

God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer, Holy Spirit Our Comforter,  
Humankind Our Family

## Saint John AME Church

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### Mission

Saint John's mission is to "love God and love others" by ministering to the social, spiritual, and physical development of all people.



**Sunday, May 24, 2026**

**Day of Pentecost**

**The Praise & Worship.....Music Ministry**

**The Doxology**

**AMEC Hymn No. 647 [Tune: Old 100]**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**The Call to Worship.....,,,,,..... Brother Shaun Barnes**

**Leader:** Come, Holy Spirit! Blow a fresh wind over us today and prepare our hearts for worship.

**People:** **We have a variety of gifts, but we have the same Spirit.**

**Leader:** Come, Heavenly Dove! Send us new tongues of fire today and prepare our hands for service.

**People:** **We have a variety of gifts, but we have the same Spirit.**

**Leader:** Come, Comforter, Come! Give to us a renewed ability to better hear and understand each other.

**People:** **We have a variety of gifts, but we have the same Spirit.**

**Leader:** Breathe on us, God, and stir up the gifts within us: wisdom and knowledge, faith and healing, prophecy and discernment. We are your body, and we are here together.

**People:** **We have a variety of gifts, but we have the same Spirit.**

**ALL:** **Pour out your Spirit on all flesh today, so that your children may prophecy and dream dreams for a just and right world. Amen and amen!**

**The Hymn of Praise.....“Joys Are Flowing Like A River (Blessed Quietness)”**

Joys are flowing like a river  
Since the Comforter has come  
He abides with us forever  
Makes the trusting heart His home.

**Refrain**

Blessed quietness, holy quietness,  
What assurance in my soul!  
On the stormy sea, Jesus speaks to me,  
And the billows cease to roll!

Bringing life and health and gladness,  
All around this heavenly Guest,  
Banished unbelief and sadness,  
Changed our weariness to rest.

Like the rain that falls from heaven,  
Like the sunlight from the sky,  
So the Holy Ghost is given,  
Coming on us from on high.

See, a fruitful field is growing,  
Blessed fruit of righteousness  
And the streams of life are flowing  
In the lonely wilderness.

What a wonderful salvation,  
Where we always see His face!  
What a perfect habitation,  
What a quiet resting place!

**The Invocation**

**The Choral Response.....The Saint John Choir**

**The Scripture Lesson(s)**

**Old Testament .....Sister Terry Beasley  
Numbers 11:24-30**

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as

soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

<sup>26</sup>Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!” <sup>30</sup>And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

**"This is the Word of the Lord."**

**New Testament..... Sis. Katricia Cleveland**  
**Acts 2:1-21**

<sup>2</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and

give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup> For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup> But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> “And in the last days it shall be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams;

<sup>18</sup> even on my male servants and female servants  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

<sup>20</sup> the sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,

before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

<sup>21</sup> And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of  
the Lord shall be saved.’

**"The Word of God for the people of God."**

**Gospel ..... Sis. Linda Young**

**(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)**

**John 7:37-39**

<sup>37</sup> On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup> Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” <sup>39</sup> Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

**"May the Lord bless the hearers and doers of His Word."**

**The Preface to the Decalogue**

**AMEC Hymn No. 69 From All That Dwell Below the Skies**

*From all that dwell below the skies,*

*Let the Creator’s praise arise;*

*Let the Redeemer’s name be sung, Through every land, by every tongue.*

**The Decalogue (Summary)**

Hear what Christ our Savior saith, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto It; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**The Gloria Patri:** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

**Ministry of Stewardship (Tithes/Offerings/Benevolent)**

*All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen*

.....**Brother Shaun Barnes**

**Announcements, Acknowledgements and Visitors**

.....**Brother Brandon Cleveland**

**The Worship through Music.....The Saint John Choir**

**The Message.....Brother Brandon Cleveland**

**The Invitation to Christian Discipleship.....Brother Brandon Cleveland**

**The Apostles' Creed.....Brother Brandon Cleveland**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and 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, dead, and buried. The third day, He arose from the Dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Church Universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

**Doxology (Contemporary)**

**Benediction..... Brother Brandon Cleveland**