

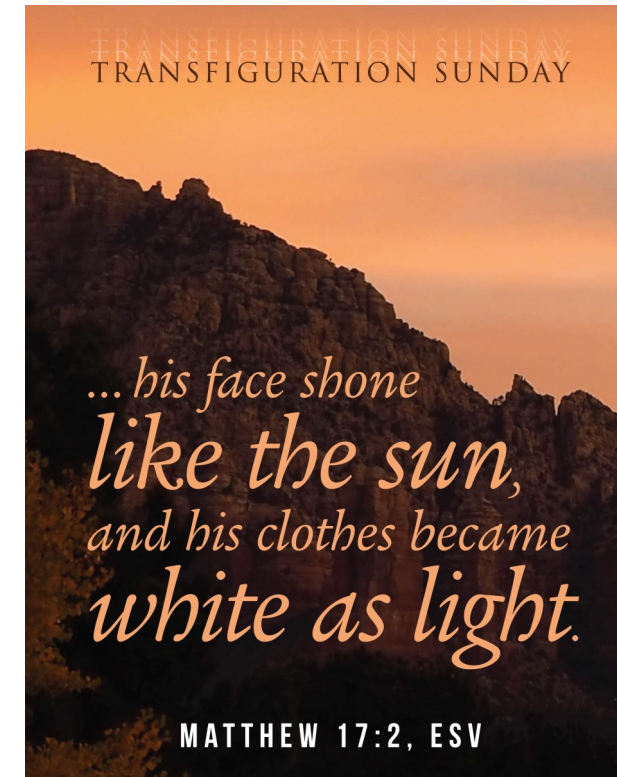


# ST. JOHN'S

## A United Methodist Congregation

### “Now is the Time”

March 2, 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., March 2	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
	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Y'All
Mon., March 3	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
Tues., March 4	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
	5:30 pm - 7:30pm	Pancake Supper Fundraiser
Wed., March 5	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Chancel Bells - Sanctuary
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
Thur. March 6	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Brown Bag Lunch - bring your lunch & drink & items for food pantry
Fri., March 7	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden Work
Sat., March 8	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast - The Rigos Café, 902 6th St. N., TC

### Sermon Notes

1. Read Matthew 17:1-9 and 2 Peter 1:16-21. Imagine you are Petr What would you have said about tis experience? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Read Matthew 17:14-21. Why is it important that Jesus went back down the mountain? Who was waiting for him? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What do you know about Moses and Elijah? Why do you think they were there? Take some time and do some research on these two Old Testament characters and why they are asking a guest appearance in the New Testament. \_\_\_\_\_

### Lord hear our prayers...

**Christian sympathy to Dean Jones on the passing of his nephew, Wayne Rochell.**  
**Christian sympathy to Mike and Robin Bartholomew on the passing of Mike's dad, Bill Bartholomew.**

- 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, Betty Wilson
- 2-16 Richard Alvarado, Bruce Austin, Bobby Edrozo, Rick Harman, Joan Hutchinson, Leslie Jobe, Trinity Johnwell, Allison Morgan, Sheri Reznicek, Gary Scoggin, Melvin D. Senegal, Jr., Elgin & Joyce Vyvial, Anna Walker, Janis Wright
- 2-23 Lyndsey Ball, the family of Bill Bartholomew, Alan Bonuelos, Suzanne Bowron, Stefanie Campbell, Ron Collins, Riley, Kelsey & Levi Cooper, PJ Cowan, Cheryl Dewey, Aaron Doss, Tammy Dawson, Terry & Joquetta Eierdam, Mercedes Harris, Breeze Hunter, Heather Lopez, Linda Masters, Mike Miller, Noah, P.S. Potter, the family of Wayne Rochell. Tammy Wilson, Sid & Marlene Young

**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

## 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship

Welcome		Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements		
*Worship Songs	<i>You Are Good Praise</i>	Praise Band
Children's Moment		Sharon Rouleau
Ministry Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Pastoral Prayer		
Tithes & Offering		
*Scripture		Matthew 17:1-9
Sermon	"Now is the Time "	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Holy Communion		
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song	<i>Holy Forever</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		<i>*Please stand as you are able</i>

## 11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude	<i>Here is Bread, Here is Wine</i>	arr. Kendrick	James Heffel, Piano
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting			
Congregational Introit	<i>I Come With Joy</i> (vs. 1)		UMH # 617
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones</i>		UMH # 90

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			
Offertory Music	<i>Come, to the Table of the Lord</i>	arr. Althouse	Susie Newman, Soloist
*Doxology			

*Scripture		Matthew 17:1-9
Sermon	"Now is the Time"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Holy Communion		
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Closing Hymn	<i>Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast</i>	UMH # 339
Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>Go Now in Peace</i>	UMH # 665
<b>Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.</b>		
Postlude	<i>Ode to Joy</i> arr. Austin	James Heffel, Piano
		<i>*Please stand as you are able</i>



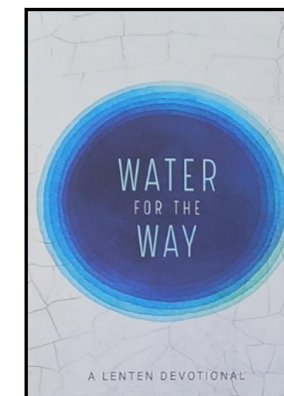
The flowers on the altar are placed to the glory of God, in joyous celebration of the Wedding Anniversary of David & Christie McKnight.



**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!"*



Water for the Way:



A Lenten Devotional

Begins Wednesday, March 5th

Join a small group.

Gather your own group and/or family.

Read the devotions on your own.

Sign up in the lobby.  
Study books are \$10 each.

## 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!

## 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
- Come & Go Ash Wednesday Reflection Time:  
March 5th at 9:00-10:30am & 1:00-4:00pm

