

**Hearing enhancement devices are available in the sanctuary in the lobby.
Walkers and canes are also available in the Sanctuary Lobby.

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

I Wonder as I Wander
arr. Fred Bock

Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
UMH 196

Advent Wreath Lighting

Steve Trolinger & Marian Wossum

Reader: The prophet Isaiah calls to us from the past to imagine the future when God’s reign will be fully realized and recognized throughout creation. When that time comes, God “shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more” (Isaiah 2:4).

All: Today, we choose to live in hope, believing that the time of God’s reign has come and is coming among us.

Reader: We light this candle of hope as a sign of our promise to follow the Light as we answer God’s call to transform our hope into reality today and in the days to come.

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.

First scripture

Isaiah 2: 1-5

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Joy in The Morning
by Lloyd Larson

Doxology (please stand as you are comfortable)

UMH 95

Final Scripture Reading

Matthew 24:36-44

Message

Signs and Times
Rev. Matt Bridges

Closing Hymn (please stand as you are comfortable)

People, Look East
UMH 202

Benediction

Postlude

How Deep the Father’s Love For Us
Arranged by Mark Hayes

Reflection Questions

- What are swords you currently think you have to hang on to that need to be transformed into plowshares as you enter into Advent this year?
- What’s a sign of hope you currently see around you as you enter into Advent this year?

In the Life of St. John’s

Hanging of the Greens: Today!

After worship and fellowship time today, you are invited to help decorate our sanctuary and other parts of the building as we move into Advent and Christmas.

Angel tree

Thank you to all who have taken tags from the tree. Please return the gifts to the church by Wednesday, December 3. The gifts will be picked up on December 5. Please do not wrap the packages, and ensure that the tags are securely attached to the gifts.

Sharing Thanksgiving

Thank you to all who contributed money and time to the Bag’n Hand distribution of 425 Thanksgiving Meal boxes.



This Week In The Life of St. John's

Mon. Dec. 1, 2025

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

Tues. Dec. 2, 2025

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

Wed. Dec. 3, 2025

12:00 pm Soul Break, Sanctuary
12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor
1:00 pm Women's Book Study
5:30 pm Share The Star Advent Supper, Gathering Rm.
6:00 pm Pickleball, Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Bell Choir, Bell Room
7:00 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thurs. Dec 4, 2025

12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor

Fri. Dec. 5, 2025

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

Sat. Dec. 6, 2025

Sun. Dec. 7, 2025

9:30 am Morning Worship:
10:30 am Morning Fellowship Time, Chapel
2:00 pm Scout Troop 53 Meeting, Fellowship Hall

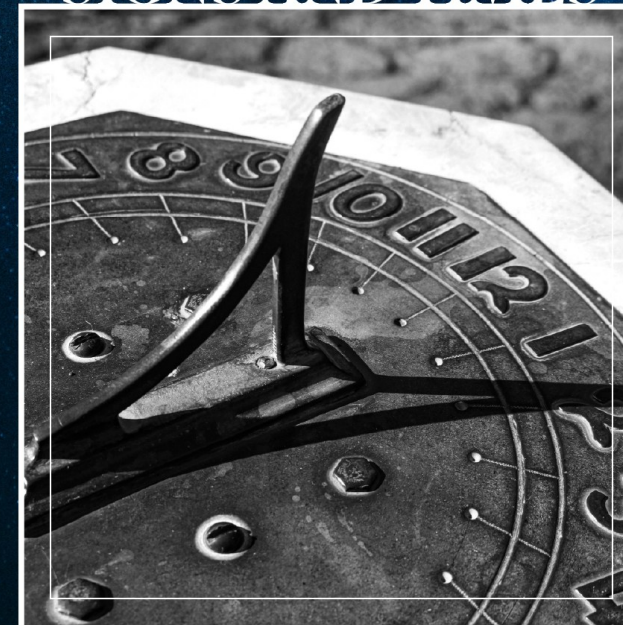


November 30, 2025

Advent

***Toda La Tierra
Espera (All The
World Awaits):
Week 1***

SIGNS AND TIMES



Advent & Christmas Events With St. John's

Sunday, December 14:
9:30am Worship: Christmas Cantata Sunday

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24:
12:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
4:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 28:
9:30am Worship: Fun & Festive Sweater and Pajama Day!
*Brunch to Follow