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

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

Just a Closer Walk with Thee
arr. Chuck Marohnic

Call to worship

Call: Like generations upon generations before us, we enter Advent with longing for hope to reign where despair feels entrenched, for peace to rule where conflict and destruction overwhelm.

Response: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Call: We gather, wondering whether joy will return when we have experienced so much heartbreak, whether love can make a difference when hate and apathy seem so widespread.

Response: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Call: We gather to join our voices with the psalmists and musicians, the travelers, and the faithful from long ago, who also longed for restoration and salvation, who felt God was far away or perhaps felt how far they had wandered away from God.

Response: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Call: Come, you who wait and watch for the coming Messiah, to worship God who invites us to join in the Spirit's restoration song until the day when earth and heaven both reflect the fullness of the kingdom of God.

Response: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved. Amen.

~Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2026.

First Hymn (please stand as you are comfortable)

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
UMH (red book) 196

Advent Candle Lighting

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

Isaiah 60: 1-3

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Prepare the Coming of the Lord
by Lloyd Larson

Doxology (please stand as you are comfortable)
UMH 95

Final Scripture Reading

Luke 1: 67-80, Matthew 4: 12-17

Message

Who's Light Is It Anyway?
Rev. Matt Bridges

Final Hymn (please stand as you are comfortable)

People, Look East
UMH (red book) 202

Benediction

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God
by Wilbur Held

Announcements

Advent Devotionals 2026

Our Congregational Advent Devotionals are available in the Sanctuary Lobby beginning today after worship. Please take one per family and let us know if you need one mailed to you. This Advent, we are continuing with the "Pauses" series by Trevor Hudson. Earlier this year, we used his *Pauses for Lent* devotional during Lent. This Advent season, let's prepare our waiting hearts by reading together Pauses for Advent: Words of Wonder.

Winter Coat Drive and Distribution

Many thanks for the generous donations of coats and funds to purchase more! We have completed the gathering phase of this drive and will soon distribute them to the children. We have upward of 215 jackets of all sizes for children pre-K through high school!
Thank you, again,
Your St. John's UMC Missions Committee

Hanging of the Greens, Next Sunday

We will be decorating the Sanctuary and lobby for Advent, and this year will be a little different. We will set up the big tree and decorate it all on Sunday. We need several people who are comfortable climbing a very tall ladder to help lift the upper parts of the tree into place.
We are also looking for participants to help spruce up the Sanctuary, lobby, and loft for Advent. This will involve light dusting, straightening, sweeping, and anything else that may need attention. Grab a cup of coffee or tea and join us for this festive event!

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 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. November 30, 2026

12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor, *Monday-Friday
6:00 pm Pickleball, Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Trustees Meeting, room TBD

Tues. December 01, 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 AA, Men and Women Group, Parlor
6:00 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics, Bell Room
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall

Wed. December 02, 2026

12:00 pm Soul Break
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 Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thurs. December 03, 2026

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. December 04, 2026

9:00 am AA Parlor

Sat. December 05, 2026

Sun. December 06, 2026

9:30 am Morning Worship
10:30 am Morning Fellowship Time, Chapel
10:45 (more like 11:00) am Sunday School
*Hanging of the Greens will be this day

November 29, 2026

Advent



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