

The Week Ahead

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| Sun., Oct 1 | 9:30 am - 10:30 am | Contemporary Worship Service |
| | 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 - 5:30 pm | Youth Group - Foundry Youth Room |
| Tues., Oct 3 | 9:00 am - 2:00 pm | MDO - Treehouse |
| Wed., Oct 4 | 9:00 am - 2:00 pm | MDO - Treehouse |
| | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Chancel Bells Rehearsal - Sanctuary |
| | 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room |
| Thurs., Oct 5 | 9:00 am - 2:00 pm | MDO - Treehouse |
| | 10:30 am - 11:30 am | Women's Small Group Study - Foundry Youth Room |
| | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm | Disciple III Fall Bible Study - Adult Classroom & Zoom Meeting ID - 95337857528 Passcode - study |
| | 11:30 am - 1:00 pm | Brown Bag Lunch Bunch - Bring lunch and eat in café |
| | 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm | Disciple III Fall Bible Study - Adult Classroom & Zoom Meeting ID - 95337857528 Passcode - study |
| Fri., Oct 6 | 8:00 am - 9:00 am | Community Garden work |
| Sat., Oct 7 | 10:00 am - 2:00 pm | St. John's Craft Fair - Sanctuary |

Sermon Notes:

1. What are some of the temptations that you are fighting? What are some of the temptations that you have given into that have lead into sin? Pray to God in repentance and be honest about your struggles.

2. Read Ephesians 6:10-17. Imagine putting on the armor of God every day this week. And ask God to give you the strength to resist evil and reveal Christ in us.

3. All believers are to hold one another accountable. Is there someone in your life that you can share your struggles with that can pray with you and help you fight temptation?

Lord hear our prayers...

- 9-3 Bobby Edrozo, Esta & Cary Geron, Cindy Graham, Dan Koster, Gina Mathews, Sabina, Gary Scoggin, Gina Stubblefield, Merle & Anna Walker
- 9-10 Debbie Collins, Ty Clark, Linda Doss, Family and friends of Mr. Jim Dunlap, Denise Murff, Jessica Potter, Brenda Simms, Joyce Vyvial, Reese White
- 9-17 Lupe Aguilar, Nezzie Blair, Jose Castillo, Scott Demarco, Abe Diorio, Rick Harman, Barb Holt, Dean Jones, Brenda May, Ken Mills, Paul Patrick, Connie Sonders, Sandy Vinardi
- 9-24 Bruce Austin, Dorothy Blankenship, Michelle Brandon, Joyce Canada, Joan Hutchinson, Pauline Hutchinson, Edna Loudermilk, Byron Penn, Tom Smith, Carla Wind

Those in Care Facilities: J.T. Agregard (Sodalis), Richard Alvarado (Bayou Pines), Dorothy Blankenship (La Vita Bella), Grace Boyd (Heartis Clearlake Senior Living), Mary Jinkins (Sodalis), Carol Spealman (Magnolia Crossing), Pam Syers (La Vita Bella), Barbara Williams (Regal Estates)

Those Who are Homebound: Dolores Boatman, Joy Holder, Mozelle Lubojasky, Mildred McLemore, Louise Ovesny

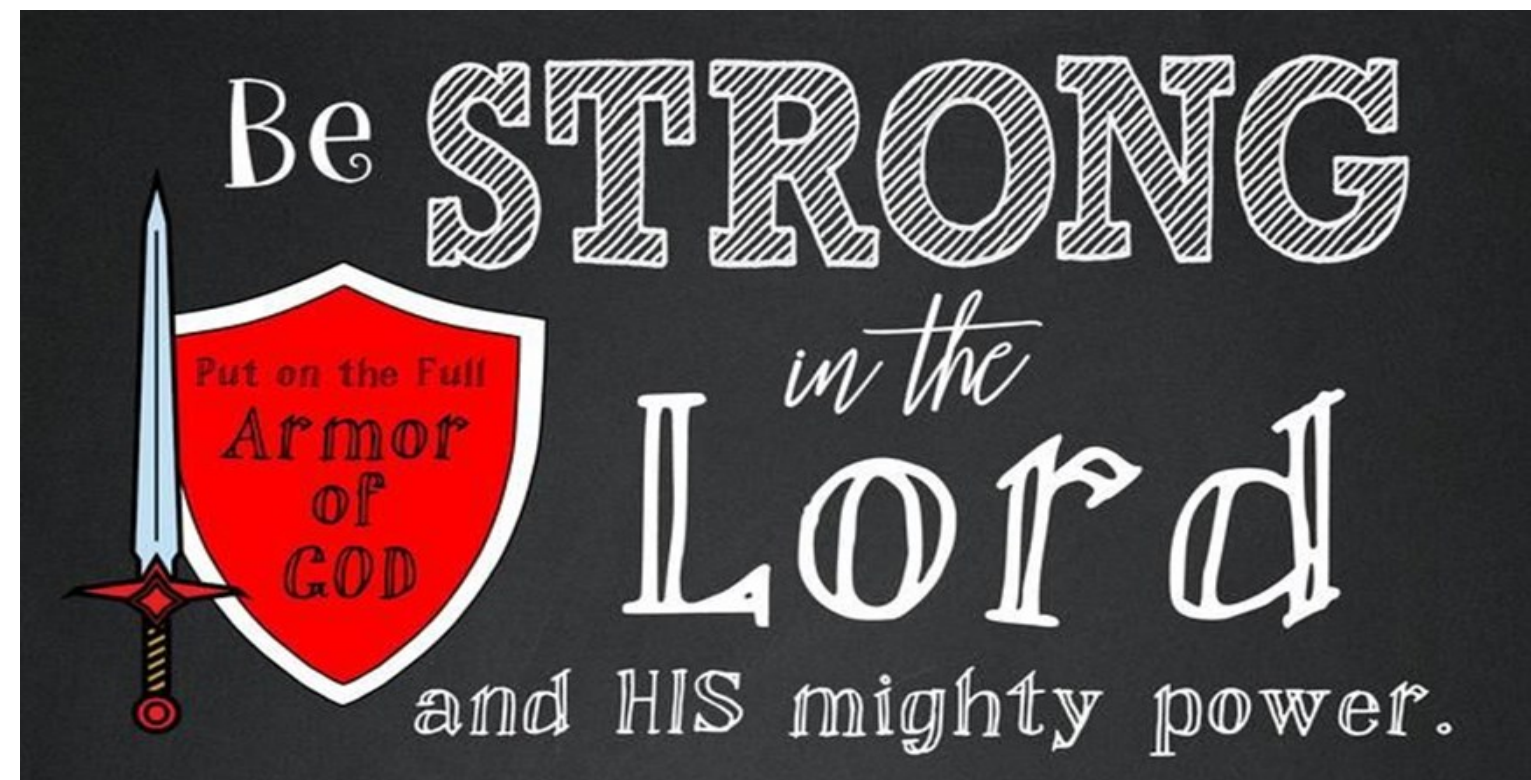
Our church, nation and those serving in our military. Those recovering from natural disasters. Our schools.



ST. JOHN'S

A United Methodist Congregation

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 1, 2023



Welcome to worship at St. John's! May your worship experience be one of blessing and encouragement! 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

Director of Traditional Worship - Dr. James Heffel

Accompanist - Sophie Chapman

MDO Director - Melissa Patrick

9:30 AM Contemporary Worship

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| Welcome | | Praise Band |
| Welcome and Announcements | | |
| *Worship Songs: | <i>Unstoppable God No Matter What</i> | Praise Band |
| Children's Moment | | Sharon Webb |
| Generosity Moment | | Rev. Cindy Riddick |
| Prayer | | |
| Tithes & Offering | <i>See the Light</i> | Praise Band |
| Scripture | | Ephesians 6:10-20 |
| Sermon | "How Can I Resist Evil?" | Rev. Stephanie Hughes |
| Holy Communion | | |
| Invitation to Christian Discipleship | | |
| *Reflection Song | <i>How Great Is Our God</i> | Praise Band |
| *Benediction | | |

****Please stand as you are able***

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

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| Prelude | <i>Jesus Paid It All</i> | arr. Smith | Sophie Chapman, piano |
| Welcome, Announcements & Greeting | | | |
| Congregational Introit | <i>Morning Has Broken vs. 1</i> | | UMH #145 |
| *Hymn of Praise | <i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i> | | UMH #110 |
| Invitation | | | UMH #12 |
| Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another. | | | |
| Prayer of Confession and Pardon | | | UMH #12 |
| Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. | | | |
| All pray in silence. | | | |
| Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! | | | |
| In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen. | | | |
| Generosity Moment | | | Rev. Cindy Riddick |
| Pastoral Prayer | | | |

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| Offertory/Special Music | <i>A Celebration of Praise</i> | Denton | Barbara Wallace, organ |
| *Doxology | | | |
| Scripture | | | Ephesians 6:10-20 |
| Sermon | "How Can I Resist Evil?" | | Rev. Stephanie Hughes |
| Holy Communion | | | |
| Invitation to Christian Discipleship | | | |
| *Closing Hymn | <i>Oh Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice</i> | | UMH #391 |
| Benediction | | | |
| *Benediction Response | <i>I Come With Joy</i> | vs. 5 | UMH #617 |
| Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways, and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise. | | | |
| Postlude | <i>Joyful, Joyful</i> | arr. Austin | Sophie Chapman, piano |

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October is designated Clergy Appreciation Month, a time to express special appreciation to our pastors. God has allowed them to impact all our lives through their leadership, discipleship, counsel, prayers and love that they have poured out to our church family and community!

Please take a moment to be an extra special blessing to Rev. Stephanie Hughes and Rev. Cindy Riddick. We invite you to send a card, a note, or a small gift as you feel led. Let them both know how they have impacted your life and thank them for their faithful service to St. John's.

**ST. JOHN'S UMC
FALL CRAFT FAIR**

Save the date!
**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 7, 2023
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

If you are interested in volunteering to help contact
 Robin Bartholomew at 409-771-2664 or to be a vendor
 contact Kim Bourgeois at 409-771-4516.



Board of Stewards Meeting Wednesday, October 11th 7:00 pm Adult Classroom

Everyone is invited to the Board of Stewards meeting on October 11th. We use the One Board model for church leadership and decision-making. There is a chair of the board, plus a chair of Staff/Parish Relations, Trustees, and Finance. The one board structure allows us to be more effective in stewarding the church's mission and ministry.