

**Hearing enhancement devices are available at the back of the sanctuary in the lobby.*

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

*Meditation from "Thais"
Jules Massenet*

First Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 8: 1-6a

Call to worship (please stand as you are comfortable)

Today we gather to worship the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords!

Response: Help us only seek you in our lives, oh God: your leadership, your will.

Call: We profess our faith in this place and listen for your guidance.

Response: Stir in us our courage, our fortitude to live for you!

Opening Hymn (please stand as you are comfortable)

Behold a Broken World (set to "Amazing Grace")
UMH 426 vs 1, 5, 6

Morning Prayer

**We will conclude this prayer by reciting "The Lord's Prayer." If you are unfamiliar with this prayer, you are invited to follow along up on the screens.*

Second Scripture

1 Samuel 8: 6b-9

Offertory Prayer

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*We have Come this Far By Faith
by Joseph Martin*

Doxology (please stand as you are comfortable)

UMH 95

Final Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 8: 10-22

Message

The People Ask For A King
Rev. Matt Bridges

Closing Hymn (please stand as you are comfortable)

God Will Take Care of You

UMH 130

Benediction

Postlude

*Psalm XVIII,
by Benedetto Marcello*

Reflection Questions

-How have you felt the impact of this election season so far?

-Obviously, the message trying to be conveyed to the Elders is that going forward with a king is not good for them. But do you think they have a point in bringing up the complaints?

-Where do you see the practice of idolatry in election seasons?

Going On In The Life Of St. John's

St. John's Pumpkins:

TODAY! October 13

2nd Pumpkin delivery at 4:00 pm.

October 20 Fall Festival Trunk or Treat, 3-6pm

Candy Donations There will be a box in the sanctuary lobby and at the front office for people to drop off candy to be handed out at trunk or treat on 10/20.

A HUGE Thank you to everyone who assisted in unloading 2,432 pumpkins, along with specialty items totaling 45,000 pounds.



"Silence is more than the absence of noise; it has a life its own. The peace of contemplation is not something only for monks or mystics, it is for all people who can learn to quiet their own minds to listen in the silence.

Silence grounds everything. And it is within that soundless space, that we can truly hear the voice of God."

Richard Rohr

Please join us for a four week class discovering the invitation to be still and listen

October 25th, November 1st, 8th, and 15th

10:00am – 11:30 am in St. John's Library

Space limited to seven participants

Facilitated by Sue King & Carol Wawrychuk

RSVP to deepeningourwalk@gmail.com

Finding Your Fit With St. John's

There are many ways you can get plugged into your church home. After filling this out, please detach and place it in an offering plate and you will be contacted to get plugged in! With St. John's, it's not "if" you fit, but "how."

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

What kinds of skills and gifts would you like to share with us?

What is your passion?

Put a Checkmark below next to some of the areas you are interested learning more about.

- Worship: Music, A/V support, Setup, Worship Arts
- Congregational Care/Visitation
- Small Groups
- Communications: Enews, Facebook
- Office Volunteer: Various office duties
- Outreach/Missions: local, regional, international
- Bag 'N Hand Food Pantry

This Week In The Life of St. John's

Mon. Oct 14, 2024

12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor
6:00 pm Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

Tues. Oct. 15, 2024

8:30 am-12:30pm Bag N' Hand Food Pantry (volunteer times)
12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor
4:00 pm-6:00 Bag N' Hand Food Pantry Evening Distribution (volunteer times)
6:00 pm Alcoholics' Anonymous, Men and Women Group, Parlor
6:00 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics, Bell Room
6:00pm Men's Dinner, The Pantry Dos
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall

Wed. Oct. 16, 2024

1:00 pm Women's Book Study
6:00 pm Pickleball, Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Bell Choir, Bell Room
7:00 pm Choir, Choir Room

Thurs. Oct, 17, 2024

12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor
6:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Women's Group, Chapel
6:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Men's Group, Parlor
6:00 pm ALANON Women's Group, Bell Room
6:00 pm recovery group: Spirit Folx, Choir Room

Fri. Oct, 18, 2024

9:00 am AA Parlor
12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor

Sat. Oct 19, 2024

Sun. Oct. 20, 2024

9:30 am Morning Worship
10:30 am Morning Fellowship Time, Gathering Room
3:00-6:00 pm Fall Festival Trunk or Treat
5:00 pm Youth Group: Our location Changes from week to week. To be a part of the youth group, reach out to Pastor Matt at 936-661-2843 to be added to the youth list.

October 13, 2024

Steering Faithfully Through An Election Season



Week 1 **The People Ask For A King**

