

Welcome!

**St. John's
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Sun. 8:00 am
Sun. 10:30 am

“A Fellowship of
Hope, Teaching,
Serving, and
Proclaiming”

Pastor

Mike Burdick

December 5, 2021
The Second Sunday
Of Advent

Welcome

We welcome you to God's Service in worship at St. John's, and extend a special welcome to all guests and visitors with us.

- Restrooms are located on the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th floors. Those on the 2nd and 5th floors include diaper-changing stations.
- The Service video is broadcast in the Atrium and in the Library area on the 5th floor.
- Visitors are not expected to bring an offering. Our members do so in free response to the Gospel and to finance the extension of God's Kingdom. They place offerings in the boxes at the North and West doors, or give through our online portal on our website.
- **All worshipers are requested to complete an attendance card (located in the pew) and to place them in the boxes at the North and West doors. Thank you!**

Those Who Serve Us

Each Member of St. John's.....	The Body of Christ
Rev. Mike Burdick.....	Pastor
Rev. Gary Fortkamp.....	Visitation Pastor
Mrs. Sandy Esker.....	Preschool Director
Mrs. Dana Keller.....	Organist
Mrs. Dennis Marxmann.....	Bell Choir Director
Mrs. Holly Adams.....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30am Music
Jackson & Josie Fritch, Charlie Jansen, & Emerson Hansen.....	Acolytes
Mr. Todd Zeigler.....	5:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. David Worman.....	8:00am Elder on Duty
Mr. Jim Schroeder.....	10:30am Elder on Duty
Mr. Keith Knight 217-821-6719.....	Elder on Duty for Dec 6 – Dec 10
Chatelain School & Baja School.....	Our Schools for feeding in Haiti
Ms. Janet Martins & Mr. Kris Lipe.....	Stephen Ministry Leaders
Mrs. Julie Scott.....	(1-217-343-3047) Prayer Partner Coordinator
State, National & International Missions.....	through our District and Synod

You will find the songs for our 10:30am Service in italics.

“Born That We May Have Life”

Preservice #1

*No reputation, no stately bearing
No palace bed for royalty
But a star in the heavens
A sign full of wonder
Announcing the coming of the King of kings*

*Rejoice! O, world Your Savior has come
Through the love of a virgin's womb
Son of God, Son of Man
Born that we may have life
You were born that we may have life*

*Rejoice! O, world Your Savior has come
Through the love of a virgin's womb
Son of God, Son of Man
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You were born that we may have life*

*Rejoice! O, world Your Savior has come
Through the love of a virgin's womb
Son of God, Son of Man
Born that we may have life*

*A throne in a manger, the cross in a cradle
The hidden revealing this glorious plan
A child who would suffer
A child who would conquer
The sin of every woman, the sin of every man*

*Rejoice! O, world Your Savior has come
Through the love of a virgin's womb
Son of God, Son of Man
Born that we may have life
You were born that we may have life
You were born that we may have life*

"Born That We May Have Life" written by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Matt Maher 2009 worshiptogether.com songsScripture Reference: John 3:16 CCLI Song: 5601839 CCLI License: 51072

“Noel”

Preservice #2

*Love incarnate, Love divine
Star and Angels gave the sign
Bow to babe on bended knee
The Savior of humanity
Unto us a child is born
He shall reign forevermore*

*Christ the everlasting Lord
He shall reign forevermore*

*Noel, Noel
Come and see what God has done
Noel, Noel
The story of amazing love
The light of the world
Given for us
Noel*

*Noel, Noel
Come and see what God has done
Noel, Noel
The story of amazing love
The light of the world
Given for us
Noel*

*Son of God and Son of Man
There before the world began
Born to suffer, born to save
Born to raise us from the grave*

*Noel, Noel
Come and see what God has done
Noel, Noel
The story of amazing love
The light of the world
Given for us
Noel*

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Service of the Word without Communion

Call to Worship

Prelude (5:30 & 8:00)

Welcome

As We Gather

Preparing for Christmas, we buy presents, attend social gatherings, decorate, make plans to gather with family, and some will brace for the pain of grief that can be so difficult this time of year. In the middle of all our preparing, today the voice of John the Baptist rings out, "Prepare the way of the Lord." Undergirding all the preparing we are doing is preparing for the Lord. John calls us to "bear fruits in keeping with repentance." In worship, we do just that. We repent. We turn again to God, seeking His mercy, receiving His forgiveness, partaking of His grace. This leads to bearing the fruit of the Spirit. John highlights the fruit of generosity and contentment. What fruit is God calling you to bear as you prepare in Advent?

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(5:30 & 8:00) **On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

(10:30) Opening Song

*Joyful, joyful we adore thee
God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee
Opening to the sun above*

*Stars and angels sing around thee
Center of unbroken praise*

*Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day*

*Field and forest, vale and mountain
Flowery meadow, flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in thee*

*All thy works with joy surround thee
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays*

*Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life*

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Malachi 3:1, 6; Luke 3:4; Philippians 1:6, adapt.

P The LORD says, "Prepare the way of the Lord."

C We thank You, O Lord!

P The LORD says, "The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, He is coming."

C We adore You, O Lord!

P The LORD says, "I the LORD do not change; therefore you are not consumed."

C We praise You, O Lord!

P The LORD who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C We worship You, O Lord!

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 25:6–7

P We confess to You, O Lord, that we are captive to sin in thought, word, and deed. We have not borne fruit worthy of repentance. We have sinned against You and our neighbors.

C Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

P Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

C according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

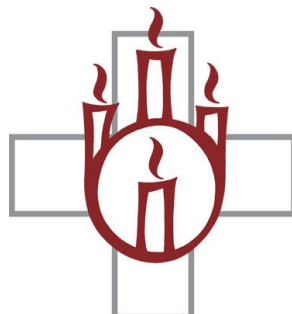
C Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Bell Choir: (all services)

"Bring A Torch, Jeanette, Isabella"

(This traditional French carol paints a picture of two maidens going to meet the infant Jesus, coming quietly in the night – with torches in hand -- to worship the Savior. It's a fitting scene to have in mind as we light two Advent candles today.)



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:1–7b

¹“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

⁶“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 66:1–12; antiphon: v. 12b

P You have brought us out to a place of abundance.

C Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

P sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!

C Say to God, “How awesome are Your deeds!

So great is Your power that Your enemies come cringing to You.

P All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name.”

C Come and see what God has done: He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man.

P He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot.

C There did we rejoice in Him, who rules by His might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations— let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

P Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard,
C **who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.**

P For You, O God, have tested us; You have tried us as silver is tried.
C **You brought us into the net; You laid a crushing burden on our backs;**

P You let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet You have brought us out to a place of abundance.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Epistle

Philippians 1:2–11

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

Verse

Luke 3:4b, 6

P Alleluia! Alleluia!

C **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

P Prepare the way of the Lord,

C **make His paths straight;**

P all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

C **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

⁷He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” ¹¹And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” ¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” ¹³And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”*(10:30) Sermon Song*

*Come, thou long expected Jesus
born to set thy people free
from our fears and sins release us
let us find our rest in thee
Israel's strength and consolation
hope of all the earth thou art
dear desire of every nation
joy of every longing heart*

*Born thy people to deliver
born a child and yet a King
born to reign in us forever
now thy gracious kingdom bring
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone
by thine all sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne*

*You draw the hearts of shepherds
You draw the hearts of kings
Even as a baby*

*You were changing everything
You called me to Your Kingdom
Before Your lips could speak
And even as a baby
You were reaching out for me*

*And now we are awaiting
The day of Your return
When every eye will see You
As heaven comes to earth
Until the sky is opened
Until the trumpet sounds
The bride is getting ready
The church is singing out*

*Come, thou long expected Jesus
born to set thy people free
from our fears and sins release us
let us find our rest in thee
Come Thou long expected King*

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" written by Charles Wesley Jacob Sooter Meredith Andrews Rowland Hugh Prichard 2017 Jacob Sooter MusicScripture Reference: Luke 2:38, Hebrews 2:14-15, Galations 4:4-5CCLI Song: 7096082CCU license: 51072

Sermon***“Repentance That Refines”****Luke 3:1-20***Adult Confirmation:** *Andrew Snow (10:30am)***Prayer of the Church****Lord's Prayer**

- C 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 and ever. Amen.**

Benediction

Philippians 1:6; Numbers 6:24–26

P He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C Amen.

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(5:30 & 8:00) Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

“Jesus Loves Me”

(10:30) Closing Song

*Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.*

*Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.*

*Jesus loves me! Still today
Walking with me on my way*

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*Wanting as a friend to give
Light and love to all who live*

*Jesus loves me! He will stay
Close beside me all the way
Thou has bled and died for me
I will henceforth live for thee*

*Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.*

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Special Services

Midweek Advent Services

Wednesdays, December 8th and 15th
12:15pm and 6:30pm

Children's Christmas Program

December 19
10:30pm

Christmas Eve

with Holy Communion
4:00pm, 6:30pm, and 11:00pm

Christmas Day

with Holy Communion
9:00am

December 26

We will hold ONE Sunday Service at 9:00am
No Sunday School

New Year's Eve

with Holy Communion
6:30pm

New Year's Day

with Holy Communion
9:00am

January 2

We will hold ONE Sunday Service at 9:00am
No Sunday School

Sign-Up is NOT Needed