

*Hearing enhancement devices are available in the Sanctuary Lobby.

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

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

Lamb of God
arr. Mark Hayes

Call to worship

Call: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge." We gather today not to lean on our own understanding, but to bow in awe before the Maker of heaven and earth.

Response: "Fools despise wisdom and instruction." Open our hearts, Lord, to hear Your voice, receive Your discipline, and walk in Your truth.

Call: Let us know wisdom and instruction, and perceive the words of understanding: Come, let us worship and adore the Lord!

~based on Proverbs 1:7

First Hymn (please stand as you are comfortable)

God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale
UMH (red book) 122

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 Reading

Psalms 34: 4-14

Offertory Prayer

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God Hymn of Praise
by Mary McDonald

Doxology (please stand as you are comfortable)

UMH 95

Final Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 6: 1-9

Message

God: The Indescribable? The Fear of The LORD
Wendy Russel

Final Hymn (please stand as you are comfortable)

God of the Bible
W&S (green book) 3020

Benediction

Postlude

Shall We Gather at the River?
Setting by Joel Raney

Announcements

Pumpkin Patch News Winter Coat Drive

Once again, St. John's UMC, through its Missions Committee, will soon provide new and gently used coats for school children aged pre-K through high school. We are setting up a bin in the Narthex (Sanctuary lobby) for new and gently used jackets and coats and another in the reception area near Kim's desk.

Along with the donated coats, we will purchase more from discount stores and online sources at a cost of between \$15 to \$30 per jacket. Coats for high school students tend to run higher than elementary age students, but they are very much needed and welcomed. Monetary donations are also much appreciated; a big "thank you!" to the Sunday Seminar class for the generous donation from their class fund.

More more information, please contact Bob or Marilyn Galano at bmgalano@gmail.com.

New Member Invitation Sunday, October 25th & New Member Orientation, October 18th in the Gathering Room at 11:00am

Have you thought about joining St. John's and becoming a member? St. John's has so many different ways to engage faith in life-giving ways and we want you to be a part! Let us celebrate this commitment with you Oct. 25th, a special Sunday we are calling "Invitation Sunday." We are also hosting a New Member Orientation to become a member. It's a great way though to on Sunday, Oct. 18th in the Gathering Room for anyone interested in joining. You do not have to attend the orientation learn more about St. John's and membership. If you would like to attend the orientation and/or become a member, please let Pastor Matt know or our Lay Leader Byron Smith know. We look forward to connecting with you in new ways!

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 Circle below next 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. October 19, 2026

12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor, *Monday-Friday
6:00 pm Pickleball, Fellowship Hall
6:00pm Monthly Men’s Dinner, Tortilla Flats

Tues. October 20, 2026

8:00 am-12:30 pm Bag N’ Hand Food Pantry (volunteer times)
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. October 21, 2026

12:00pm Soul Break
1:00 pm Women’s Book Study
6:00 pm Pickleball, Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Room
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thurs. October 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

Fri. October 23, 2026

9:00 am AA Parlor

Sat. October 24, 2026

Sun. October 25, 2026

9:30 am Morning Worship
10:30 am Morning Fellowship Time, Chapel
10:45 (more like 11:00) am Sunday School

October 18, 2026

Trying To Fit God
into a Box,
Week 2

