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

Saint John AME Church

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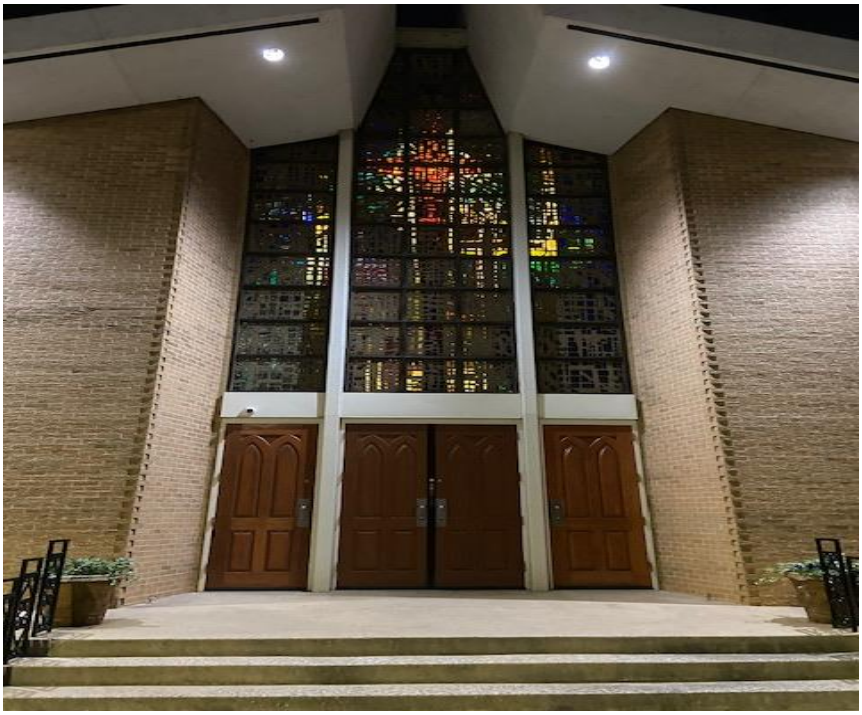
Mission

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



Sunday, November 22, 2026

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after 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……Pastor Sterling

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord! Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

People: **For a day in your courts is better than a thousand, elsewhere, I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

Leader: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

People: **They are planted in the house of the Lord, they flourish in the courts of our God.**

Leader: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house, and the place where your glory dwells.

People: **But the Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.**

Leader: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my Rock, and my Redeemer.

People: **O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, sing praises!**

The Hymn of Praise……"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not:
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold with
To Thy great faithfulness,
mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

The Invocation……Bro. Freddie Robinson

The Choral Response……The Soul Searchers

The Scripture Lesson(s)

Old Testament ……Sis. Cortney Carter
Ezekiel 34:11-16

11 "For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep
and will seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among
his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will
rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of
clouds and thick darkness. 13 And I will bring them out from the peoples and
gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And
I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the
inhabited places of the country. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and on
the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie
down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the
mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself
will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. 16 I will seek the lost, and I

will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

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

New Testament……Sis. Katricia Cleveland

Ephesians 1:15-23

15 For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and
your love toward all the saints, 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you,
remembering you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the
Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the
knowledge of him, 18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may
know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his
glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness
of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great
might 20 that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and
seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and
authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not
only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And he put all things under his
feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is his body,
the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Gospel……Bro. Chaz Carter

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

Matthew 25:31-46

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then
he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 Before him will be gathered all the
nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd
separates the sheep from the goats. 33 And he will place the sheep on his right,
but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come,
you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you
from the foundation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,
36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in
prison and you came to me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, saying,
'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you

drink? 38 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' 45 Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

"This is the Word of the Lord."

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.

Announcements, Acknowledgements and Visitors

The Worship through Music.....The Soul Searchers

The Message…… Pastor Sterling

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Apostles' Creed

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……Pastor Sterling