

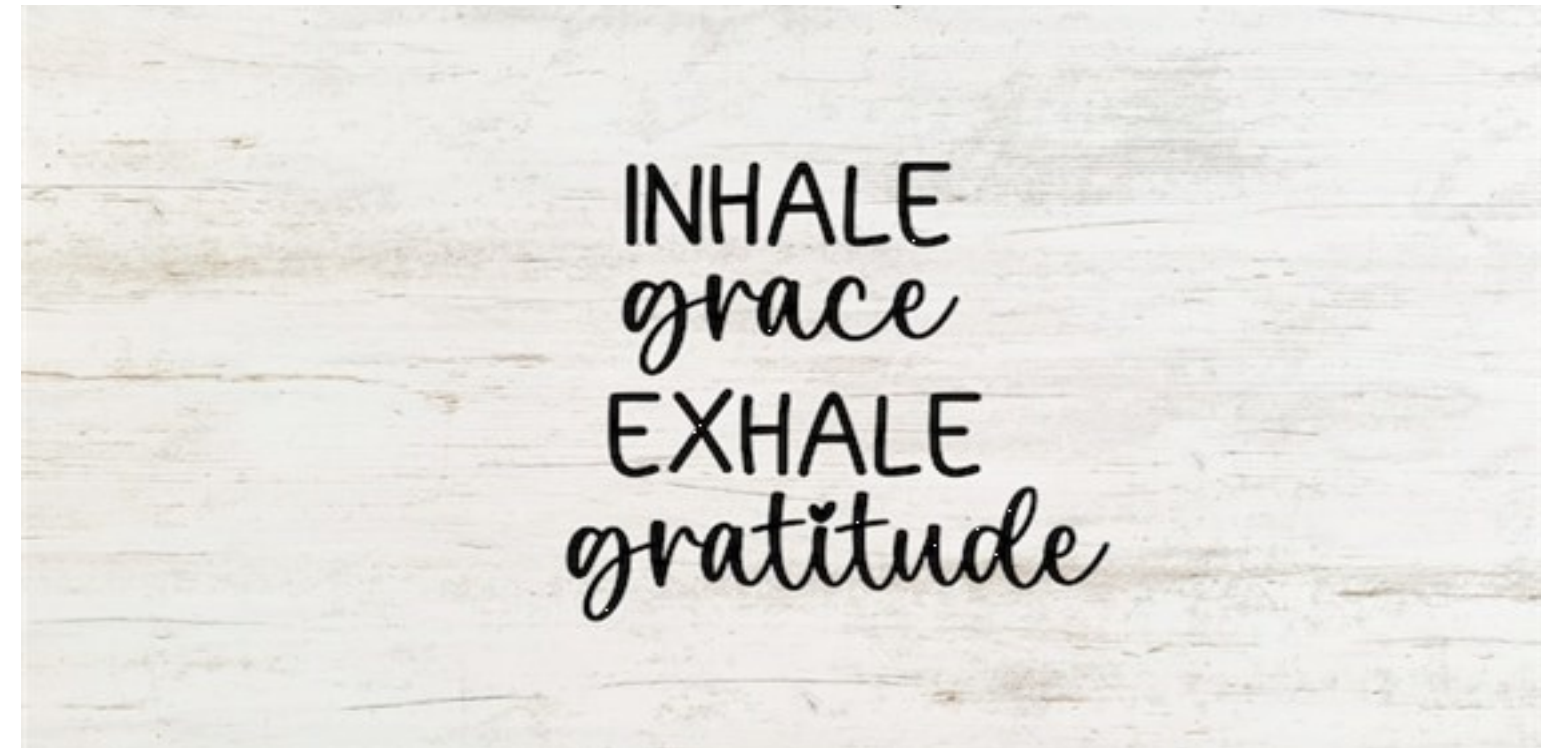


ST. JOHN'S

A United Methodist Congregation

”Persevere in Gratitude”

November 24, 2024



The Week Ahead

Sun., Nov. 24	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 - Decorate for Advent
	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
	12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Decorate Sanctuary
	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Y'All
Mon., Nov. 25		MDO - Closed
Tues., Nov. 26		MDO - Closed
Wed., Nov. 27		Church Office CLOSED for Thanksgiving holiday.
		MDO - Closed
	10:00 am	Students serve at Fatima, for the “Great Can Sorting”
	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	8th - 12th Grade Bible Study
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Chancel Bells - Sanctuary
Thur. Nov. 28	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
		Church Office CLOSED for Thanksgiving holiday.
		MDO - Closed
	10:00 am -	Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School, Kukral Hall, 1600 9th Ave. N., Texas City
Fri., Nov. 29	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden Work
Sat., Nov. 30	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast - The Rigos Café, 902 6th St. N., TC

Daily Prayer and Scripture Reading

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.

Read chapters 12-13 in the Letter to the Hebrews.

Lord hear our prayers...

- 10-27 Bruce Austin, Joan Hutchinson, Shawna Novak, Sheri Reznicek, Gary Scoggin, Debbie Vyvial, Elgin & Joyce Vyvial, Janis Wright
- 11-03 Suzanne Bowron, Tammy Dawson, Terry & Joquetta Eierdam, Brittany Guidry, Mercedes Harris, Roger Hawkins, Breeze Hunter, Heather Lopez, Linda Masters, Danny Morgan, Tammy Wilson, Sid & Marlene Young
- 11-10 Tony Aguilar, Debbie Collins, Gary and Liz, Teresa Haak-Bnigar, Barb & Denny Holt, Dan Koster, Philip Shama, Marika Simpson
- 11-17 Lupe Aguilar, Yvette Arrendo, Nezzie Blair, Linda Cooper, Jerry Cooper, Jay Johnson, Dean Jones, Martha Loisey, Billy Jack Rife, 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.

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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Website: <https://stjohnsumctc.org/>

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

9:30 AM Contemporary Worship

Welcome		Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements		
*Worship Songs	<i>This is Amazing Grace Great Things</i>	Praise Band
Children's Moment		Sharon Rouleau
Ministry Moment		Wendy Brace
Pastoral Prayer		
Tithes & Offering		Praise Band
Scripture		Hebrews 12:1-25
Sermon	"Persevere in Gratitude"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song	<i>Trust In God</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		

**Please stand as you are able*

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude	<i>All People That on Earth Do Dwell</i> arr. Larson	Sophie Chapman, Piano
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting		
Choral Introit	<i>Christians, We Have Come to Worship</i> arr. Larsen	Chancel Choir
*Hymn of Praise	<i>We Gather Together</i>	UMH # 131
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		Wendy Brace
Pastoral Prayer		
Choral Amen		
Offertory Music	<i>Come, Ye Thankful People, Come!</i> Arr. Dengler	Chancel Choir
*Hymn of Preparation	<i>And Are We Yet Alive</i>	UMH # 553
Scripture		Hebrew 2:1-25

Sermon	"Persevere in Gratitude"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Closing Hymn	<i>What Wondrous Love Is This</i>	UMH # 553
Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>Sent Forth by God's Blessing</i> (vs. 1 only)	UMH # 664
Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe. The seed of the teaching receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.		
Postlude	<i>Joyful, Joyful</i> arr. Larsen	Sophie Chapman, Piano

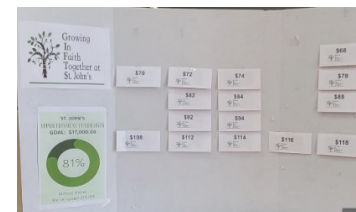
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The flowers on the altar are placed to the glory of God, in celebration of the 25th wedding anniversary of Stephanie & Maac Hughes.



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!"



>> Apportionments 2024 Fundraiser <<
We are over halfway to our goal at 81% We are so close! We only have 15 envelopes left adding up to \$1,370. Please claim an envelope and help us reach our apportionment goal! A great big thank you to our anonymous donors that are matching every dollar that you give. And thank you for every envelope that you have taken and given money to reach our goal of \$17,000. We are almost there! Woohoo!! If you are unable to make it to the church but want to help please let us know which remaining envelope number you would like and we can pull it for you. Then you can just give that amount online or mail a check for the amount on the envelope you choose.

Community
Thanksgiving Day Dinner
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Sign up in the foyer to help.

- ⇒ TAKE A PAN & COVER
- ⇒ SIGN THE SIGNUP SHEET
- ⇒ COOK POTATOES
- ⇒ DELIVER POTATOES *HOT* TO FATIMA ON
THANKSGIVING DAY
BY 9:00 AM



**November
Undie
Sundays**
COLLECTION DRIVE

This month, we are collecting **NEW** underwear to give to our neighbors who use the services of **The Galveston Street Ministry**

ALL SIZES ARE NEEDED!

Please drop off donations of **new** underwear (men's, women & kids) in the boxes in the Missions area.
Thank you for providing comfort and dignity to our unhoused neighbors!!!

**Hanging
of the
Greens**

Please stay after service today and help us decorate for the holidays!