

**The Week Ahead**

Sun., Dec. 1	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
	4:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Youth, 8th-12th grades - Decorate
Mon., Dec. 2	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Bible Study, "Almost Christmas" (in person or zoom)
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Bible Study, "Almost Christmas" (in person or zoom)
Tues., Dec. 3	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
Wed., Dec. 4	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Youth, 8th-12th grades - Bible Study
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Chancel Bells - Sanctuary
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
Thur. Dec. 5	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
	11:30 pm - 1:00 pm	Brown Bag Lunch - Bring your lunch and drink.
Fri., Dec. 6	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden Work
Sat., Dec. 7	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast - The Rigos Café, 902 6th St. N., TC

**Sermon Notes**

1. What kind of peace do you long for? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Read John 14:15-31. What do you think, does Jesus mean when he tells his disciples, "peace I leave with you," in verse 24? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How might you begin to seek shalom within yourself? With another person? For the world? \_\_\_\_\_

**Lord hear our prayers...**

**Congratulations to Grandma Sherri Sumney, big brother Weston and Brittany & Dwaine Guidry on the birth of their baby girl Tinley Pierce on Nov. 20.**

**Christian sympathy to Alice Darlington on the passing of her uncle, William Darlington.**

- 11-03 Suzanne Bowron, Tammy Dawson, Terry & Joquetta Eierdam, 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-Benigar, 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
- 11-24 Bruce Austin, Aaron Doss, Joan Hutchinson, Shawna Novak, Sheri Reznicek, Gary Scoggin, Debbie Vyvial, Elgin & Joyce Vyvial, Janis Wright

**Those in Care Facilities:** Richard Alvarado (Bayou Pines), Dorothy Blankenship (Regal Estates), Grace Boyd (The Forum at The Woodlands), Mary Jenkins (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.



**ST. JOHN'S**  
**A United Methodist Congregation**

*"Almost Peace"*

December 1, 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.**

*Guest Wi-Fi password is: walnut89*

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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

## 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship

Welcome		Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements		
Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace		Young Adults Living Life (Y'ALL)
*Worship Songs	<i>I Thank God Battle Belongs</i>	Praise Band
Children's Moment		Sharon Rouleau
Ministry Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Pastoral Prayer		
Tithes & Offering	<i>Graves into Gardens</i>	Praise Band
Video		New Room: Peace
*Scripture		Luke 1:5-25
Sermon	"Almost Peace"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Holy Communion		
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song	<i>Revelation Song</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		

*\*Please stand as you are able*

## 11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude	<i>Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming</i> arr. Larsen	Sophie Chapman, Piano
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting		
Congregational Introit	<i>Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	Chancel Choir
Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace		Young Adults Living Life (Y'ALL)
*Hymn of Praise	<i>God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us</i> (vs. 1-4)	UMH # 100

Invitation  
Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sins and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession and Pardon

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

Ministry Moment	Rev. Cindy Riddick
Pastoral Prayer	

Choral Amen		
Offertory Music	<i>The Well-Tempered Clavier</i> arr. Bach	Chancel Choir
*Doxology		
Video		New Room: Peace
*Scripture		Luke 1:5-25
Sermon	"Almost Peace"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Holy Communion		
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Closing Hymn	<i>Blessed Be the God of Israel</i>	UMH # 209
Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>Sent Forth by God's Blessing</i> (vs. 1 only)	UMH # 664
<b>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.</b>		
Postlude	<i>In The Bleak Midwinter</i> arr. Austin	Sophie Chapman, Piano

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The flowers on the altar are placed to the glory of God,  
in joyous celebration of Terry Fry's 77th birthday.  
Placed by Alice Darlington.



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**Angel Tree 2024** — Our Angel Tree is up! Lots of tags to pick from!!! We have a total of 88 kid tags (2 gift each- clothes /toy) and 30 family tags (2 tags each family - one gift tag and one food tag.) We are assisting 15 families and a total of 44 children! Pick a tag, sign your name and cell number, then shop for your gifts. Please **return your wrapped gift by December 12.**

**Advent Bible Study** — "Almost Christmas". This study will follow along with Pastor Stephanie's Advent sermons. Classes will be held on Mondays, beginning on 12/2, 11am and 7pm (online or zoom). Study guides are available for \$10 each, located in foyer. — The youth, 8th-12th grades, will meet on Wednesdays with Pastor Stephanie.



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