

The Week Ahead

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| Sun., Dec 3  | 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                                  |
|              | 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm   | Y'ALL  |
| Tues., Dec 5 | 9:00 am - 2:00 pm   | MDO - Treehouse  |
| Wed., Dec 6  | 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                         |
| Thur., Dec 7 | 9:00 am - 2:00 pm   | MDO - Treehouse  |
|              | 10:30 am - 11:30 am | Women's Study - Youth Room                                   |
|              | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm | Advent Study - Adult Classroom                               |
|              | 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm  | Brown Bag Lunch Bunch - Bring your lunch and eat in the cafe |
|              | 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm   | Advent Bible Study - Adult Classroom                         |
| Fri., Dec 8  | 8:00 am - 9:00 am   | Community Garden Work  |
|              | 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm   | COM Mainland Chorale Christmas Concert                       |
| Sat., Dec 9  | 8:30 am - 9:30 am   | Men's Breakfast -Rigo's Café 902 6th St. N, Texas City       |
|              | 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm   | Dinner with Friends Christmas Dinner                         |

Sermon Notes:

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Lord hear our prayers...

**Christian sympathy to Beth Stinson & family on the passing of her son, Terry Stinson, on November 24.**

- 11-5 Debbie Collins, 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, Sandy Vinardi
- 11-19 Bruce Austin, Joan Hutchinson
- 11-26 Tony Aguilar, Jeffry Dettman, Terry Gray, Susan Just, Dan Koster, Jessica Potter, Dale Robertson's sister Vicky and brother Terry, Beth Stinson, Elgin Vyvial, Bill Wurzlow

**Those in Care Facilities:** J.T. Agregard (Sodalis), Richard Alvarado (Bayou Pines), Grace Boyd (Heartis Clearlake Senior Living), Mary Jenkins (Sodalis), 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**

*1st Sunday of Advent*

**December 3, 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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## 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship

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| Welcome   |  | Praise Band                           |
| Welcome & Announcements   |  |                                       |
| Worship Songs   | <i>O Come All Ye Faithful<br/>Sing To The King</i> | Praise Band                           |
| Lighting the Candle of Hope   |  | Paul & Sharon Rouleau & family        |
| <p>As the sheperds kept watch over their flock by night, our God sent the angels in heaven to announce, "This is a sign to you."<br/> <b>Open our eyes, Lord, to see the coming Messiah.</b><br/>           Fix our eyes upon the symbols of the season. Help us to see the evergreen as your unending grace and the wreath as everlasting life.<br/> <b>Open our eyes, Lord, to see the coming Messiah.</b><br/>           We light the candle of hope so our anticipation might become expectation.<br/> <b>Open our eyes, Lord, to see the coming Messiah.</b></p> |  |                                       |
| Children's Moment   |  | Sharon Rouleau                        |
| Generosity Moment   |  | Rev. Cindy Riddick                    |
| Prayer  |  |                                       |
| Tithes & Offering   | <i>Reckless Love</i>                               | Praise Band                           |
| Scripture   |  | Luke 2:1-14                           |
| Sermon  | <i>Do You See What I See</i>                       | Richard Webb                          |
| Invitation to Christian Discipleship  |  |                                       |
| *Reflection Song  | <i>Make Room</i>                                   | Praise Band                           |
| *Benediction  |  | <b>*Please stand as you are able.</b> |

## 11:00 AM Traditional Worship

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| Prelude   | <i>Of the Father's Love Begotten (arr. Smith)</i> | Sophie Chapman, piano          |
| Welcome, Announcements & Greeting   |   |                                |
| Choral Introit  | <i>What Sweeter Music (arr. Hayes)</i>            | Chancel Choir                  |
| Lighting the Candle of Hope   |   | Paul & Sharon Rouleau & family |
| *Hymn of Praise   | <i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>                   | UMH # 211                      |
| <p>*Affirmation of Faith                      Jesus Christ is Lord<br/> <b>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.</b></p> |   |                                |

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| *Gloria Patri   |   |   |
| Generosity Moment   |   | Rev. Cindy Riddick  |
| Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer   |   |   |
| Choral Amen   |   |   |
| Offertory Anthem  | <i>Where the Stable Light Shines (arr. Raney)</i> | Chancel Choir   |
| *Doxology   |   |   |
| Hymn of Preparation   | <i>People, Look East</i>                          | UMH # 202   |
| Scripture   |   | Luke 2:1-14   |
| Sermon  | <i>Do You See What I See?</i>                     | Richard Webb  |
| Invitation to Christian Discipleship  |   |   |
| *Closing Hymn   | <i>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</i>     | UMH # 206   |
| Benediction   |   |   |
| *Benediction Response   |   |   |
| <b>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.</b> |   |   |
| Postlude  | <i>Joyful, Joyful (arr. Austin)</i>               | Sophie Chapman, piano<br><b>*Please stand as you are able</b> |



**Poinsettias for the Sanctuary:** To assist in decorating the sanctuary with poinsettias for Advent season, please, fill out a form (online or in the church foyer). The deadline to submit form is Tues., Dec. 19th. Bring your poinsettias to the church. We will keep them watered during Advent season. The memorial/honor list of names will be inserted into the Christmas Eve worship bulletin. You may take your poinsettias home with you after the Christmas Eve service.

**Advent Devotional Booklets are available.** Take time each day to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child by reading and pondering a daily devotional. These devotionals are available in the church foyer or email criddick@stjohnsumctc.org to have one mailed to you.

**Angel Tree:** The families that we have selected for our Angel Tree were nominated from local schools. We hope to be a blessing to many families this year. Many of you have selected tags from the Angel Tree and are busy choosing just the right gifts for our families. **If you haven't had a chance to stop by for a tag, please come by soon. The deadline for returning the gifts is Thursday, December 7.** We have plenty of tags. You can get a gift of clothes, a toy, a family gift, or groceries for the family.



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 Text "GIVE" to (409) 226-0450 or Scan the QR CODE  
 and then follow prompts. Thank you for your generosity!



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**CHARGE CONFERENCE:**  
*Date and Format Has Changed - Annual District Charge Conference*  
**Monday, December 11 / 6:00-7:30 PM on Zoom or in person**