

# 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?

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## What is your passion?

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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

### Wed. Dec. 24, 2025

12:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor  
4:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

### Thurs. Dec. 25, 2025

Offices Closed: Merry Christmas!

### Fri. Dec. 26, 2025

Offices Closed

### Sat. Dec. 27, 2025

### Sun. Dec. 28, 2025

9:30 am Morning Worship  
10:30ish am Special Sunday Brunch

### Mon. Dec. 29, 2025

Offices Closed

### Office Closures During the Holidays

We will be closed on Thursday, December 25th and Thursday January 01, in observance of the Holidays. Our Office will also be closed on Friday, December 26th and Monday, December 29th to give our wonderful staff a break.

December 24, 2025  
12:00 pm

# Christmas Eve



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

Welcome

**Opening Carols** (please stand as you are comfortable)  
*O Come All Ye Faithful*  
*verses 1-3, 6*  
  
*Joy To The World*  
*verses 1-4*  
  
UMH 234  
  
UMH 246

Advent Candle Lighting

**Reader:** Today, we gather to remember with the prophet Isaiah: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this (Isaiah 9:6-7).  
**All:** We gather to once again bask in the glory that visited a stable and a manger, shepherds watching their flocks, and a young couple cradling the newborn Messiah.  
**Reader:** We light the Christ candle as a sign of the glory that came among us in unexpected places and to unexpected people, that we may be people who seek and follow the glory of the Christ child here and now.

**Carol** (please stand as you are comfortable)  
*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*  
*Verses 1-3*  
  
UMH 240

Children’s Moment

A Christmas Prayer

**Carol** (please remain seated)  
  
**The First Noel**  
**Verses 1-2**  
  
UMH 245

**Offertory Prayer**  
**Offertory**  
  
*O Holy Night*  
*Matt Bridges, Solo*  
*By Adolphe Adam*

**Doxology** (please stand as you are comfortable)  
  
UMH 95

**Final Scripture Reading**  
**Luke 2: 1-20**

**Message**  
*Toda La Tierra Espera: Signs and Glory*  
*Rev. Matt Bridges*  
  
**Closing Hymn** (please stand as you are comfortable)  
*Silent Night, Holy Night*  
  
UMH 239  
  
*\*You are invited to light the candles of the people standing next to you*

Benediction

Reflection Questions

-What signs of God’s glory do you see around you right now? What signs of God’s glory are you going to show the world into the new year?

Announcements

**December 28th Fun, Festive Sweater and Pajama Sunday!**

This Sunday is “Fun, Festive Sweater and Pajama Sunday!” Do you have a fun holiday sweater or set of pajamas that you are itchin’ to share with the world? This Sunday’s your day! Let the joy of fun and Christmas continue as we worship together. After, we will be serving a catered brunch in the Gathering Room.

**End Of Year Giving**

If you would like give to St. John’s as a special end of year giving, please turn in your end of year giving by Friday, January 2nd. That is the latest we can credit the donations to 2025.

**Give a Prayer Shawl**

Please let us know if you or a friend or a loved one might find comfort from a prayer shawl during times of grief or loss, serious illness, medical treatment, surgery, recovery/rehab, mental health challenges. We also have some baby blankets to welcome those very special infants in your life. Contact Judy Westen at judywestenofsfe@aol.com.