

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†*Please rise in body or in Spirit*

† Gathering Songs of Praise	<i>The Only Name Unwavering</i>
† Welcome	Ryan L. Powell
† Affirming Our Faith	<i>The Apostles' Creed</i>
Joys and Concerns	Sarah D. Crockford
Children's Moment	Emily S. Bell
Reading of the Names	David C. Surret Ryan L. Powell
Memorial Prayer	
Tithes & Offerings	<i>Praise the Father, Praise the Son</i>
† New Testament Lesson	<i>Revelation 21: 1 – 6a</i>
Message	David C. Surret
† Closing Song of Praise	<i>A Million Saints</i>
† Benediction	David C. Surret

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**The Contemporary Worship Band
leads worship today through music.**

WELCOME

As part of the living Body of Christ, we are called to love as Christ loved. We believe that we are to love and welcome all persons – and by that we mean ALL, because each and every person is created in the image of God, is of infinite worth and represents someone "for whom Christ died!" (Rom. 14:15) Therefore, we welcome persons of every race, socioeconomic status, family make-up, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, mental and physical ability and faith story. We invite ALL persons to join us on our journey together as we strive to practice loving acceptance of each person and engage in respectful discussion of our differences. To fully experience this welcome, we encourage visitors and new members to become involved in a small group within the Church, such as a Sunday School class, Bible study, ministry group, or volunteer opportunity. To learn more about the life and ministries of our church, visit www.stjohnsrh.org. Please register your presence with us by signing the attendance registry.

TODAY'S TEXT - REVELATION 21: 1 – 6a

David C. Surrett, Senior Pastor

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

*“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”*

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

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 rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.