

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

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude
The Advent
by John Ireland

Call to worship
Call: Beloved, this is the core of our faith: nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
Response: Thanks be to God!
Call: God’s never-ending love surrounds us and calls us, assuring us that through God’s love, all things will work together for God’s good purposes.
Response: Thanks be to God!
Call: God’s never-breaking love empowers us in the face of temptation, distress, division, and scarcity to hold onto our faith and work together for the flourishing of all God’s good creation.
Response: Thanks be to God!
Call: Come, let us worship God who is Love, trusting that through joy and sorrow, happiness and despair, contentment and pain, Love will carry us through.
Response: Thanks be to God who forms, connects, and guides us through Love. Amen.
~Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries

First Hymn (please stand as you are comfortable)
My Jesus, I Love thee
UMH 172

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
Psalm 119:129-136

Offertory Prayer
Offertory
If With All Your Hearts, from “Elijah”
By Felix Mendelssohn

Doxology (please stand as you are comfortable)
UMH 95

Final Scripture Reading
Romans 8:26-39

Message
More than Conquerors
Rev. Matt Bridges

Closing Hymn (please stand as you are comfortable)
Since Jesus Came into My Heart
TFWS 2140

Benediction

Postlude
Sweet By and By
arr. Mark Hayes

Reflection Questions

-Reread our passage from Romans today. What words of comfort or consolation stick out for you right now?

-Read Romans 8:35-39 again in particular. In this passage, Paul lists several things that have power or are destructive. Why do you think God’s love is more powerful than any of these things?

In The Life of St. Johns
Basement Rooms Clean-up! Woohoo!
We are going to be cleaning out a few of our downstairs rooms here in the next few weeks. We will be looking for volunteers to help clean out, toss out, repurpose, and resell. If you like cleaning and sorting, this is going to be a fun project that is long overdue for St. John’s. Let Mary Ellen Kendrick know that you are interested and be on the lookout for more details as to when we’re going to get together.

Upcoming Memorial Services
Rose Marie Tauche: July 27, Rivera Funeral Home
A memorial service for Rose Marie Tauche will be held at Rivera Funeral Home on July 27th at 2:00pm, Pastor Russ Hall officiating. A reception at St. John’s in the Gathering Room will follow.

George Winneburger: July 31, St. John’s 9:00am
A memorial service for George Winneberger will be held in the sanctuary at 9:00am, Pastor Matt Bridges officiating, with interment to follow at the National Cemetery.

Taylor McConnell: July 31, St. John’s 1:00pm
A memorial service for Taylor McConnell will be held in the sanctuary at 1:00pm, Pastor Matt Bridges officiating. A reception at St. John’s in the Gathering Room will follow.

Santa Fe Opera Featured Apprentice



Today welcome Maximillian Jansen, tenor, for our special music today. His hometown is Cincinnati, OH. Maximillian will be in Madama Butterfly, Eugene Onegin, and Lili Elbe. If you wish to support this St. John’s tradition, make your check to St. John’s UMC and note “Opera Apprentice” at the bottom.

Mon. July 27, 2026

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

Tues. July 28, 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. July 29, 2026

***Soul Break is on break until late August**
12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor
1:00 pm Women’s Book Study
6:00 pm Pickleball, Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Nominations Committee Meeting, Choir Room or Bell Room

Thurs. July 30, 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. July 31, 2026

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

Sat. August 01, 2026

Sun. August 02, 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
12:00 pm Church Council Meeting, Choir Room
2:00 pm Scout Troop 53 Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Core Faith: Week 3

