

| The Week Ahead | | |
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| Sun., Sept. 14 | 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 Group, 5th-12th grades |
| | 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm | Y'All |
| Mon., Sept. 15 | 9:00 am - 2:00 pm | MDO |
| Tues., Sept. 16 | 9:00 am - 2:00 pm | MDO |
| Wed., Sept. 17 | 9:00 am - 2:00 pm | MDO |
| | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Chancel Bell Rehearsal |
| | 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| Thur., Sept. 18 | 9:00 am - 2:00 pm | MDO |
| | 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm | Brown Bag - bring your lunch and drink |
| Fri., Sept. 19 | 8:00 am - 9:00 am | Community Garden Work |
| Sat., Sept. 20 | 8:30 am | Men's Breakfast - The Rigos Café, 902 6th St. N., TC |

Sermon Notes

1. Who makes you feel special? What do they do to make you feel chosen and loved? _____

2. Whom have you struggled to forgive? Whose forgiveness have you received in the past? What feelings come to the surface when you think of both of these groups of people? _____

3. Read John 21:1-17. As you read, put yourself in the story as if you were Peter. What are you feeling during this interaction? _____

Lord hear our prayers...

- 8-17

Denny Alsip, Jim Barb, Ron and Debbie Collins, Becky Davidson, Terry Fry, Gary and Liz, Teresa Haak-Benigar, Charles Hamilton, Kacson Hawkins, Barb Holt, Dan Koster, Rae Ann Newton, Jason Wilson, Kathy Wurzlow
- 8-24

Lupe Aguilar, Nezzie Blair, Janet Brandon, Roger Hawkins, Dean Jones, Paul Mobley, Billy Jack Rife, Sandy Salazar, Betty Wilson, Bill Wurzlow
- 8-31

Bruce Austin, Peggy Blizzard, Dennis Dodd, Joan Hutchinson, friends and family of Martha Loisey, Sheri Reznicek, Phil Roberts, Sheila Treybig
- 9-7

Brent Baird, Melody Box, Leon Cogburn, Terry & Joquetta Eierdam, Dan Gilliam, Mercedes Harris, Deborah Krenek, Heather Lopez, Linda Masters, Carol Speakman, Aimee Stadfelt, Tammy Wilson
- Those in Care Facilities:

Richard Alvarado (Bayou Pines), Dorothy Blankenship (Regal Estates), Grace Boyd (The Forum at The Woodlands), Mary Jenkins (Sodalis), Carol Speakman (Magnolia Crossing), Betty Wilson (Sodalis)
- Those Who are Homebound:

Alice Blanton, Dannie & Edna Day, 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

“Pursued in Our Unsavory Moments”

Sept. 14, 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

9:30 AM Contemporary Worship

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| Welcome | | Praise Band |
| Welcome and Announcements | | |
| *Worship Songs | <i>You Are Good</i> <i>Praise You Anywhere</i> | Praise Band |
| Children’s Moment | | Rev. Stephanie Hughes |
| Ministry Moment | | Robin Bartholomew |
| Pastoral Prayer | | |
| Tithes & Offering | <i>Thrive</i> | Praise Band |
| *Scripture | | Matthew 9:9-13 |
| Sermon | "Pursued in Our Unsavory Moments" | Rev. Stephanie Hughes |
| Invitation to Christian Discipleship | | |
| *Reflection Song | <i>Make Room</i> | Praise Band |
| *Benediction | | |

**Please stand as you are able*

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

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| Prelude | <i>It Is Well</i> arr. Hayes | Sophie Chapman, Piano |
| Welcome, Announcements & Greeting | | |
| Ministry Moment | | Robin Bartholomew |
| Choral Introit | <i>Christians, We Have Met To Worship</i> arr. Larsen | Chancel Choir |
| *Hymn of Praise | <i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i> | UMH # 139 |
| *Affirmation of Faith | <i>The Nicene Creed</i> | UMH # 880 |
| We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally, begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen. | | |
| *Gloria Patri | | |
| Pastoral Prayer | | Rev. Cindy Riddick |

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| Choral Amen | | |
| Offertory Music | <i>Ave Maria</i> arr. Bach/Gounod | Emily Hughes, Soloist |
| *Doxology | | |
| *Hymn of Preparation | <i>Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee</i> | UMH # 175 |
| *Scripture | | Matthew 9:9-13 |
| Sermon | “Pursued in Our Unsavory Moments” | Rev. Stephanie Hughes |
| Invitation to Christian Discipleship | | |
| *Closing Hymn | <i>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</i> | UMH # 206 |
| Benediction | | |
| *Benediction Response | <i>Go Now in Peace</i> | UMH # 665 |
| Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go. | | |
| Postlude | <i>To God Be The Glory</i> | Sophie Chapman, Piano |
| <i>*Please stand as you are able</i> | | |



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“Thank you for your generosity!”



**MANY HANDS
MAKE LIGHT WORK**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH
BETWEEN & AFTER THE 9:30 & 11:00 AM SERVICES**

Help us get ahead!!!
**Pick a job and complete it any time between now
and the church work day!!!**



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Please sign up
to help with the
up coming

Fall Craft Show
Saturday, Oct. 4th
10am-2pm

Please sign up in the foyer.



Fall Craft Show
Bake Sale Fundraiser!
Oct. 4th, 10am-2pm

We are having a dessert bake
sale for our Fall Festival ... we
need desserts to sell.

Please sign up to bring a dessert
for our fund raiser.

“Thank you for your support.”