

*** Greeting** Responsive, led by Hannah Knight
May God’s presence dwell among us.
May we feel cherished and embraced.
May we be challenged to grow in wisdom and solidarity.
May we encounter grace that transforms.
May the Holy Spirit guide and challenge us.
Held in belonging, we invite each other to worship.
Amen.

*** Opening Hymn** “Gather Us In” All
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Morning Prayer All, led by Hannah Knight
Spirit of Christ, come and bring your gentle clarity to our individual stories. Tend with us the uglier things we hold silently in our hearts or live outwardly toward our neighbors. Whether contempt, fear, or trauma – give us the courage to notice. Make us aware of ourselves, that we may tend what keeps us from right-relationship to love, to kin, to ourselves. We long to grow. Amen.

Children’s Time Rev. Hilary Marchbanks
After Children’s Time, children age 4 – 3rd grade are invited to go to Room 103 while children 4th – 5th 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.

Song for Illumination Chancel Choir
“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”
Lord, I want to be a Christan in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart (in my heart), in my heart (in my heart),
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart (in my heart).

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart (in my heart), in my heart (in my heart),
Lord, want to be like Jesus in my heart.
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Words of Life Luke 18:9-14 Hannah Knight

Message for Today Rev. Hilary Marchbanks
“Cancel Culture”

*** Response** “Seek Ye First” All
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Offertory Prayer All, led by Hannah Knight
Blessed Redeemer, as we give, we seek to align our actions with you. We dedicate these offerings in service to what the world needs in order to thrive. May we flourish as we give, and may those who receive it flourish. May it be so. Amen.

Offertory Chancel Choir
“Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord”
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see you, I want to see you.
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“I Want to Thank You, Lord”
Kaylie Warfield, soloist
REFRAIN:
I want to thank you, Lord for all you've done.
I want to thank you, Lord for the times of trouble.
Thank you, Lord for protecting me.
Thank you, Jesus, oh, for what you've done for me.
You were my friend when I had no friends.
I know on you I can depend.
You've been my mother and father, too.
You've been my sister and brother, too. REFRAIN

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*** Song of Thanks** All
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
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*** We Continue Our Worshipful Work** Rev. Marchbanks

*** Sending Hymn** All
(Lyrics are on the screen and in your hymnal.)
“It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord”

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

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

*** Postlude** Ed Snouffer, piano
“It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord”
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Sanctuary Flowers
This week's flowers are given by
Cina Crisara and her extended family
in loving memory of
Raymond Crisara for his birthday.
To sign up to provide sanctuary flowers
for Sundays throughout the year,
please email Rebecca Witte at
rebecca@stjohnsaustin.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, Director of Music
Mary Foster, Worship Arts Coordinator
Gary James, Sound Technician
Hannah Knight, Liturgist
Izzy Lopez, Children and Youth Coordinator
Ridley Marchbanks, Projections Intern
Katie McKenna, Director of Communications
Ed Snouffer, Pianist
John Thomason, Bulletin Designer
Shelley Walters, Director of Faith Development
Rebecca Witte, Director of Connections

Connect Team

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

Liturgy Notes

Prayers are adapted from Rev. M Jade Kaiser of *enfleshed*..



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changes people and God's people change the world.

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Young Children's Music Starts Today

Mary Len Stanton will hold children's music for Pre-K – 3rd graders on Sundays, Oct 26 – Dec 14 (skipping Nov 23, the Sunday before Thanksgiving), 10:05-10:50 a.m. in Room 104. This group will share a song with the congregation at the 11 a.m. service on Dec 14. Sign your child up at bit.ly/childrensmusic2025, or simply join us during the hour between worship services.

Saint John's Pumpkin Patch Through Oct 31

The Pumpkin Patch is fully stocked with gorgeous gourds and open to the public during the following hours:

Mon - Fri: 2-7 p.m. **Sat:** 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. **Sun:** 12 - 7 p.m.

There are still openings for volunteer sales shifts in the patch. Choose your shifts at bit.ly/sjpumpkinpatch2025.

Pre-Charge Conference & Church Council Meeting

You are invited to church council on Tue, Oct 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to hear the annual report from the Risk-Taking Mission and Service committee, as well as to vote on our annual charge conference administrative and membership reports. The full charge conference will take place with several other churches on Sun, Nov 16, 3 p.m., at Manchaca UMC (1011 FM1626, Manchaca, TX 78652).

Memorial Gallery for All Saints Sunday, Nov 2

In celebration of the Feast of All Saints on Sun, Nov 2, Saint John's invites you to bring photos or other cherished items that remind you of loved ones who have passed. This year, items will be displayed in the sanctuary windows and on tables in the Gallery. Please bring them before either service to display for the morning. Cards will be provided for sharing the names of remembered loved ones. If possible, please retrieve items following the 11 a.m. service. Together, we will honor and cherish those who touched our lives and left us with lasting memories.

UWF Day of Discovery, Sat, Nov 8, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The Day of Discovery, Sat, Nov 8, is the fall fundraiser for our United Women in Faith (UWF) and offers a variety of interesting classes taught by Saint John's members. See the newsletter for a complete list of classes. Each class is \$45, and an optional lunch will be served for \$5. Childcare is available for \$5 per child, per session. Scholarships are available. **Register by Tue, Nov 4** via Realm, by using the links in the newsletter, or in the Gallery today. Proceeds support organizations which help women and children. Questions? Email Cathy Barton at catherinebarton2@gmail.com or Ann Barlow at annbarlow740@gmail.com.

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.*



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 26, 2025

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

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

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Welcome

Rev. Randy Knighten

Introit

"Heaven and Earth"

Chancel Choir

Heaven and earth, join to worship your creator!
Sing to the Lord, praise the one from whom you came.

Sing a new song to the God who goes before us,
making all new, leaving none the same.

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