Jesus.
Flowers are placed by Bob & Sharon Hon.



Year End Tax Deductible Contributions



Thank you all for your generosity through out this year. To help make sure you get credit for your gifting this year all donations must be in by December 31 to receive tax credit for 2022. **If you wish you can mail your donation to the Church Office. Please note that the office will be closed December 26th-31st. However, as long as your contribution is mailed and post-marked by the 31st, you will receive credit for 2022. You may also place your year end donations in the offering plate on Sunday morning 12-26 or give online.**



Church Office Holiday Closure

The church office will be closed
**Monday, December 26th thru
Monday, January 2nd, 2023**

The office will reopen on
Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023.

**Have a safe and joyous
Christmas & New Years!**

In the event of
a pastoral
emergency only
while the church
office is closed,
please contact the Pastor at
903-805-2534.

10% of all of our giving during the month of December will go towards paying electric bills for our neighbors in need.

Join us as we work together to make a difference and "Share The Light" this Christmas!!!

Make an Impact Gift Now!



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!



**"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be
called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God,
The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6**
Merry Christmas from Your Church Staff.