

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

APRIL 28, 2019 at 8:30 & 11 A.M.

Welcome to All

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

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

Resurrection Stories *and* Songs

TOLLING of the BELL
The tolling of the bell invites you into a time of centering and stillness.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTROIT FWS 2026
Halle, Halle Hallelujah
Halle, Halle, Halleluja!
Halle, Halle, Halleluja!
Halle, Halle, Halleluja!
Halleluja! Halleluja!

✠ CALL to WORSHIP *Pastor Deirdré*
Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!
God has given us a new life in the living hope of the resurrection.
God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.
For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him;
and although we have not seen Jesus, we believe in him.
Let us give thanks to God for Jesus, the one who is seen and unseen!

✠ HYMN of PRAISE UMH 159
Lift High the Cross

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION *Pastor Lane*
God of signs and wonders,
you have revealed to us that Jesus Christ is your son, our Savior. Strengthen our faith, that we may have life in Christ's name. Amen.

The APPEARANCES of JESUS *Pastor Lane*

PROLOGUE *Rev. Marie Williams, Latrice Mallard*
The Mysteriously Empty Tomb
Mark 16:1-15

✠ HYMN UMH 322, vs. 1 & 2
Up From the Grave He Arose

FIRST READING *Sandra Kuykendall, Andrew Blackwood*
Dawning of a New Day
Matthew 28:1-10

HYMN UMH 308, vs 1 & 2
Thine Be the Glory

SECOND READING *Pastor Deirdré, Johnny McWilliams*
Mary's Gardner
John 20:11-18

HYMN UMH 314, vs. 1
In the Garden

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *Rhonda Tucker*
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.

THIRD READING *Pastor Lane, Natalie Cooper, Guy Johnston*
On the Road
Luke 24:13-35

HYMN UMH 303, vs. 1
The Day of Resurrection

FOURTH READING *Latrice Mallard, Andrew Blackwood*
Jesus Gets Hungry While Visiting the Disciples
Luke 24:36-49

HYMN UMH 307, vs. 1
Christ Is Risen

FIFTH READING *Johnny McWilliams, Rev. Marie Williams*
Seeing Is Believing
John 20:19-31

✠ HYMN UMH 364
Because He Lives

SIXTH READING *Sandra Kuykendall, Guy Johnston*
Breakfast on the Beach
John 21:4-14

HYMN UMH 176
Majesty, Worship His Majesty

WORDS of WITNESS *Natalie Cooper*

OFFERING OUR TITHES *and* GIFTS to GOD
Gracious and Loving God,
We give you thanks for the many good gifts you give us - for your presence among us, fish to eat, and a community of friends to share it with. Take these gifts, offered in thanksgiving, and do your work in this world. Amen.

✠ 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!

SEVENTH READING *Johnny McWilliams, Sandra Kuykendall*
Do You Love Me? Feed My Sheep
John 21:15-19

HYMN UMH 177
He Is Lord

EIGHTH READING *Rev. Marie Williams*
Jesus Gives His Disciples Their Mission
Matthew 28:16-20

HYMN UMH 318, vs. 1, 2, & 5
Christ Is Alive

NINTH READING *Andrew Blackwood, Guy Johnston*
Parting Words
Acts 1:6-11

✠ HYMN UMH 312, vs. 1 & 3
Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

✠ EPILOGUE *Latrice Mallard*
John 21:25

✠ RESPONSE to the WORD *Pastor Deirdré*
Remember the Good News that we have received and proclaimed this day- the Good News in which we stand and through which we are saved.

We will remember and hold tightly to the truth we proclaim with joy!

Christ died for our sins, just as the scriptures said that he would.
But the story doesn't end in death. Christ was raised on the third day, just as it was promised!

We are witnesses to this Good News, and God commands that we do not keep this news to ourselves!

We will testify to all that Christ is Lord!

Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Amen!

✠ INVITATION to CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

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

✠ BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

The flowers on the altar are given by Marilyn Damberg in celebration of Richard's birthday.

Don't forget to pick up a yellow/green grocery bag and bring it back next week for Grocery Bag Sunday.

After the 8:30 service, everyone is invited to the Family Life Center for coffee and refreshments.

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.

YOUTH SUNDAY AND SENIOR RECOGNITION

Youth Sunday is coming up on **May 5!** The youth lead our worship services, and we will also recognize our graduating seniors that day.

Our youth group (6th through 12th grade) meets Sundays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

GIFT CARDS FOR WILDWOOD TEACHERS

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10 and we are collecting gift cards to be given to the teachers at Wildwood Elementary. If you have a gift card, in any amount or from any merchant, that you haven't used or if you would be willing to purchase one (any amount) that you could donate, please bring it by the church office by Sunday May 5. The goal is for every teacher to receive a gift card.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - POWER UP!



It's not too early to mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School. This year VBS will take place **Monday - Friday, June 24-28** in the mornings. Kids will get powered up and raise their game for life with Jesus. Connecting with all ages through a culturally relevant video game theme, kids learn that God loves them, wants a relationship with them, and gives them power

to live for Jesus!

UMW RUTH CIRCLE MEETING

The UMW Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, May 7** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. The program "Deaconesses of Past and Today in Christ's Service" will be presented. All women are invited to attend.

MARCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

During the month of March, revenue was \$46,774 and expenses were \$51,656. Expenses were unexpectedly high due to the urgent need to replace an AC unit in the administration building. The finance committee will continue to monitor the budget and make adjustments as needed to manage this unplanned expense.
APRIL NOTE: The money received from the sale of the 2 rental houses and your faithful first quarter pledges towards debt reduction have been applied to our debt. At the beginning of the year St. John's total debt was \$487,266; as of now our balance is \$210,322.

GROCERY BAG SUNDAY

Grocery Bag Sunday is next **Sunday, May 5**. Don't forget to get a yellow or green shopping bag today and bring it back with groceries to stock the shelves of The Shepherd's Market. Some items we are always in need of are: mac & cheese, breakfast items, soup, any household products.

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR METHODIST FOSTER CARE

Next month, we will join other Louisiana United Methodist congregations in taking up a special offering for Methodist Foster Care of La. United Methodist Children & Family Services. This annual offering replaces the yearly Mother's Day offering. In three quick years, Methodist Foster Care grew from a startup into our state's largest provider of therapeutic foster care services. Last year Methodist Foster Care provided nearly as many days of care as all three of the children's homes combined. Please consider supporting this very important ministry.

JOBS FOR LIFE CITY NETWORK

St. John's has an opportunity to become part of an initiative to prepare individuals for meaningful work and experience life in Christ. Jobs for Life is a global nonprofit organization established in 1996 that addresses the root causes of unemployment by uniting churches, businesses, community organizations, and a network of volunteers applying biblically-based training to bring positive transformation to the unemployed and underemployed. For more information, please contact Sandra Kuykendall at 769-3409 or july2002@aol.com.

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, April 28

8:00 a.m. Praise Team, Sanctuary
8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Coffee Time, FLC
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Campus Wide
11:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Youth Group, FLC
7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary

Monday, April 29

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor
3:00 p.m. Lectionary Ladies Bible Study, Parlor
3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, Parlor
3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
4:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Tuesday, April 30

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC
1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Library
4:30 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, Parlor
6:00 p.m. Fast Track Bible Study, Library

Wednesday, May 1

10:00 a.m. Spanish Refresher, Library
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, FLC-A
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary

Thursday, May 2

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, Library
10:30 a.m. FIT Meeting, Parlor
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, May 3

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Parlor
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library

Saturday, May 4

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

8:30 Ushers: *Brian and Danielle Blackwood, Sandra Kuykendall, Susan Johnston*
8:30 Host: *Beth Forester*
11:00 Ushers: *Jane Rassi, Fran Anderson, Carrie de la Fuente, Nico de la Fuente*
11:00 Hosts: *Richard and Marilyn Damberg*

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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



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8:30 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.