

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

APRIL 1, 2018 at 8:30 A.M. & 11 A.M.

Welcome to All

All are invited to to participate in any of our activities, and to become a part of this community of faith and love.

✠ Please stand as you are able. **Bold** indicates congregational response.

GATHERING

INTROIT Alleluia Ringers, Chancel Choir
This Is the Day

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ CALL to WORSHIP Alleluia Ringers, Chancel Choir
Sunday Has Come and Jesus Lives
Children will process with flowers during the song.

Congregation sings:
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise
sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
He who on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.**

✠ EASTER PROCLAMATION Pastors
Christ is Risen!
Christ is risen, indeed!
Alleluia! Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

✠ HYMN of PRAISE UMH 302, vs. 1-4
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

LISTENING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Deirdré Halliburton
Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.
*Ushers will pass out folders during the Children's Moment. Please register
your attendance. If you have any joys or concerns please fill out a prayer card
found in the left pocket of the folder and place it in the offering plate.*

✠ SCRIPTURE 8:30 a.m. - Jim and Theresa Sandifer
11 a.m. - Zach and Kristine Isenhower
John 20:1-18
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

✠ CHORAL RESPONSE Chancel Choir
Gloria, Gloria
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON Pastor Lane
"Run!"

RESPONDING

ANTHEM Chancel Choir
Rejoice, the Lord is King

PRAYER of CONFESSION UMH 12
(a time for silent prayers and confession)

WORDS of ASSURANCE and PARDON

✠ SHARING the LOVE and PEACE of CHRIST

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS to GOD Alleluia Ringers
Raise Your Joys and Triumphs High

✠ DOXOLOGY UMH 94
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God,
all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH 15
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion,
remembering God's acts of salvation.*

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we
praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

The congregation is seated and the institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we
offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and concludes:

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

**Amen. Amen. Amen.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

SHARING the BREAD and CUP

- ♦ All are welcome to partake in Holy Communion.
- ♦ Communion will be served using the ancient means of "intinction." When broken bread is placed in your hand you may dip it lightly into the cup and thereby receive both elements at the same time.
- ♦ Gluten-free communion is offered to anyone who desires it; when you come up to the altar, let the server know you would like the gluten-free elements.
- ♦ You are invited to stay at the chancel for prayer as long as you desire.

We will sing the following together during Communion:

Easter People Raise Your Voices (UMH 304, vs. 1 & 3)

**Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth
should ring. Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly
music, let it ring. Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.**

**Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the
wrong. Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.**

Up From the Ground He Arose (UMH 327, vs. 1 & 2)

**Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!**

(REFRAIN) **Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph
o'er his foes; he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

**Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! (REFRAIN)**

Crown Him with Many Crowns (UMH 327, vs. 1 & 2)

**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and
rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

Risen Savior,
here at this table your promise of life is made tangible.
**We have rested in the depth of your love; we have tasted
your nourishing, nurturing presence; we accept you
into our bodies and into our lives. Together, at this
table, you have offered us life. Together, by your grace,
we accept the life you offer. And we give you thanks.
Amen.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE

INVITATION to CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*We joyfully welcome all those whose wish to become members of St. John's
and invite you to come forward during the singing of the closing hymn.*

✠ HYMN of DISCIPLESHIP UMH 310, vs. 1 & 3
He Lives!

During the hymn, we invite you to bring forward The Shepherd's Market grocery bags.

✠ BLESSING and SENDING FORTH

✠ RECESSIONAL Terry Byars, organ

*We welcome guest trumpeter, Paul Lauve, who is sharing
his gifts in worship with us today.*

*After the 8:30 a.m. service, all are invited to stay
for refreshments in the Family Life Center.*

Welcome to St. John's!
 Welcome to worship! We are glad you've joined us and hope you feel at home here. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome. Children of all ages are welcome in worship. However, if you or your child would prefer, nursery care is available in the Administration Building next door; an usher can escort you. Children's bulletins and sermon sacks are available from an usher.
 Our ushers are happy to assist you in any way. Restrooms are in the Narthex.
Thank you for being here.

NEW SERMON SERIES STARTS APRIL 8
"Engage: Walking the Discipleship Pathway"

What does it look like to fully Engage in our faith, church, and community? Over the next several weeks, we will immerse ourselves in the five commitments that followers of Jesus make when they join the church. These are steps of faith our Confirmation Class is learning this spring, and are meaningful practices for each of us as Christians. When we Engage our faith through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, we are walking the pathway of discipleship.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The church office will be closed tomorrow and will reopen Tuesday at 9 a.m. for regular hours. The Shepherd's Market will also be closed Monday and will be open for regular hours on Tuesday at 8 a.m.

2018 SILENT AUCTION FOR MISSIONS

The Silent Auction will be on **Sunday, April 22** and will be open from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and again from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. (Bidding will end at 6 p.m. SHARP.) All money collected will help support mission projects of the church.

The Sojourner Sunday School class is organizing the auction, however, it takes the support of the whole church to make this a successful event. If every St. John's family would donate something to the auction, this project would be an outstanding event. Please think about what you might be able to donate. Some suggested items are specialty food items, dinners for 6-8, services you can provide, new items, and plants. In order to have everything categorized and set up in time for the auction, we must have your donations by **Monday April 16**. They may be brought to church on Sunday or to the church office during regular office hours.

CRAWFISH BOIL

There will be a crawfish boil held on the afternoon of **Sunday, April 22**, during the Silent Auction. Ticket information will be forthcoming.

UNITY IN COMMUNITY

Come enjoy worship and fellowship with the children and families of the Charlie Thomas Head Start Center, **Saturday, April 21** at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. Unity in the Community, is a wonderful opportunity to connect with these families we support so enthusiastically during the Christmas season with the Holiday Super Store and throughout the year with educational programs and assistance offered by Opening Doors volunteers. The worship service will be lively and touching, with abundant music and joy. This is what St. John's is all about!! We hope you can come.

After the program, the ladies of UMW invite everyone to come to the FLC and join our friends in the community for a simple sandwich lunch.

COOKIES FOR KAIROS

Kairos is an uplifting, spiritual retreat taken into prisons. Shay Chauvin will be participating in the next Kairos for women April 27-29. As with all Kairos weekends, home-baked cookies are very popular and Shay will need to bring 35 dozen! Cookies will be due back at church on **Sunday, April 15**. Please store/freeze your cookies at home until then as we do not have space here.

MEALS FOR THE WESLEY AT LSU

Every Wednesday during the semester, just prior to weekly worship, a meal is provided for 30-40 students at the LSU Wesley. If you or a group or a Sunday School class would like to help, go to www.TakeThemAMeal.com using the name Wesley Foundation and the password 2907.

UMW RUTH CIRCLE

The Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 3 at 9:30 in the parlor. Pat Cobb will present a program on the history of United Methodist Women. All women are invited to attend.

ST MARK'S MISSION TRIP

Those going on the mission trip to St. Mark's in New Orleans will be leaving **Friday, April 6** and returning Sunday, April 8. Please keep all of those involved in your prayers for a safe and successful mission.

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

- Sunday, April 1**
 GROCERY BAG SUNDAY
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, *Campus Wide*
- Monday, April 2**
 OFFICE CLOSED
 3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, *Library*
 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*
- Tuesday, April 3**
 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
 8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, *FLC*
 9:30 a.m. UMW Ruth Circle, *Parlor*
 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, *Pastor's Office*
 4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
 5:00 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, *Choir Room*
 6:00 p.m. Fast Track Bible Study, *Library*
- Wednesday, April 4**
 5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*
 6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, *Sanctuary*
- Thursday, April 5**
 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
 8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*
 6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting, *Library*
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*
- Friday, April 6**
 OFFICE CLOSED
 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*
- Saturday, April 7**
 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

EASTER LILIES

The Easter Lilies in the sanctuary are in honor and memory of loved ones. Please see insert for their names.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers 8:30 a.m.: *Donnie and Susan Lambert, Darren and Chris Stubbs*
 Ushers 11 a.m.: *Richard and Marilyn Damberg, Penny Kemler, Will Halliburton*
 Hosts 8:30 a.m.: *Kathy King, Jim and Theresa Sandifer*
 Hosts 11 a.m.: *Joyce Perry, Kathy King*

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Remember to pray for **The Walk**.
 "...for we walk by faith, not by sight." - 2 Corinthians 5:7
 (NRSV) #sjthewalk



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April 1, 2018

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Worship Services

We are a Christian community called to share our gifts through worship, witness and service so that others will know God and become disciples of Jesus Christ.