

**\* Greeting** Responsive, led by Rev. Andy Smith

As we gather, may we open our hearts to receive newness of life.

**We come to worship, to remember, and to be inspired.**

In our time of worship, may we be inspired by God’s wisdom.

**We come seeking to learn and to draw closer to God.**

Come, let us worship, as the beloved children of God.

**We come ready to listen and live out our purpose.**

**\* Opening Hymn** “Come, Be Baptized” TFWS 2252 All

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**Morning Prayer** All, led by Rev. Smith

**Loving God, through the ordinary elements of the earth, we are reminded that your grace is woven into our common life. The same waters that revive our bodies and the earth also invite the renewal of our souls. Thank you, God, for the gift of water and of new life. Amen.**

**Children’s Time** Rev. Marchbanks

*After Children’s Time, children age 4 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to go to Room 103 for Second Story while children 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to stay in the Sanctuary and follow along with their activity-filled bulletin.*

**Prayers of the People** Rev. Knighten

**The Prayer of Jesus** All, led by Rev. Knighten

**Our Father/Mother/Creator, 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.**

**Words of Life** Matthew 3:13-17 Rev. Smith

**Message for Today** Rev. Hilary Marchbanks

“Revival”

**\* Response** All

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” TFWS 2120 vv 1,3,4

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**Offertory Prayer** All, led by Rev. Smith

**Gracious God, what was begun in the work of Jesus, continue with us. What was empowered by the words of Jesus, empower in us. What was blessed by the compassionate hand of Jesus, bless here and now, that these gifts and offerings may honor you even as they bring light and hope to the world. Amen.**

**Offertory** “Come to the Water” Chancel Choir

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.

And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:

without money, without price.

Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?

And let all who seek, let them come to the water.

And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:

without money, without strife.

Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?

And let all who toil, let them come to the water.

And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord:

All who labor without rest. How can your soul find rest,

except for the Lord?

And let all the poor, let them come to the water.

Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord:

bring the children without might. Easy the load and light:

come to the Lord.

Come to the water, come to the Lord.

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**\* Song of Thanks** All

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 94

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**Baptismal Remembrance** Rev. Knighten

and Rev. Marchbanks

**Baptismal Remembrance Music**

**"With this Water"**

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**"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"**

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**“Come, Let Us Dream”**

**W&S 3157**

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**\* We Continue Our Worshipful Work** Rev. Marchbanks

**\* Sending Hymn** “I Come with Joy” UMH 617 vv 1,4,5 All

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**\* Benediction** Responsive, led by Rev. Marchbanks

**\* Sharing the Peace of Christ** Rev. Marchbanks

**\* Postlude** “I Come with Joy” Ed Snouffer, piano

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*UMH denotes “United Methodist Hymnal”.*

*TFWS denotes “The Faith We Sing” hymnal.*

*W&S denotes the Worship & Song” hymnal.*



**Sanctuary Flowers**

This week's flowers are provided by

Rebecca Witte

in loving memory of

her twin brother and mother.

To sign up to provide sanctuary flowers  
for Sundays throughout the year,  
please email Rebecca Witte at  
[rebecca@stjohnsaustin.org](mailto:rebecca@stjohnsaustin.org).

# We are creating a community ...

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## Snack and Flower Providers, We Need You!

Volunteers have two important ways to make Sunday mornings even more special at Saint John's – Sanctuary flowers (given in honor or in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a special occasion) and Sunday morning snacks in the Great Hall (which help foster meaningful connections between services). There is currently an immediate need for snack and flower providers in January and beyond. To volunteer as a provider, email Rebecca Witte at [rebecca@stjohnsaustin.org](mailto:rebecca@stjohnsaustin.org). Sign-up sheets for snacks can also be found upstairs in the Great Hall on Sunday mornings.

## Austin International Half Marathon Is Next Sunday

The Austin International Half Marathon will happen Sun, Jan 18, and **your regular route to church may be affected**. To view the traffic guide, go to [www.downhilltodowntown.com](http://www.downhilltodowntown.com), click on "Event Details," then under "Travel and Hotels," click on "Traffic Guide."

**Saint John's is still in need of volunteers to staff a water stop** along the race route from 6:30 - 11 a.m. If you are interested in joining this fun service opportunity, contact Rev. Randy Knighten, Pastor of Outreach Ministries, at [randy@stjohnsaustin.org](mailto:randy@stjohnsaustin.org).

## JOY to Tour Boggy Creek Farm, Wed. Jan 21, 11 a.m.

Join JOY (Just Older Youth, our senior adults group) for a guided tour of Austin's own regenerative Boggy Creek Farm at 11 a.m. on Wed, Jan 21. We will have an opportunity to shop their market before or after the tour. (Market hours are 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.) Cost for this experience is \$10 per person. (Please let Katie know if this fee is prohibitive for you; scholarships are available.) To register for this tour, visit [bit.ly/joyboggycreek](http://bit.ly/joyboggycreek).

## 2026 Confirmation Class, Sundays, Jan 25 - Apr 26

Children and Youth Coordinator Izzy Lopez invites all 8th and 9th graders, and older youth who have not been confirmed, to join the 2026 Confirmation Class. They will learn what faith means, how we think about our beliefs, and ways people practice their faith. They will meet Sundays, Jan 25 – Apr 26, 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. (except for the first Sunday of Spring Break and Easter). On May 3, we will celebrate Confirmation Sunday. To register for the class, go to [bit.ly/Youthconfirmation26](http://bit.ly/Youthconfirmation26). Questions? Reach out to Izzy at [isabella@stjohnsaustin.org](mailto:isabella@stjohnsaustin.org).

## Mobile Blood Drive Onsite, Sun, Jan 25, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

The We Are Blood mobile blood van returns to Saint John's Sun, Jan 25, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Come before or between services to support our community and save local lives. To reserve your spot, visit [bit.ly/sjbloodjan25](http://bit.ly/sjbloodjan25). All donors will receive a gift certificate for a free small sub at Thundercloud Subs as thanks for their donation. Questions? Email Saint John's drive coordinator Brooks Barlow at [bbarlow72000@gmail.com](mailto:bbarlow72000@gmail.com).

## Ways to Give

We offer many ways to give to support Saint John's.

1. Text "SJUMC" to 73256 and follow the prompts.
2. Visit [stjohnsaustin.org/giving](http://stjohnsaustin.org/giving) to make an online donation using a credit/debit card, or bank draft.
3. Church members may log on to their mySaintJohn's account via the web or by the Realm Connect app.
4. Leave a donation in an offering plate as it is passed or in the offering box located in the Gallery, or mail a check.

## Participating in Worship Today

Rev. Hilary Marchbanks, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Randy Knighten, Outreach Ministries Pastor  
Cina Crisara, Director of Music  
Mary Foster, Worship Arts Coordinator  
Gary James, Sound Technician  
Izzy Lopez, Children and Youth Coordinator  
Katie McKenna, Director of Communications  
Rev. Andy Smith, Liturgist  
Ed Snouffer, Associate Director of Music, Pianist  
John Thomason, Bulletin Designer  
Shelley Walters, Director of Faith Development  
Rebecca Witte, Director of Connections

## Connect Team

Brooks Barlow (9:00)  
Karen Hale (11:00)

## Liturgy Notes

The Greeting is from *UCC Worship Ways*.



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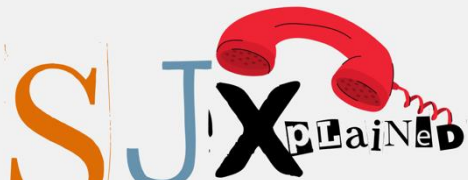
**For more information about classes and activities at Saint John's, see our newsletter at [stjohnsaustin.org/newsletter](http://stjohnsaustin.org/newsletter).**

## Our Mission

We are creating a community where God's love changes people and God's people change the world.

# Saint John's United Methodist Church

*At Saint John's United Methodist Church  
we affirm that all persons are of sacred worth,  
and we welcome everyone,  
without exception, to participate fully  
in the church's life and ministry.*



January 11, 2026

**Revival**  
matthew 3:13-17

## Baptism of our Lord Sunday

*Difficulty hearing in the Sanctuary? Please ask an usher for a listening device or see the pew card for information about using the ListenWIFI phone app.*

## Gathering Music

Ed Snouffer, piano

"Come, Be Baptized"

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## Welcome

Rev. Randy Knighten

## Introit

"Spirit Like a River"

Chancel Choir

Spirit, like a river flow in my heart,  
gently guiding my soul.  
Let your living water run through my life.  
Come and take control.

Spirit like a river, spirit like a river,  
Spirit like a river, come and set your course in me.

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