



# ST. JOHN'S

## A United Methodist Congregation

### "Walking Billboards"

February 23, 2025



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

### The Week Ahead

Sun., Feb 23	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
	4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Youth (5th-9th grades)
	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Y'All
Mon., Feb 24	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
Tues., Feb 25	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
Wed., Feb 26	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	8th - 12th Grade Bible Study at St. John's
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Chancel Bells - Sanctuary
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
Thur. Feb 27	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
	11:30 pm - 1:00 pm	Brown Bag Lunch - Olive Garden, 10212 Emmett Lowry, T.C.
Fri., Feb 28	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden Work
Sat., March 1	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast - The Rigos Café, 902 6th St. N., TC

### Sermon Notes

1. Read Psalm 119:33-40. Why do you think the law was so important to this person? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Read Leviticus 19:1-2. What does it mean to be holy? Why does God ask this of us? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How do people know that you are a disciple of Jesus? How do you "advertise" the goodness of God? \_\_\_\_\_

### Lord hear our prayers...

- 1-26 Suzanne Bowron, Aaron Doss, Tammy Dawson, Terry & Joquetta Eierdam, Mercedes Harris, Breeze Hunter, Heather Lopez, Linda Masters, Noah, P.S. Potter, Tammy Wilson, Sid & Marlene Young
- 2-2 Debbie Collins, Gary and Liz, Teresa Haak-Benigar, Barb & Denny Holt, Dan Koster, Robert Kurtz, Marika Simpson, Jason Wilson
- 2-9 Lupe Aguilar, Yvette Arrendo, Nezzie Blair, Linda Cooper, Liz Cooper, Roger Hawkins, Jim Jakubik, Jay Johnson, Dean Jones, Billy Jack Rife, Pam Scoggin, Sheila Treybig, Betty Wilson
- 2-16 Richard Alvarado, Bruce Austin, Bobby Edrozo, Rick Harman, Joan Hutchinson, Leslie Jobe, Trinity Johnwell, Allison Morgan, Sheri Reznicek, Wayne Rochell, Gary Scoggin, Melvin D. Senegal, Jr., Elgin & Joyce Vyvial, Anna Walker, Janis Wright

**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)

**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 Grateful</i>	Praise Band
Children's Moment		Sharon Rouleau
Ministry Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Pastoral Prayer		
Tithes & Offering	<i>Reckless Love</i>	Praise Band
Scripture		Leviticus 19:1-2; 9-18
Sermon	"Walking Billboards "	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song	<i>I Speak Jesus</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		<i>*Please stand as you are able</i>

## 11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude	<i>Praise God in His Sanctuary</i> arr. L. Smith	Sophie Chapman, Piano
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting		
Choral Introit	<i>Glorify the Lord</i> arr. Martin	Chancel Choir
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart</i>	UMH # 160
Affirmation of Faith	<i>Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada</i>	UMH # 883

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri		
Ministry Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Pastoral Prayer		
Choral Amen		
Offertory Music	<i>The Holy City</i> arr. Adams	Ron Bailey, Soloist
*Doxology		
*Hymn of Preparation	<i>Lord, I want to Be a Christian</i>	UMH # 402
Scripture		Leviticus 19:1-2; 9-18
Sermon	"Walking Billboards "	Rev. Stephanie Hughes

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\*Closing Hymn *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord* UMH # 438

Benediction

\*Benediction Response *Go Now in Peace* UMH # 665

**Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.**

Postlude *Joyful, Joyful* arr. Austin Sophie Chapman, Piano  
*\*Please stand as you are able*



The flowers on the altar are placed to the glory of God, in celebration of the 44th Anniversary of Don & Terry Gray.



**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!"



## Ash Wednesday is March 5



This year, there will be two ways to participate in Ash Wednesday.

- Ash Wednesday Service: March 5th at 6pm in the sanctuary  
Join us as we worship together to observe the beginning of Lent. You will have an opportunity to receive ashes during this service.
- Come & Go Ash Wednesday Reflection Time: March 5th at 9:00-10:30am and 1:00-4:00pm. For those who cannot attend service, stop by during the listed times for reflection and to receive ashes.



**5TH SUNDAY  
WORSHIP/BRUNCH/  
HYMN SING  
March 30, 2025**

9:30am - 10:15am: Praise & Worship

10:15am - 11:15am: Fellowship  
Potluck Brunch. Everyone invited!  
(Bring a dish to share - drinks will be provided.)

11:15am - 12:00pm: Old fashioned  
Hymn Sing

## FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER FUNDRAISER

**Tuesday, March 4th  
5:30pm - 7:30pm**

St. John's UMC

Plates Will Be By Donations



Come out and enjoy some yummy pancakes and support our kids and youth as they raise money for Summer Camp and UM Army!

*Come and bring all your friends and family.*