



ST. JOHN'S

A United Methodist Congregation

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

The Week Ahead

Sun., Dec 10	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 (Kitchen & Café)
	5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	YALL - Sanctuary
Mon., Dec 11	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	District Conference (in Person or Zoom)
Tues., Dec 12	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO - Treehouse
	Noon - 1:30 pm	Caregiver Support Group (Youth Room)
Wed., Dec 13	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 14	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
Fri., Dec. 15	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Advent Bible Study (Adult Classroom)
	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden Work
Sat., Dec. 16	8:30 am - 9:30 am	Men's Breakfast (Rigo's Café 902 6th St. N, Texas City)

Sermon Notes:

1. What was your favorite dish during the Christmas holidays as a child? What about now? _____
2. What is some of your holiday memories of gathering around a table? What makes gathering around a table for a meal so precious? _____
3. During Holy Communion, Jesus invites us to gather at his table with the breaking of the bread. What is the significance of the bread and juice? _____

Lord hear our prayers...

- 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
- 12-3 Jose Castillo, Debbie Collins, Allen Fraley, Denise Murff, Marika Simpson, Preston James Trahan, Elizabeth Welch

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.



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

Administrative Assistant - Terri L. Mills

9:30 AM Contemporary Worship

Welcome		Praise Band
Welcome & Announcements		
Worship Songs	<i>"It's Christmas" "Do You Hear What I Hear?"</i>	Praise Band
Lighting the Candle of Peace		Schwamb Family
From manna in the wilderness to the bread from heaven, Taste and see that the Lord is good. Let us make room at the table for family and outcasts, friends and enemies. Taste and see that the Lord is good. We light the candle of peace, the light of abundance that satisfies our longing. Taste and see that the Lord is good.		
Remembrance of Baptism		Kaylie Schwamb
Children's Moment		Sharon Rouleau
Generosity Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Prayer		
Tithes & Offering		
Scripture		John 6:25-35
Sermon	<i>"Taste and See that the Lord is Good"</i>	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song	<i>"Word of God Speak"</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		

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

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude	<i>"Advent Prelude"</i> (arr. Smith)	Sophie Chapman, piano
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting		
Choral Introit	<i>"What Sweeter Music"</i> (arr. Hayes)	Chancel Choir
Lighting the Candle of Peace		The Hughes Family
*Hymn of Praise	<i>"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"</i>	UMH # 203

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe that God has come to us; that God brought us into being, that this God gave us breath and purpose, that we have been blessed to be a blessing to others, that we have fallen short of this commandment but that God has nevertheless loved us despite our brokenness. We believe that God is coming to us; that God is not happy to leave us alone, that this God will come to us as a particular human being, that God will be made known to us in flesh and bone like ours, that Mary will soon give birth and Joseph will soon clap his hands in joy, that Jesus Christ has come and our salvation will be made complete. We believe that God will come to us; that God will have the final word and that Word will be good, that this God will give us the presence of the Spirit to continue our work, that we are called to be disciples to all the corners of the earth, that the day is coming when tears and pain will be no more, and all will gather at the Table to sing an endless and perfect "Alleluia!"

*Gloria Patri

Generosity Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer		
Choral Amen		
Offertory Anthem	<i>"Song of Peace"</i>	Chancel Choir
*Doxology		
Hymn of Preparation	<i>"Blessed Be the God of Israel"</i>	UMH # 209
Scripture		John 6:25-35
Sermon	<i>"Taste and See that the Lord is Good"</i>	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Closing Hymn	<i>"Oh Little Town of Bethlehem"</i>	UMH # 230
Benediction		
*Benediction Response		
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

***Please stand as you are able**



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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.



One Worship Service Sunday, December 17 at 10:30 AM The Chancel Choir Presents their Special Christmas Music

Join us on Sunday, December 17th when we will all gather in a single worship service to enjoy the Chancel Choir's presentation of Christmas music. The kids can go to the Tree-house for Sunday school. Childcare will be provided for babies and toddlers.

Then stay for a **potluck Christmas lunch**. Everyone can contribute to the lunch. To make sure that we have a variety of dishes, please bring food according to the first letter of your last name: **A-H Dessert / I-Q Salad or Vegetable side dish / R-Z Main Dish**



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