

**Hearing enhancement devices are available in the sanctuary in the lobby.*

**Walkers and canes are also available in the Sanctuary Lobby.*

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

Sandpainting No. 1: White Shell
by Connor Chee

Call to worship:

Call: We welcome you into this place and this time, O Lord.

Response: Bring us the lesson of Salvation today.

Call: Where there is hypocrisy in our life, show us.

Response: And with showing, help us to repent.

Call: Hallelujah to the one who can correct our paths!

Response: Hallelujah to the Almighty Corrector!

First Hymn (please stand as you are comfortable)

Open the Eyes of My Heart

TFWS 3008

God Leads Us Along

TFWS 3031

Children's Moment

First Scripture

Romans 2: 1-11

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.

Offertory Prayer

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Seekers of Your Heart
arr. Don Hart

Doxology (please stand as you are comfortable)

UMH 95

Final Scripture Reading

Matthew 23: 16-24

Message

A Gnat and a Camel
Rev. Matt Bridges

Closing Hymn (please stand as you are comfortable)

Guide Me O, Thou Great Jehovah

UMH 127

Benediction

Postlude

The Lone, Wild Bird
by Charles Callahan

Ministry Highlight

Recovery Groups

Do you know 13 Recovery groups meet on a weekly basis here at St. John's. They include Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholics' Anonymous and Adult Children of Alcoholics. There are meetings at noon and in the evenings, Monday through Friday. More information on the weekly calendar.

In The Life of St. Johns

St. John's "Second Family" Ministry

Meeting TODAY right after worship for Next Steps

This ministry is all about strengthening our congregation by supporting those who may need more help and companionship. We want to ensure that no one walks through life alone, especially when everyday tasks and social connections become challenging.

Care Partners are paired with a small group of volunteers, known as Care Circles, who provide steady friendship and assistance. Together with our Care Coordinator, they offer personalized support that includes:

- Friendly home visits or phone calls for meaningful conversations.
- Celebrating important moments like birthdays and holidays.
- Arranging for help with house or yard work.
- Transportation for essential appointments, such as medical visits.

Our Care Coordinator conducts initial visits to understand needs and connect families with additional resources. This ensures each Care Partner receives thoughtful, individualized support.

We've seen a lot of interest in this ministry, and we're excited to move forward! Please reach out to Mary Ellen or meet with her on Sunday if you're interested in joining a care circle or becoming a care partner. **We will hold a meeting on TODAY after the service**, to discuss the program in more detail and identify the services our volunteers can offer.

Connection Coordinator On Vacation

Mary Ellen will be on vacation from April 20 through May 4. Please contact Office Administrator, Kim Rael, if you need anything. 505-982-5397

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. Apr. 20, 2026

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

Tues. Apr. 21, 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. Apr. 22, 2026

12:00 pm Soul Break: A contemplative service in the style of Taizé , Sanctuary
12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor
1:00 pm Women's Book Study
6:00 pm Pickleball, Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Room
7:00 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thurs. Apr. 23, 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

Fri. Apr. 24, 2026

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

Sat. Apr. 26, 2026

Sun. Apr. 27, 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



April 19, 2026

Lost (on us) Humor in the Bible, Week 2: Have You Ever Swallowed A Camel?

