

# St. John's

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## MISSION

Good Neighbors, Sharing the Good News

## MESSAGE

Diddley Squat Gospel  
“Proper Farming”

## DATE

February 1st, 2026  
4th Sunday after Epiphany  
Liturgical Color | Green

WORSHIP GUIDE

# NEW HERE?

## WELCOME GUESTS

If you are interested in getting to know us, please provide information you are comfortable sharing via our online sign-in link on our website; [stjohnsumc.org/worship](https://stjohnsumc.org/worship), scan the QR code, or fill out the “guest card” located at the end of the pew, and place it in the offering plate.



## NURSERY SERVICE | Room 103

We are in need of two people to work in our nursery on Sunday mornings during our 10:45 AM Worship Service. If you are interested in helping please contact the church office; [stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org](mailto:stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org) or 816.523.6788.

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL | Kid's Club House

During our 10:45 AM worship service, children from kindergarten to 5th Grade will be dismissed to participate in our Deep Blue Sunday School curriculum, led by our Safe Gatherings certified teachers. If your child(ren) is new to class, please feel free to accompany them to our classroom and meet their teacher. Should you decide to have your child attend Sunday School, you can ask an usher for directions to room 203 (Kid's Club House) after the worship service.

*\*On the 3rd Sunday of the month, all children and youth are invited to participate in our service during Sunday School. Our children and youth will help cook and provide a meal for our friends at Neighbor2Neighbor of Kansas City (N2N).*

## REGULAR SUNDAY WORSHIP AND PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE

**8:30 AM** WORSHIP | Chapel

**9:30 AM** CHOIR REHEARSAL | Sanctuary  
PATHWAYS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL | 205

**10:45 AM** WORSHIP | Sanctuary and Virtual  
NURSERY CARE | 103  
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL | Kid's Clubhouse

## MAKE SOME NOISE FOR MISSIONS

Loose change in the offering plate is used to support our local and international missions, service, and justice efforts including the Missouri United Methodist Conference's Mozambique Initiative. For more information on the Mozambique Initiative visit [mzinitiative.com](https://mzinitiative.com).

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# SERVING

## THIS WEEK | 2.1.2026

### 8:30 AM | CHAPEL

LAY READER | John Rasmus

USHERS | John Rasmus

### 10:45 AM | SANCTUARY

LAY READER | Garth Leigh

USHERS | Bob Taylor  
Josh Swenson

## NEXT WEEK | 2.8.2026

### 8:30 AM | CHAPEL

LAY READER | Sharon Curtright

USHERS | Jay Curtright  
Sharon Curtright

### 10:45 AM | SANCTUARY

LAY READER | Marilyn Senter

USHERS | Louis Ridgway  
Leah Ridgway

# COMMUNION SUNDAY

We are an open communion community. All who earnestly repent of their sins and seek to live in peace with one another are welcome to come and receive God's gifts of grace. As we partake of the elements, you are welcome to return to your seat or stop at the communion/prayer rail to kneel and pray. Once you are finished communing please quietly and reverently return to your seat.

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**PRELUDE** | *Come, Christians, Join to Sing<sup>2</sup>* | setting by Carly Rawlings, 2012  
Dale Morehouse, piano

*A Merry Heart<sup>2</sup>* | music by Cynthia Dobrinski, 2006  
St. John's Ringers; Cheri Leigh, director

## WELCOME & INVITATIONS | Rev. Dr. Jim Hoffman

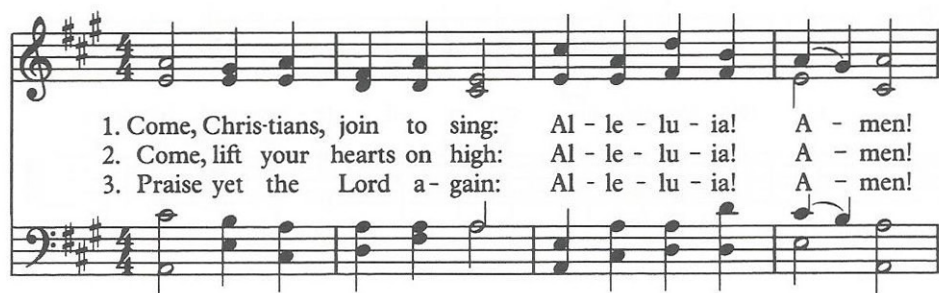
Worship Symbol Notes

\* | All are invited to rise in spirit and, as you are able, please stand

**BLUE TEXT** indicates 10:45 AM Worship Service only.

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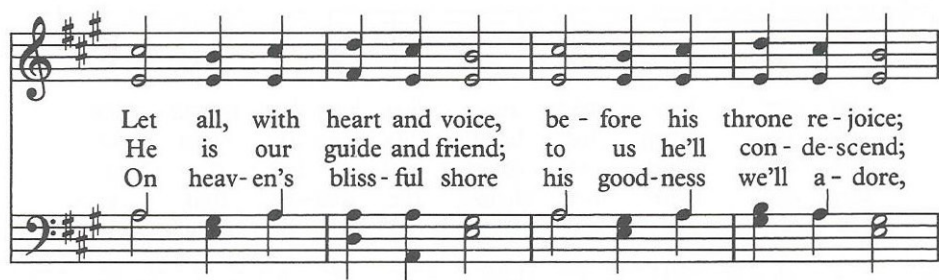
**\*OPENING HYMN | *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*<sup>2</sup> | UMH 158**



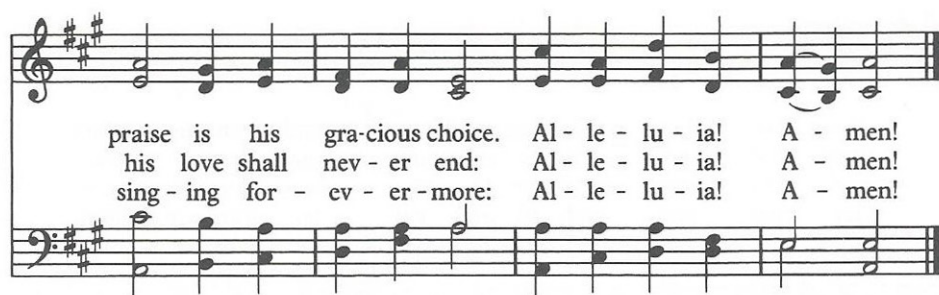
1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 3. Praise yet the Lord a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 Let prais-es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;  
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;  
 On heav-en's bliss - ful shore his good-ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra-cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

WORDS: Christian Henry Bateman, 1843

MUSIC: Trad. melody; arr. by Benjamin Carr, 1824; harm. by Austin C. Lovelace, 1963

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader | Come, let us bow down in worship,

**People | Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;**

Leader | For he is our God

**People | And we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.**

**ALL | Amen.**

(The Worship Sourcebook, 2nd ed., Baker Books: Grand Rapids, pg. 51)

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE (10:45) | *His Name Is Wonderful* | UMH 174

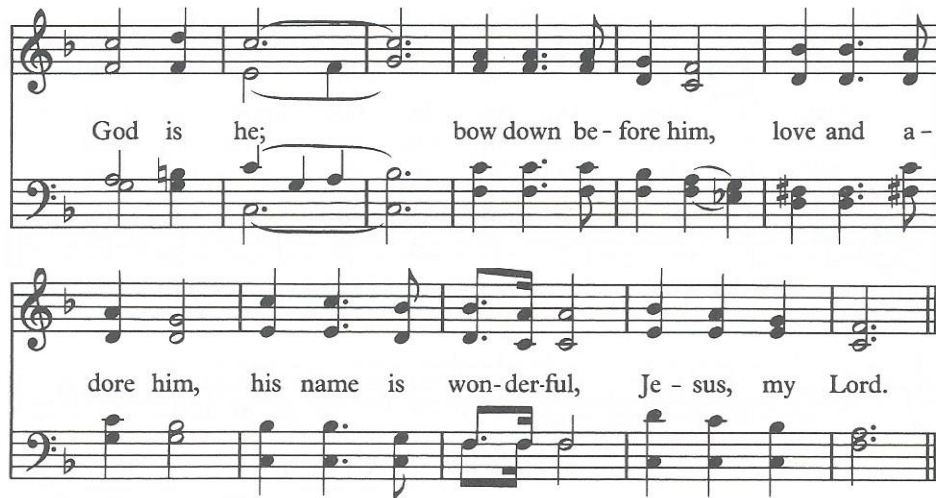
His name is won-der-ful, his name is won-der-ful, his name is

won-der-ful, Je - sus, my Lord. He is the might-y King,

Mas-ter of ev-ery-thing; his name is won-der-ful, Je-sus, my Lord.

He's the great Shep-herd, the Rock of all a - ges, al - might-y

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WORDS: Audrey Mieir, 1959

MUSIC: Audrey Mieir, 1959

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HIS NAME IS WONDERFUL  
Irr.

## DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Jesus Heals - Marilyn Senter**

## PRAYER JOYS

Thank you **Paula Rector** for providing cookies for all to enjoy in the Rotunda after the 10:45 AM service.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Robert Jacobs** | Friend of Rita Davis

**Madison Price**

**Linda Caton** | Friend of Dale Morehouse

**Colby Lund** | Son of Loretta and Aaron Lund

**Dianna Hackler** | Mother of Mason Hackler

**Darren Wallace and his family** | Uncle of Grace Mott, and Brother of David Wallace

**Rosa Maria Luque** | Mother of PDO Teacher Blanca Quinto

**Mark McMillen** | Cousin of Jill Gardner and Nephew of Max Miller

**Marilyn McMillen** | Aunt of Jill Gardner and Sister of Max Miller

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**Marci Allen** | Sister of Laura Jones

**Chris Mueller**

**Lazarus** | Grandson of Bill and Gretchen Longmire

**Crystal Vines**

**Shirley Thorn**

**Marcia Kelly** | Friend of Linda Potter

**Luke Karel** | Friend of Cindy & Barry Mayhew

**Linda Edwards** | Friend of Ginny Miller

**Susan Lovell** | Mother of Mason Paoli

**Those in Hospice Care, their families, and caregivers**

**Those Dealing with Dementia, their families & caregivers**

**UMC Hospice Program in Mongolia**

**Our Pastors & Other Church Leaders**

**Northwest District Superintendent, Reverend Robin Roderick Bell**

**Missouri Conference Bishop, Bob Farr**

**Lionzuane UMC in Mozambique and Pastor Moises Jeremias Manhique**

**Worldwide Unrest and Persecution**

**Those who live on the margins of society**

**Those serving in the Military and all First Responders**

**Petty Officer 2nd Class, Dominic Gattorna**

**Those impacted by natural disasters**

**Those suffering at the hands of others**

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.



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**SOLO (8:30) | *The Lord is My Light*<sup>2</sup> | music by Craig Courtney, 1999**  
**Dr. Josh Markley, baritone; Dale Morehouse, piano**

Text and notes for this solo may be found on p. 12

**ANTHEM (10:45) | *Many Gifts, One Spirit*<sup>2</sup> | words and music by Allen Pote, 1986**  
**Chancel Choir; Dale Morehouse, conductor and pianist**

When I started out in church music, **Allen Pote** was a living composer whose music a teen-aged renegade like myself loved to give to my choirs to gently thumb my nose at those who only wanted the classics, trying to open their ears. “I discovered that my music was sort of a bridge between traditional choral music and music with more of a contemporary style and beat,” Pote said. “It struck a nerve. That’s how I became known nationally, I guess.” He’s still around, turning out singable, listenable choral music in Pensacola FL when music pulls him away from the beach.

Now, in my old-aged fogeyness, his music strikes me as pretty staid stuff. But it still reaches our hearts, and he was a good craftsman, both as a composer and wordsmith. (Notice how the overlapping “*many gifts, many gifts, many gifts...*” by the SATB represents all the different voices... and then when it come to “one spirit” all voices sing in unison... how aptly and simply beautiful!

*Many gifts, one spirit, many songs, one voice*  
*Many reasons, one promise, many questions, one choice.*  
*O, God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above.*  
*In our differences unite us in the circle of your love.*  
*O, God, remind us we are not alone.*  
*Though we move on different pathways,*  
*we are walking to your throne.*

*Help us learn to love each other, show us ways to understand.*  
*We are members of one family, growing strong by joining hands.*  
*O, God, remind us we are not alone.*  
*Though we move on different pathways,*  
*we are walking to your throne.*  
*Take our many ways of working, blend the colors of each soul*  
*into the beauty of a rainbow.*  
*Give us life, Lord, make us whole.*



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## **SCRIPTURE | Luke 11:37-54<sup>1</sup> | NRSVUE**

While he was speaking, a Pharisee invited him to dine with him, so he went in and took his place at the table. The Pharisee was amazed to see that he did not first wash before dinner. Then the Lord said to him, “Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. You fools! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? So give as alms those things that are within and then everything will be clean for you.

“But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and herbs of all kinds and neglect justice and the love of God; it is these you ought to have practiced, without neglecting the others. Woe to you Pharisees! For you love to have the seat of honor in the synagogues and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces. Woe to you! For you are like unmarked graves on which people unknowingly walk.”

One of the experts in the law answered him, “Teacher, when you say these things, you insult us, too.” And he said, “Woe also to you experts in the law! For you load people with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not lift a finger to ease them. Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets whom your ancestors killed. So you are witnesses and approve of the deeds of your ancestors, for they killed them, and you build their tombs. For this reason the Wisdom of God said, ‘I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute,’ so that this generation may be charged with the blood of all the prophets shed since the foundation of the world, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, it will be charged against this generation. Woe to you experts in the law! For you have taken away the key of knowledge; you did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering.”

When he went outside, the scribes and the Pharisees became hostile to him and began to interrogate him about many things, lying in wait for him, to catch him in something he might say.

**READER | The Word of God for the people of God**

**PEOPLE | Thanks be to God**

<sup>1</sup>“Scripture quotations are taken from the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition. Copyright © 2021 National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved worldwide.

## **MESSAGE | Diddley Squat Gospel “Proper Farming” | Rev. Dr. Jim Hoffman**

**Survey:** *Several of Jeremy’s neighbors come to despise him. They do all that can to thwart his efforts to utilize his land and his buildings. They complain about the noise, building projects, his farming techniques, and even his choice of livestock. One of them eventually says to him, “You’re not a farmer, you’re a media personality.” Jesus was called Rabbi or Teacher by his followers however, his message did not align with those who saw themselves as the true teachers of the law. Jesus cultivated relationships on the fertile ground of the needy, not the pious. He “farmed” where others would not.*

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## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Apostles' Creed<sup>2</sup> | UMH 7**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
I believe 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, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the father  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy universal church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **\*GLORIA PATRI | Glory Be to the Father<sup>2</sup> | UMH 71**

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is

now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

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## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION<sup>2</sup> | UMH 13-14

(Words in **bold** indicate the congregation's unified response.)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give our thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. Jesus healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which Jesus gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: *"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: *"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

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Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD:** The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**PRESENTATION OF THE CUP:** The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

## RECEIVING OF THE COMMUNION ELEMENTS

**COMMUNION ANTHEM (10:45) | Holy | quoting music attributed to Giulio Caccini, 1545-1618; arranged by Tom Fettke, 2011 | Chancel Choir; Dale Morehouse, pianist and conductor**

I first heard a soprano sing this during communion at Verona, Italy's Basilica (in whose crypt Romeo and Juliet died), and for years it has been falsely attributed to one of the first creators of opera 500 years ago. In fact, it was written by **Vladimir Valvilov**, a Russian guitarist and lutenist in the early 20th century. Nevertheless, it is a beautiful harmonic sequence perfect for these words of our Communion service. **Tom Fettke**, one of America's finest choral arrangers, provided this beautiful setting.

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.  
Holy God of power, Holy God of might.  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.*

(words from the traditional Sanctus of the Communion liturgy)



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## GENEROSITY MOMENT

**OFFERTORY SOLO (10:45) | *The Lord is My Light*<sup>2</sup> | music by Craig Courtney, 1999**  
**Dr. Josh Markley, baritone; Dale Morehouse, piano**

The Bible's psalms of trust are prayed from a situation of severe crisis. They declare that life in God's creation isn't safe - there are very clear and present dangers. Psalm 27 is a cry for help, and ultimately a declaration of belief in the greatness of God and trust in the protection God provides.

From the very first measures of this energetic work, we can sense the confidence and resolve of this exceptional solo. This setting by Ohioan Craig Courtney is a glorious musical rendition of a foundational scripture passage.

*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? Of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me, when adversaries attack me, they stumble and fall.*

*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? Of whom shall I be afraid? Though an army besiege me, though war break out against me, my heart will not fear.*

*One thing I ask, one thing I seek of the Lord: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple. For in the day of trouble He will hide me in His dwelling, and He will set me high upon a rock. Then shall my head be exalted above my enemies round about me; I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.*

(Psalm 27: 1-6)

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**\*DOXOLOGY | Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow | UMH 95**

The musical score is written for two voices, Treble and Bass, in a 2/2 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the Treble part generally higher than the Bass part. The score is divided into three systems, each with a Treble and Bass staff. The lyrics are placed between the staves. The final system ends with a double bar line.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures

here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly

host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674  
MUSIC: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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**\*HYMN OF SENDING FORTH | *Maker, In Whom We Live*<sup>2</sup> | UMH 88**

1. Mak-er, in whom we live, in whom we are and move, the  
2. In - car-nate De - i - ty, let all the ran-somed race ren -  
3. Spir - it of Ho - li - ness, let all thy saints a - dore thy  
4. E - ter-nal, Tri-une God, let all the hosts a - bove, let

glo - ry, power, and praise re - ceive for thy cre - at - ing love.  
der in thanks their lives to thee for thy re-deem-ing grace.  
sa - cred en - er - gy, and bless thine heart-re - new - ing power.  
all on earth be - low re - cord and dwell up - on thy love.

Let all the an - gel throng give thanks to God on high, while  
The grace to sin - ners showed ye heaven-ly choirs pro - claim, and  
Not an - gel tongues can tell thy love's ec - stat - ic height, the  
When heaven and earth are fled be - fore thy glo - rious face, sing

earth re - peats the joy - ful song and ech - oes to the sky.  
cry, "Sal - va - tion to our God, sal - va - tion to the Lamb!"  
glo - rious joy un - speak - a - ble, the be - a - tif - ic sight.  
all the saints thy love hath made thine ev - er - last - ing praise.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1747  
MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1868

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## \*BENEDICTION

## \*POSTLUDE | Dale Morehouse, organ

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## LENT / EASTER 2026

The holy season of Lent draws our attention to the story of Jesus' last days. There are things that come sharply into focus. Meals, prayer vigils, a crown of thorns and a purple robe, a cross, and a freshly hewn tomb. We also hear the words of the people, leaders, Pilate, and Jesus drawing the drama between God and humanity to a climatic close. I wonder though how much attention is given to the people around the cross because it was not a solitary moment. There were actually a lot of people on or near Golgotha on the day that Jesus was crucified. This makes me curious about what they might have said as they watched the Son of God and Son of Man die like a common criminal. Over the weeks of Lent and Easter we will strive to do what we can to see if we can't sum up their experience in six short words. My prayer is that in doing so we might have a profound experience through the lens of their encounter and in some measure, it might shape ours. Please join us for our Lent and Easter series, "Around the Cross: Stories of Lent."



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## ASH WEDNESDAY

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH | 7:00 PM | CHAPEL

Let us mark the beginning of the Lenten season and our journey towards Easter together as a faithful community. As Christians, we come before God on Ash Wednesday, recognizing our humanity, repenting of our sin, and remembering who we are and who we can be.

# THIS WEEK

## **SUNDAY | 2.1 | Communion Sunday**

8:30 AM Worship Service | Chapel  
10:45 AM Worship Service | Sanctuary

## **MONDAY | 2.2**

9:00 AM PDO Winter Session  
9:30 AM Neighbor 2 Neighbor Lunch Prep | Brookside Hall Kitchen  
11:30 AM Neighbor 2 Neighbor Lunch Served | St. Paul's Presbyterian Church  
12:30 PM Quilting Group | 205  
2:15 PM Tippi Toes | Susana Wesley Hall  
6:30 PM Leadership Council Meeting | Library

## **TUESDAY | 2.3**

9:00 AM PDO Winter Session  
9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study | 205  
9:30 AM Mystic Misfits; Contemplative Prayer Group | Brookside Hall  
10:00 AM Baby Grace and Neighbor 2 Neighbor Drop Off (until 2 PM) | Rotunda  
11:30 AM Bell Choir | Choir Room  
6:30 PM Mandolin Orchestra of Kansas City Rehearsal | Brookside Hall

## **WEDNESDAY | 2.4**

8:00 AM Foundations for Faith | Brookside Hall  
9:00 AM PDO Winter Session  
6:45 AM Men's Pizza Night | Waldo Pizza

## **THURSDAY | 2.5**

9:00 AM PDO Winter Session  
10:00 AM Baby Grace and Neighbor 2 Neighbor Drop Off (until 2 PM) | Rotunda  
2:15 PM Happy Feet | Susana Wesley Hall  
6:00 PM Neighbor2Neighbor Board Meeting | Library



## **FRIDAY | 2.6**

1:00 PM Living Streams | Zoom

## **SATURDAY | 2.7**

No Scheduled Activities

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FRIDAY E-NEWSLETTER**

## **SUNDAY | 2.8**

8:30 AM Worship Service | Chapel  
10:45 AM Worship Service | Sanctuary

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# BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

Our Board of Trustees have been hard at work in 2025 and we felt it was important to share all the work that has been accomplished and some of what is on the horizon. The list of 2025 projects includes: repairs to the HVAC, kitchen ice machine, water heater and plumbing happened during the first couple months of the year. During the summer there were some door repair/replacements, emergency signs/lights inspected and the elevator required some extensive repairs. Trees were also trimmed/cut back around the property.

In September the parking lot was re-surfaced and the exterior was painted. In November & December, interior painting was done to refresh many areas of the church. And new HVAC was installed for the Sanctuary and Brookside Hall (replacing 35+ years plus equipment). In addition, both the men's and women's restrooms off Brookside Hall have received a fresh coat of paint and new vanities/sinks/faucets.

All of these projects require bids, oversight and a review of the work by the Trustees. Special committees were formed to request proposals (RFP), interview and select contractors for the work. Several lay people (outside of the Trustees) gave many hours of their time and specialties. In addition to trustees, Jamie Senter, Charlie Pirkle, Kevin Harden, Margaret Smith & John Rector all gave of their time and knowledge to make the HVAC and Roof projects happen.

We have been waiting a long time to replace our roof and thanks to some generous members who have left donations to St. John's we will be able to replace the roof in 2026. Currently, it is scheduled to be completed in May/June 2026. Once the new roof is completed, the sanctuary will also receive a fresh coat of paint.

Board of Trustees members include: Brenda Harden (president), Jack Tinnel, Gary Fischer, Paula Rector, Stuart Shaw, Peter Barth. Dan Boatright serves as their attorney of record.

## INVITATIONS

### ST. JOHN'S BOOK CLUB

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH | 7:00 PM | LIBRARY**

St. John's book club will be discussing "My Brilliant Friend", by Elana Ferrante, Book One of the Neapolitan Novels. We will also be deciding on our next book. The book club meets every four to six weeks and rotates between classic literature, current fiction, and non-fiction. It is open to anyone who enjoys good discussions about good books. Questions? Ginny Miller; [viriniamillerkc72@gmail.com](mailto:viriniamillerkc72@gmail.com)

# MISSIONS, SERVICE, & JUSTICE

## BABY GRACE CLOTHES CLOSET

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

The Baby Grace Clothes Closet for Winter/Spring will be Saturday February 14th . We need your help to make it a success. Ways you can help

- **The Clothes Closet** is almost empty. We urgently need toddler sizes 2T through 5T for both boys and girls. All sizes newborn through child's size 8 are needed. (Except Boy 0 through 3 months). We will also need child care items, toys, and books in Spanish. If you have small children or grandchildren who have outgrown their clothing please consider donating it to our Baby Grace children who are in need and whose parents have no funds to purchase items no matter how low the cost. Ask your friends and neighbors, if they might help. If you don't have used clothing to donate, we would ask you to "**Shop for Jesus**" by donating new clothing from stores or thrift shops where you can find some great buys while sales are going on. Donate respectfully by making sure things are clean and in good condition.

### CLOTHES CLOSET DONATIONS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN FEB. 9th

You may drop them off at St. John's Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10:00-2:00 or Sunday mornings in the Rotunda.

- Donate Valentines to be given to all the children, moms, and dads with a small sweet treat

### VALENTINE DONATIONS ARE DUE BY NOON FEB. 13th

- Volunteer to help sort and prepare all clothing and items for distribution. You may volunteer at St. John's or Trinity. See the Sign-Up Genius (<https://tinyurl.com/BabyGrace2026>) or scan the QR code to let us know when you will be helping.
- Volunteer to help with the set-up and distribution on Saturday afternoon. Check the Sign-Up Genius (<https://tinyurl.com/BabyGrace2026>) to let us know when you can help or scan the QR code. Sign up sheets will also be available in the Rotunda on Sundays before the event. If you have questions please contact Ruth Gerald; 847-650-1141 or [ruth.a.gerald@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.a.gerald@gmail.com)



**BABY GRACE GRATEFULLY THANKS ALL OF THE BABY GRACE ANGELS WHO SO GENEROUSLY DONATED TO SUPPORT THE BABY GRACE MINISTRY TO PROVIDE DIAPERS AND CLOTHING.**



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#### NEW GIVING PLATFORM THROUGH SUBSPLASH

Database Migration: ShelbyNext to Subsplash

We are in the process of migrating congregant accounts from ShelbyNext to Subsplash. A few things to know during this transition:

- If you have a **recurring gift set up** in ShelbyNext it has been discontinued. Please contact the church office for instructions on how to set it up in the new platform.
- 2026 Pledge information will be entered by the end of February 2026.
- Customer annual statements have been mailed out
- You will have access to your Shelby account until we announce the completion of the transition.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at [stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org](mailto:stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org) or call 816-523-6788.