

The Week Ahead

Sun., Nov 19	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
Tues., Nov 21	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO - Treehouse
Wed., Nov 22	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Youth meet at Fatima Kukral Hall @ 10am to sort and pack bags for Community Thanksgiving Meal
Thurs., Nov 23		Happy Thanksgiving—Church Office Closed
	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Community Thanksgiving Meal - Kukral Hall @ Fatima School
Fri., Nov 24	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden work
Sat., Nov 25	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast - Rigos Café 902 6th St. N, Texas City



Preparing for Advent Help us decorate on Sunday, November 26th! Advent begins on Sunday, December 3rd. If you come to the early service, please stay after to decorate the foyer and the outside of the church. If you come to the second service, plan to stay after to decorate the sanctuary. Thank you for lending a helping hand!

Sermon Notes:

1. Read chapters 16-18 in the Gospel of John. _____
2. Pay special attention to Jesus' prayer in chapter 18. Jesus is praying for you and for all his followers. What is Jesus asking on your behalf? _____
3. At one time or another, we have all betrayed Jesus with a kiss of faith and then turned away in disobedience. Is there anything that is weighing down your conscience? Turn back to Jesus with a prayer of repentance. _____

Lord hear our prayers...

Christian sympathy to friends and family of Jane Baucum who passed away on November 3. Jane was a member of St. John's for many years.

- 10-22 Bruce Austin, Jose Castillo, Joan Hutchinson, Jessica Potter
10-29 Charlie Bergvall, Terry Gray, Dan Koster, Dale Robertson's sister Vicky and brother Terry, Elgin Vyvial, Jareh White, Maurice White, Bill & Kathy Wurzlów
11-5 Debbie Collins, Paulette Doucet, Joquetta Eierdam, Becky Epperson & family, Elizabeth Johnson and family, Denise Murff, Sheri Reznicek, Preston James Trahan
11-12 Lupe Aguilar, Nezzie Blair, Barb Holt, Dean Jones, Terry Stinson, Sandy Vinardi, Lucinda Webb

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

Those Who are Homebound: Jim & Dorothy Blankenship, 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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost November 19, 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

Welcome		Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements		
*Worship Songs:	<i>I Thank God You Get the Glory</i>	Praise Band
Children's Moment		
Generosity Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Prayer		
Tithes & Offering		Praise Band
Scripture		John 18:1-11
Sermon	"Whom Are You Looking For?"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song	<i>Great Are You Lord</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		<i>*Please stand as you are able</i>

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude	Come Ye Thankful People	arr. Austin	Sophie chapman, piano
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting			
Choral Introit	<i>O Lord How Majestic Is Your Name</i>	Northom	Chancel Choir
*Hymn of Praise	<i>We Gather Together</i>		UMH #131
*Affirmation of Faith Jesus Christ is Lord			
We believe in Christ Jesus, who though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.			
*Gloria Patri			
Generosity Moment			Rev. Cindy Riddick
Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer			
Choral Amen			
Offertory Anthem	<i>We Will Give Thanks</i>	arr. Patterson	Chanel Choir
*Doxology			

*Hymn of Preparation	<i>Morning Glory, Starlit Sky</i>	UMH #194
Scripture		
Sermon	"Whom Are You Looking For?"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Closing Hymn	<i>I Stand Amazed In the Presence</i>	UMH #371
Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>I Come With Joy vs. 5</i>	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. Smith 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 joyous celebration of the newlyweds Paul & Sharon Rouleau.
Flowers are placed by Richard & Lucinda Webb.



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SCAN HERE TO GIVE



**Communion will be served on Sunday, November 26th
at both services in lieu of Sunday, December 3rd.
Please make a note of this change so you will not miss
the opportunity to participate in communion.**

PLEASE
NOTE...



The Community Thanksgiving Meal
Thursday, November 23rd 11:00 am -1:00 pm
at Our Lady of Fatima in the Kukral Center 1600 9th Ave N, Texas City
St. John's is responsible for providing:
•canned goods for the Community Thanksgiving Meal
We need lots of volunteers from St. John's to serve the day of the meal and help with the clean up after the meal.
There are boxes set up to collect items that will be given out the day of the meal.



WE WANT YOUR COATS!!!
Please bring clean, gently worn or new coats, jackets and windbreakers to the St. John's Church Office. There is a collection box set up just outside the sanctuary. Coats, jackets and windbreakers will be given away free of charge to those in need at the Community Thanksgiving Meal. We will collect them till Tuesday, November 21st.



NOTE: Date and Format Has Changed - Annual District Charge Conference
Monday, December 11 / 6:00-7:30 PM on Zoom

Every year, St. John's gathers to celebrate the past year, honor and remember the saints who have passed, and conduct the business of the church. This year, we will gather with other churches on Zoom for the Charge Conference. Those who are part of the Board of Stewards will receive their Zoom link via email. The charge conference is open to all members. If you would like to attend by Zoom, contact the church office for the Zoom link.