

*** Opening Hymn** All

“Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet” UMH 601 vv 1,2
(Lyrics are in your hymnal.)

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Morning Prayer All, led by Glen Harrington

Loving God, you have given Scripture to guide us, teach us, and help us grow. As we worship today, open our hearts to what you may still be teaching us. Remind us that we do not need to have all the answers, but can continue to wonder, learn, and grow together. Through the words we hear, the songs we sing, and the stories we share, help us discover your grace in new ways. Amen.

Children’s Time Izzy Lopez

After Children’s Time, children are invited to stay in worship with their families. During the 10 o’clock hour, children age 4 thru 3rd grade meet in Room 103 while 4th and 5th graders meet in Room 119.

Prayers of the People Rev. Randy 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 Glen Harrington

2 Timothy 3:14-17

Message for Today Izzy Lopez

“Wonder. Learn. Grow.”

*** Response** All

“Wonderful Words of Life” UMH 600 vv 1,3
(Lyrics are on the screen and in your hymnal.)

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Offertory Prayer All, led by Glen Harrington

Generous God, you have given us so many gifts: people who love us, stories that guide us, questions that help us wonder, and your grace that helps us grow. Today we give some of what we have back to you. Bless these gifts and use them to share your love, serve our neighbors, and do good in our community and our world. And as we give, continue shaping us into people who are generous, loving, and ready for every good work. Amen.

Offertory “Ancient Words” Ensemble

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
Oh, let the ancient words impart
Words of Life, words of Hope
Give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where e'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home

Ancient words ever true
Changing me and changing you
We have come with open hearts
Oh, let the ancient words impart

Holy words of our Faith
Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
Oh heed the faithful words of Christ

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
Oh let the ancient words impart

Ancient words ever true
Changing me and changing you
We have come with open hearts
Oh, let the ancient words impart

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*** Song of Thanks** All

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
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4th and 5th Grade Bible Presentation Izzy Lopez
and Rev. Marchbanks

Penelope Adams
Caitlin McDermott
Charles Schulz

Brianabelle Esama-John
Benjamin Carlos Padilla Sherbert

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

*** Sending Hymn** “In Christ Alone” All

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease;
my Comforter, my All in All;
here in the love of Christ I stand. (Sing twice.)

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

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

*** Postlude** “Wonderful Words of Life” Ed Snouffer, piano

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Sanctuary Flowers

This week's flowers are provided by
Don Anderson
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for Sundays throughout the year,
please email Rebecca Witte at
rebecca@stjohnsaustin.org.

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Sanctuary Projections Update

Thank you for your continued patience as we explore repairs and updates to our sanctuary projections system. The Sunday morning AV Team (Sound Technician Gary James and Director of Communications Katie McKenna) has been working with an AV professional to research viable solutions for our needs. We look forward to having a solution in place soon.

Volunteers Needed to Register Voters

Austin Voices for Education and Youth is seeking volunteers to put voter registration forms and information on apartment doors. If interested, you can pick up supplies anytime at the Dobie Middle School Family Resource Center Portable (1200 E. Rundberg Ln.) and receive an apartment complex assignment. Work on your own or with others at a time convenient for you and receive a \$20 gift card for your efforts. Questions? Visit bit.ly/helpregistervoters. **The deadline to register to vote is October 5, so your timely response is crucial!** (Check the status of your own voter registration at texas.gov/living-in-texas/texas-voter-registration.)

Pumpkin Unloading, Next Sunday, Oct 4

We will unload this year's pumpkin truck next **Sun, Oct 4**. We'll have two unloading parties: 12-2 p.m. and 1-3 p.m. Breakfast tacos will be provided to help fuel the hard work! Volunteers can purchase pumpkins at the end of the unloading. Even if you can't carry pumpkins, you can still help with setting up our patch! Please sign up to volunteer to unload the truck or to work some sales shifts by going to bit.ly/sjpumpkinpatch2026. Questions? Contact Jennifer Heath at jennifer.heath@utexas.edu.

Save the Date for the NAMI Walk, Sat, Oct 17

This year's National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Walk will be **Sat, Oct 17**, at the Palmer Events Center and Saint John's Mental Health Ministry invites you to participate! To join the Saint John's Steppers team, find more information, or donate online, visit namiwalks.org/teams/Steppers. Questions? Contact Paul Mollenhauer at pcmollenhauer@gmail.com.

HopeFest 2026: Volunteers and Donations Needed!

Saint John's Risk Taking Mission and Service Committee is joining with Austin Voices for Education and Youth in HopeFest, Austin's largest campus-based resource fair, which will take place on **Sat, Oct 17**, at Dobie Middle School. Saint John's members are encouraged to participate in two ways:

donate to the clothing drive (collection boxes will be just outside the church office through Sun, Oct 11), or

volunteer to set up, work a shift, or clean up.

See this week's church newsletter for details. Questions? Contact David Balch at balchdavid3223@gmail.com, Kelli McAnally at kmijkel@gmail.com, or Cecilia Leonard from AVEY at cleonard@austinvoices.org.

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 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, Music Ministry Specialist
Mary Foster, Worship Arts Coordinator
Glen Harrington, Liturgist
Gary James, Sound Technician
Izzy Lopez, Children and Youth Coordinator
Katie McKenna, Director of Communications
Ed Snouffer, Director of Music Ministry
John Thomason, Bulletin Designer
Shelley Walters, Director of Faith Development
Rebecca Witte, Director of Connections

Ensemble

Jackie Coleman, Dylan Graves, Kaylie Warfield, vocals;
Ed Snouffer, piano; Brian Wolfe, bass

Connect Team

Robert Elder (9:00)
Robert Elder (11:00)

Liturgy Notes

This morning's prayers are by Izzy Lopez.



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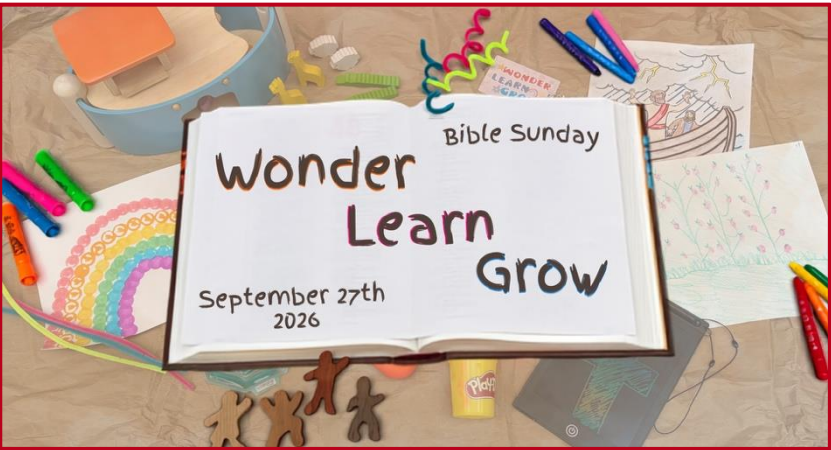
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Our Mission

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.*



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Gathering Music

Ed Snouffer, piano

"Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet"

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Welcome

Rev. Hilary Marchbanks

Introit

"Speak, O Lord"

Ensemble

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* Greeting

Responsive, led by Glen Harrington

God of wonder, you meet us in stories, questions, and unexpected places.

Open our hearts to you.

When we have questions and do not understand, remind us that we do not need to have all the answers.

Open our hearts to you.

Teach us through Scripture, through one another, and through the world around us.

Open our hearts to you.

As we worship together today, walk with us as we wonder, learn, and grow.

Open our hearts to you. Amen.