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

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
arr. Larry Shockley

Call to Worship

Call: Children of God, who has God called you to be?
Response: A light to all the nations!
Call: When confusion, disunity, and misinformation threaten to undo us, who are you called to be?
response: A light to all the nations!
Call: When wars and rumors of wars in our communities and around the world overwhelm us, who are you called to be?
Response: A light to all the nations!
Call: When the vulnerable are left without care or hope for flourishing, who are you called to be?
Response: A light to all the nations!
Call: Come! Let us worship God, who gives us as a light of good news to all the nations!
Response: We come to worship God, who calls us and equips us to reflect God's glory and abundant life into all the world. Amen.

Opening Hymn

Here I Am, Lord
UMH 593

Children's Moment

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

John 1:29-42

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Prayer of St. Francis
By Allen Pote

Doxology (please stand as you are comfortable)

UMH 95

Final Scripture Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

Message

Give You As a Light
Rev. Matt Bridges

Closing Hymn (please stand as you are comfortable)

Cry of My Heart
matt on guitar
TFWS 2165

Benediction

Postlude

God the Father Dwells Among Us
by Georg Philipp Telemann

Reflection Questions

-What does the passage in Isaiah suggest about God's process of preparing servants to be given as a light?

-What aspects of preparation for ministry do you share with the servant?

In The Life of St. Johns

New Annual Safter Sanctuaries Training: January 31

The Creating a safe, nurturing environment for everyone, especially children, youth, and vulnerable adults, is at the heart of our ministry. We invite you to take part in our upcoming **Safer Sanctuaries Training**, where we'll learn practical steps to prevent abuse, protect our community, and ensure our church remains a place of trust and care. The training will be conducted by Pastor Matt and Mary Ellen, followed by a potluck lunch.
Volunteers of all ministries and staff members of St. John's UMC need to attend. If you have a passion for creating a safe environment, please join us; your presence matters. Together, we can build a stronger, safer church family.
Date: Saturday, January 31
Time: 10-11:30 am followed by a potluck lunch
Location: Gathering Room of St. John's UMC (in the West Wing of the building)
RSVP by: January 25 either to Mary Ellen Kendrick or on Signup Genius

Choose Kindness

Submitted by Jane Thomas
After a doctor appointment in Albuquerque, Dave and I went in the nearby Panera Bread for lunch. After ordering and receiving the "beeper " which would alert me to go pick up our food, we choose a cozy table away from others and by the gas fireplace. I just got Dave settled when the kind woman who took our order, brought it to us herself and wished us a good day. Several minutes later, a soft spoken man approached and asked if we had any dessert. He gave us a delicious buttered raspberry muffin, saying "I have a special place in my heart for folks in wheelchairs. Please enjoy this".
Wow- two unexpected random acts of kindness within 15 minutes! Just think how we can encourage and cheer others with such lovely gestures!

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

Mon. Jan. 19, 2026

12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor
6:00 pm Pickleball, Fellowship Hall
6:00pm Monthly Men's Dinner, Pantry Dos

Tues. Jan. 20, 2026

8:00 am-12:30 pm Bag N' Hand Food Pantry (volunteer times)
12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor
3:00 pm Zia Singers Choir Rehearsal, Gathering Room
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. Jan. 21, 2026

12:00 pm Soul Break, Sanctuary
12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor
1:00 pm Women's Book Study
6:00 pm Pickleball, Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thurs. Jan. 22, 2026

12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor
6:00 pm AA Men's Group, Parlor
6:00 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics, Library
6:00 pm ALANON Women's Group, Bell Room
6:00 pm Spirit Folx, Chapel

Fri. Jan. 23, 2026

9:00 am AA Parlor
12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor
6:00 pm AA Men's Group, Parlor

Sat. Jan. 24, 2026

Sun. Jan. 25, 2026

9:30 am Morning Worship
10:30 am Morning Fellowship Time, Chapel
10:45 am Sunday School
Nephesh adult class: Choir Room.
Sunday Seminar adult class: Bell Room
Community adult class: Parlor
2:00 pm Scout Troop 53 Meeting, Fellowship Hall

January 18, 2026

Glory Revealed: Week 3

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