



# ST. JOHN'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

*November 27, 2022*

*First Sunday of Advent*

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### How to Submit Your Pledge for 2023

We have had a great response to Stewardship Sunday in receiving your pledges. If you have not made your 2023 pledge yet, you can call or email Nancy Fairgrieve. Her email address is [nfairgrieve@stjaiken.org](mailto:nfairgrieve@stjaiken.org) and the church phone number is 803-648-6891. Nancy's extension is 217. Thank you for your continued support of St. John's and all of our ministries!

### Poinsettia Sales

Poinsettia Sales will take place on Sunday, December 4th, and Sunday, December 11th after each service. Look for the tables in the Faith Center, and inside the front doors by the church office. You will also be able to order your poinsettias online at <https://stjaiken.org/give>. Simply select the "flower" fund and put whom you are buying in honor or in memory of in the memo box of your payment. The cost is \$20 each. They will be displayed on December 18th and December 25th. They will be available for pick up after the service on Sunday and on Tuesday, December 27.

### Worship Livestreams

We would like to remind you that you are able to watch our livestreamed services on multiple platforms! The most reliable way to livestream our services is by watching on [stjaiken.org](http://stjaiken.org) or our mobile app. If you ever have trouble watching on our Facebook page, please consider checking our website! If you have any questions, please contact Becca Hartsell in the church office at (803)648-6891 or [becca.hartsell@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:becca.hartsell@stjohns-umc.org).

### Epworth Angels

**Thank you St. John's for your generous support of the children at Epworth. We gave out all our requests for Christmas Angel gifts. Remember to bring gifts by December 4.** There are red bins outside of each service to leave your gift cards, and a bin outside of the church office. Text or call Maureen Bernard 803-221-9635 with questions. Thank you!

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### SERVING THIS WEEK

**Worship Services**—Dr. Tim McClendon; Rev. Butch Blackwell; Rev. Douglas Herlong; Director of Traditional Music—Dr. Matt Caine; Organist— Christopher Nash; 9:02 Band Leader— Jane Timmerman; The 9:02 Band

**Crucifer**—Amelia Overstreet **Acolytes**—Audrey Dietzel & Rebecca Kreitzer

**November 11:00 Ushers:** Champ & Jeannette Bowden, Donald Leader, Roger & Alison Carpenter, Joe & Leah Lewis, Newkirk Barnes, John Schmidt, and Commie Peebles

**November Worship Support**—Christy Kisner, Nita Bell, Libby Taylor, & Peg Robinson

You may text your gift to St. John's by texting **stjaiken** to 1-888-364-4483 and following the Instructions.

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*The 11:00 service is broadcast over WKSX 92.7 at 12 p.m., one week delay.*

# November 27, 2022

## Children's Ministries

**No Grove tonight! Happy Holidays!**

### Save the Dates:

**Family Gingerbread Nativity Night** – Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm, Faith Center, Children and Youth Ministries. Free but please register online. Nursery provided for our littlest friends.

**Grove Christmas Party and Caroling** – Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 5:00-6:30, Ward Hall. Online registration is required for transportation purposes.

## Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

### Sunday Night Youth:

No Sunday Night Youth activities tonight! Have a wonderful Thanksgiving Weekend!

### Youth Bible Studies on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m.:

Brotherhood (7th-12th grade boys) in the gym

CORE (7th-8th grade girls) in the Faith Center

Dwell (9th-12th grade girls) in Bekah & Amy's office

## St. John's Missions News

Let's celebrate the Honduras Agape Foundation Agape Promises program which with the help of sponsors keeps kids in school. St. John's, your Faith Promise donations are sponsoring Efren, Alice, and Yaky to attend University in 2023! Pray for their successful completion of high school and for their transition to university.

*For the month of November, we are collecting **NEW Men's & Women's Socks**. Please place any donated items in the box marked "Grace Kitchen" in the Narthex of each worship service. **Please place only the requested donation items in the Grace Kitchen boxes as these are the current items needed.***

## Music Ministry News

### Save the Dates:

**Sunday, December 4:** Joy Choir (Ages 3 – Kindergarten) and Alleluia Choir (grades 1-5) sing in 11am worship

**Thursday, December 8:** Under the Steeple—Aiken Singers' concert: *Christmas is Coming*, 7pm

**Sunday, December 11:** Foundation Youth Choir sings in 11am worship and Chancel Bells ring in both 8:30am and 11am worship

**Friday, December 16:** Under the Steeple—Aiken Civic Orchestra concert: *Here Comes Christmas*, 7pm, with special guests from the St. John's Chancel Choir

**Sunday, December 18:** Cantata Sunday—Chancel Choir with Aiken Civic Orchestra, 8:30am and 11am worship

**Saturday, December 24:** Christmas Eve Services: 5:00 pm (Children/Families), 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, and 11:00 pm (11:00 pm with Holy Communion)—special music at each. More details to follow next week.

**Sunday, December 25:** Christmas Day ONE SERVICE: 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. Stay tuned for more information about the special music for this service next week!

**The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by *Clarence Beehler* in honor of  
*Alice Beehler* for her birthday.**

### **Finance Office Announcements**

Financial statements through October 31, 2022 have been mailed. Should anyone have a question regarding their statement, please contact Nancy Fairgrieve in the Finance Office.

New Offering Envelopes will be available in December. Please note that some numbers have changed due to a system clean-up. Members who are online givers will no longer receive envelopes. Thank you for your continued giving!

### **Wednesday Night Supper**

**Menu: Swiss Chicken, Rice, Honey Glazed Carrots, & Éclair Cake**

**Kids Menu: Pizza, Carrots, & Fruit**

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, November 28, at 5:00 p.m. Make reservations by calling the church office at (803)648-6891 or contacting Juli Davis at: [jdavis@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:jdavis@stjohns-umc.org). Cost is \$7.50 for 10 years old and older, and \$3.00 for children over the age of 3. You can pay online at [stjaiken.org](http://stjaiken.org). Then go to "Give Now," next press the drop down button, then click on WNS. You may also pay in person. Checks are preferred. Please make checks out to St. John's.

### **News of the Family**

#### *In Memoriam*

Mrs. Cynthia S. Whaley  
November 18, 2022

### **ACTS Monthly Collection Item**

November— **Mac & Cheese**

*Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center*

### **Attendance—11/20/2022**

8:30 | 98      9:02 | 147      11:00 | 366

In-Person Total | 611

9:02 Online Live | 257    11:00 Online Live | 230

### **Giving as of 11/22/2022**

#### **Operations Budget**

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do:	\$ 1,909,502.48
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$ 1,865,528.66</u>
	\$ 43,973.82

#### **Missions Budget: Year 2022/2023**

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$192,047.82
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$165,450.00

TODAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**Gingerbread BASH**

**Family Night**

Sunday, December 4  
5:00 - 6:30pm  
FAITH CENTER



GIVE A GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS!

**EPWORTH  
ANGELS**

Return by December 4!!

**HOME  
COMMUNION &  
SAFE SANCTUARY  
TRAINING**

TUESDAY, NOV. 29 FROM  
3:30-5:00 PM IN WARD HALL



**GRACE KITCHEN**

*Donations*

**November Needs:  
New Socks  
(Men and Women)**

*Please place donations in boxes marked "Grace Kitchen" in the Narthexes of each service.*





## Order of Worship—8:30 A.M.

*We welcome you, no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide. Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please silence all electronic devices.*

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Butch Blackwell

### CALL TO WORSHIP

#### Canticle of the Turning (v. 1)

arr. Krentz Organ

*\* "Canticle of the Turning" is a metrical version of the "Magnificat," the Canticle of Mary, where she prophetically proclaims what God will do through her son, Jesus*

### \*OPENING HYMN NO. 211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel v. 1-4

Veni Emmanuel

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Tommy & Beth Harman

### \*SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 24:36-44

### SERMON

Ready or Not, Christmas is Coming! Dr. Tim McClendon

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

#### The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

### \*GLORIA PATRI NO. 71

Greatorrex

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

### OFFERTORY

#### And the Glory of the Lord, *Messiah*

Handel

### \*DOXOLOGY

Old 100th

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER, & CHORAL RESPONSE

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 196 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hyfrydol

### \*BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE Canticle of the Turning v. 2

Krentz Organ

### POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand, as able.*

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### PRELUDE

**PRAISE SONG**                      **Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord**                      *Godspell*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**                      **Rev. Douglas Herlong**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**                      **The Grandy Family**

**PRAISE SONG**                      **Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**                      *Wesley/Robinson/Seay*

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH                      We Believe**

*We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ. We believe in the Holy Spirit and He's given us new life. We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death. We believe in the resurrection and He's comin' back again. We believe.*

### **PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

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**OFFERTORY**                      **Room in Your Heart**                      *Casting Crowns*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**                      **Rev. Douglas Herlong**

**SCRIPTURE READING**                      **Matthew 24:36-44**

**SERMON**                      **Ready or Not, Christmas is Coming! Dr. Tim McClendon**

**PRAISE SONG**                      **Prepare the Way**                      *Evans*

### **BENEDICTION**

### **SENDING FORTH SONG**

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**OFFERTORY**                      **And the Glory of the Lord, *Messiah***                      *Handel*

**\*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS NO. 95**                      *Old 100th*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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