



The Week Ahead

Sun., Dec 24	10:30 am - 11:30 am	Christmas Eve Worship Service
	10:30 am - 11:30 am	Treehouse Kids Christmas Party
	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
Mon., Dec 25 - Mon., Jan 1		Church Office CLOSED
Fri., Dec. 29	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden Work
Sat., Dec 30	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast - Rigo's Café, 902 6th St. N., Texas City
Sun., Dec 31	10:30 am - 11:30 am	Treehouse Kids Sunday School
	10:30 am - 11:30 am	New Years Worship Service (& un-decorate the church) (only one service today) — Please stay after service if you are able, To help un-decorate the church.





Thank you so much for showing your love and appreciation to your St. John's clergy! As we come to the end of the year, let's show the rest of the staff the same love and appreciation. You can drop off cards and gifts for Ingrid, James, Sophie, Melissa, and Terri at the church office. Thank You all in advance for your generosity!!!



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 2023. **If you wish you can mail your donation to the Church Office. Please note that the office will be closed December 25th-January 1st. However, as long as your contribution is mailed and post-marked by the 31st, you will receive credit for 2023.**

Lord hear our prayers...

Christian sympathy to David Welch. His grandmother, Elizabeth Welch, passed away.

- 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, Fraley, Denise Murff, Marika Simpson, Preston James Trahan
- 12-10 Lupe Aguilar, Nezzie Blair, Peggy Blizzard, Barb Holt, Dean Jones, Sandy Vinardi
- 12-17 Bruce Austin, Heather Gamblin, Joan Hutchinson, Mozelle Lubojasky, Gary Scoggin, Rex and Barb Walker, David Welch

Those in Care Facilities: J.T. Agregard (Sodalis), Richard Alvarado (Bayou Pines), 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: 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

Christmas Eve December 24, 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

Administrative Assistant - Terri L. Mills

Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship Service 10:30 am

Welcome		Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements		
*Welcome Songs	<i>O Come All Ye Faithful Away in a Manger / Go Tell It On the Mountain</i>	Praise Band
Lighting the Candle of Joy		Betty Magee & Brianna Harvey
Joy is the steadfast assurance that God is with us. Let us embrace the goodness of God. With hands outstretched in praise and thanksgiving, we celebrate with shepherds and proclaim with angels. Let us embrace the goodness of God. We light the candle of joy, the light that reminds us that God has come near. Let us embrace the goodness of God!		
Children's Moment		Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Generosity Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Prayer		
Tithes & Offering	<i>Mary Did You Know?</i>	Praise Band
Scripture		Luke 2:25-32
Sermon	<i>Embracing Jesus</i>	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Holy Communion		
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song	<i>Do You Hear What I Hear?</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		<i>*Please stand as you are able.</i>



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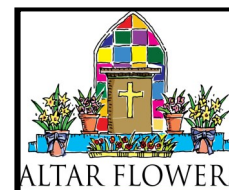


<u>Name</u>	<u>In Honor Of</u>
Ethan & Emily Hughes	Jimmy & Angie Blevins
Stephanie Hughes	President of the Texas City Rotary Gary Scoggin & his awesome wife
<u>Name</u>	<u>In Memory Of</u>
Elizabeth Lawson	Jeanne Caron
Sharon & Paul Rouleau	Alan & Auralee Middleton
Richard & Lucinda Webb	Allan & Auralee Middleton / George & Sara-Frances Webb
Sharon & Paul Rouleau	Jeanne Caron
Joyce White Shanks	Bob White & Charles Shanks

You may pick up your plants after the 5:00 pm worship on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Eve Service 5:00 pm

Welcome		Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements		
*Welcome Songs	<i>I'll Be Home For Christmas White Christmas</i>	Praise Band
Lighting the Christ Candle		The Harvey Family
The people who walked in darkness, have seen a great light! A child has been born for us! What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. A child has been born for us! He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. A child has been born for us!		
Children's Moment		Rev. Stephanie Hughes
*Christmas Carol	<i>O Holy Night</i>	Praise Band
Generosity Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Pastoral Prayer		
Offertory	<i>Mary Did You Know?</i>	Praise Band
Scripture		Luke 2:8-20
Sermon	<i>Smells Like Christmas</i>	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Service Of Holy Communion	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	Praise Band
*Receiving the Light of Christ		
*Closing Song	<i>Silent Night</i>	Praise Band
Benediction		<i>*Please stand as you are able.</i>



The flowers on the altar are placed to the glory of God,
In memory of the Perthuis Family.
Flowers are placed by Rick Harman



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