

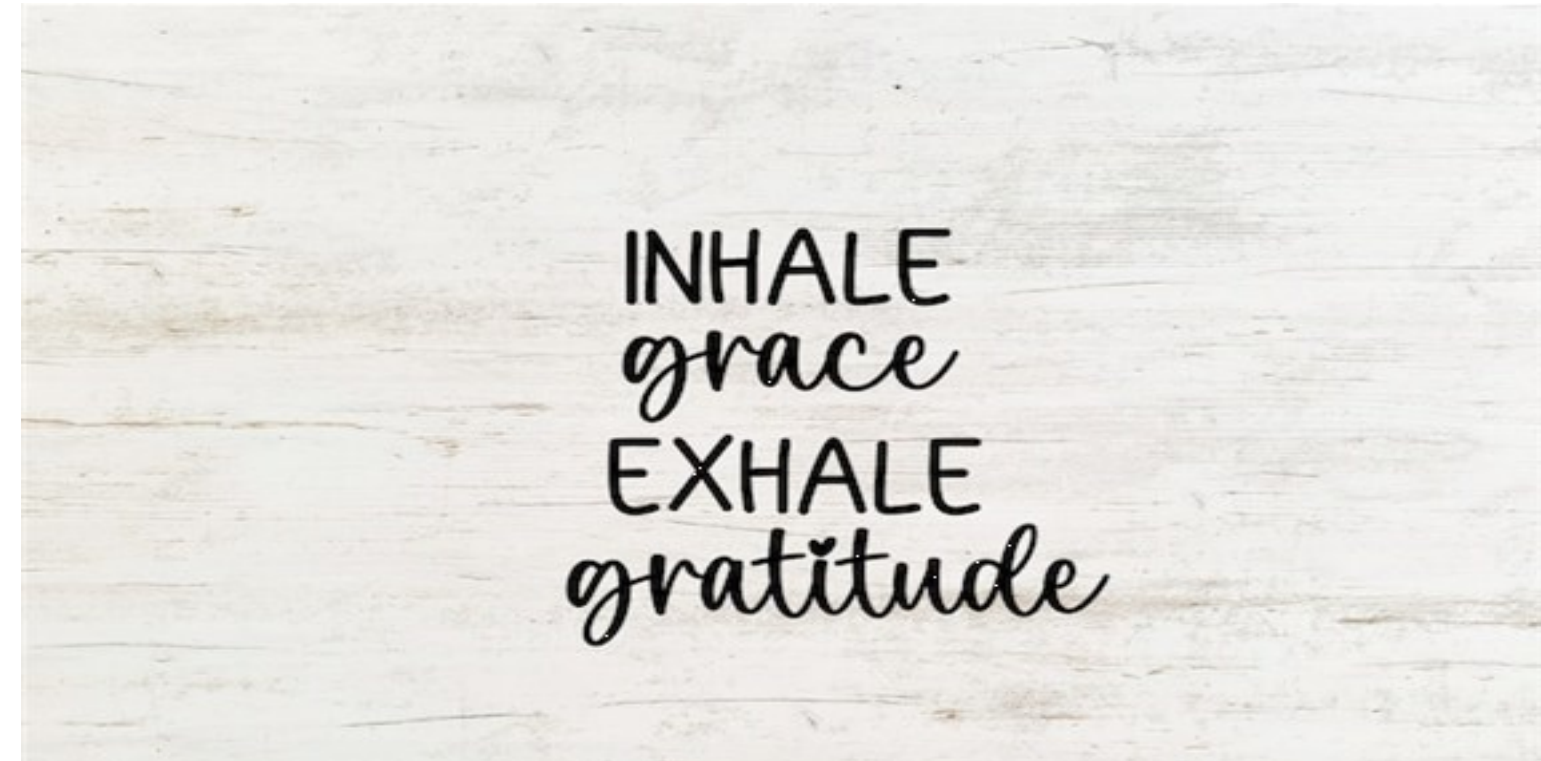


ST. JOHN'S

A United Methodist Congregation

”A Fruitful Return”

October 27, 2024



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.

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Church office hours: Monday -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
Praise Band Leader - Natalie Mendez
Accompanist - Sophie Chapman
MDO Director - Melissa Patrick
Administrative Assistant - Terri L. Mills

The Week Ahead

Sun., Oct. 27	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Treehouse Kids Sunday School
	9:30 am - 10:30 am	5th - 9th Graders Sunday School
	10:30 am - 11:00 am	Fellowship Time
	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
Mon., Oct. 28	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Y'All
	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Bible Study - Generosity Challenge
Tues., Oct. 29	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Bible Study - Generosity Challenge
	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
Wed., Oct. 30	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Chancel Bells - Sanctuary
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
Thur. Oct. 31	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Brown Bag Lunch - 5th Thur. Potluck, bring a dish to share.
Fri., Nov. 1	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden Work
Sat., Nov. 2	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast - The Rigos Café, 902 6th St. N., TC

Daily Prayer

Read chapters 4-6 in the Letter to the Hebrews.

Holy God, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus our Christ Lord. Amen.

-Book of Common Prayer (New York: Oxford University Press, 2007), 101.

Lord hear our prayers...

Christian sympathy to Linda Cooper and her family. Her niece, Linda Adams, passed away on October 15.

- 9-29 Bruce Austin, Ingrid Beguiristain, Joan Hutchinson, the family and friends of Clint Knudson, Shawna Novak, Sheri Reznicek, Gary Scoggin, Debbie Vyvial, Elgin & Joyce Vyvial, Janis Wright
- 10-6 Mechelle Alvarado, Amy Bell, Suzanne Bowron, Tammy Dawson, Terry & Joquetta Eierdam, Brittany Guidry, Mercedes Harris, Roger Hawkins, Heather Lopez, Linda Masters, Danny Morgan, Dani Patterson and family, Jason Wilson, Tammy Wilson, Sid & Marlene Young
- 10-13 Debbie Collins, Gary and Liz, Barb & Denny Holt, Maac Hughes, Sr., Dan Koster, Philip Shama, Marika Simpson
- 10-20 Lupe Aguilar, Yvette Arrendo, Nezzie Blair, Linda Cooper, Jay Johnson, Dean Jones, Billy Jack Rife, Sharon Rouleau, Pam Scoggin, Philip Shama

Those in Care Facilities: Richard Alvarado (Bayou Pines), Dorothy Blankenship (Regal Estates), Grace Boyd (The Forum at The Woodlands), Mary Jinkins (Sodalis), Carol Spealman (Magnolia Crossing), Pam Syers (La Vita Bella), Barbara Williams (Regal Estates)

Those Who are Homebound: Alice Blanton, Dannie & Edna Day, Mozelle Lubojasky, Mildred McLemore, Marvin Roehl

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

9:30 AM Contemporary Worship

Welcome		Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements		
*Worship Songs	<i>Glorious Day Praise</i>	Praise Band
Children's Moment		Sharon Rouleau
Ministry Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Pastoral Prayer		
Tithes & Offering	<i>Graves Into Gardens</i>	Praise Band
Scripture		Hebrews 4:14-5:6, 5:11-12, 6:9-12
Sermon	"A Fruitful Return"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song	<i>Goodness of God</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		<i>*Please stand as you are able</i>

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude	<i>Is Your All on the Altar/I Surrender All</i> arr. Summers	Sophie Chapman, Piano
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting		
Choral Introit	<i>Christians, We Have Met To Worship</i> arr. Larsen	Chancel Choir
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	UMH # 102
*Affirmation of Faith	<i>(Sara Ewing Merrill, 2004)</i>	

We believe in God, Creator of the universe, Giver of every good gift, Author of life itself. We believe in Jesus Christ, who reminded us of the coming of God's kingdom, who commanded us to care for those in need, who taught us to store up treasures in heaven, not on earth, and who gave us the example of self-giving love. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who inspires us to faithful stewardship of God's gifts, in whom we live and move and have our being, by whom all things are possible. We believe that God has given us gifts to be shared freely and generously, in a spirit of love and joy. We acknowledge that we are merely stewards of all that is God's, caretakers of God's home. We believe that faithful stewardship is an act of worship, a means of praising God who has blessed us so abundantly. We believe that God has great things in store for us, for it is in giving that we receive.

*Gloria Patri		
Ministry Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer		
Choral Amen		Chancel Choir
Offertory Music	<i>Sing Out Your Joy to God</i> arr. Handel	Chancel Choir
*Doxology		
*Hymn of Preparation	<i>Ye Servants of God</i>	UMH # 181
Scripture		Hebrews 4:14-5:6, 5:11-12, 6:9-12

Sermon	"A Fruitful Return"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Closing Hymn	<i>Because He Lives</i>	UMH # 364
Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>Let Us Now Depart In Thy Peace</i>	UMH # 668
	Let us now depart in they peace, blessed Jesus. Send us to our homes with God's love in our hearts. Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties. Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord, of thee. Amen.	
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, in loving memory of Margaret Diorio. Placed by Abe & Laurie Diorio.



Convenient ways to give are:
Give online on our website at <https://stjohnsumctc.org/giving/>
Text "GIVE" to (409) 226-0450 and then follow prompts.
"Thank you for your generosity!"



In this Fall outreach event, instead of going door-to-door asking for candy, families from our church will go door-to-door and hand out candy and treats!!! We hope it will help our church people get outside the church walls together to have fun and serve our community. We invite you to grab a few of the pre-packaged sweets/treats and take them with you out into your neighborhood. Join us for this fun.

Let's share memories of the people we miss the most!

We will be celebrating **All Saints Sunday on November 3rd** by remembering our friends and family that have joined the great cloud of witnesses gathered around God's throne.

You are invited to bring a picture of your loved one or small token of remembrance to place on the All Saints table that will be set up in the foyer.



Annual District HUB Charge Conference

Saturday, November 9th 10am
Aldersgate UMC, 13217 FM1764, Santa Fe, TX 77510



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 for the Charge Conference. The charge conference is open to all members.

Please join us at Aldersgate, so we can meet together.