

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

AUGUST 13, 2017 at 8:30 A.M.

Welcome to All

All are invited to stay for refreshments after worship, 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

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ SONGS of PRAISE

This Is the Day UMH 657

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made.

Let us rejoice, let us rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

Blessed Be the Name UMH 63

Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name of the Lord! Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name of the Lord!

✠ CALL to WORSHIP Phil Slicker

We have encountered the Word, calling us into communion with God and with each other,

And calling us into discipleship to carry on Christ's work in our world.

So we come together here, joining hands in the great quest:

To worship God, to love each other, and to serve the world.

Call to Worship from Dr. Ruth Duck

✠ HYMN There's Something About that Name UMH 171

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!

There's just something about that name!

Master, Savior, Jesus!

Like the fragrance after the rain.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!

Let all heaven and earth proclaim:

Kings and kingdoms will all pass away, but there's something about that name!

LISTENING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Darlene Dickson

Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.

✠ SCRIPTURE Mark 6:35-42

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER together

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, thou who are my strength and my redeemer. Amen.

Based on Psalm 19:14

MESSAGE "Back to School: Oh the Places St. John's Will Go!" Pastor Julia

✠ HYMN O Jesus, I Have Promised UMH 96

RESPONDING

A TIME of REMEMBRANCE

PRAYER of CONFESSION AND WORDS of PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(A time for silent prayer)

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

✠ SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST

OFFERING GOD'S TITHES and GIFTS Special Music

✠ 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!

✠ CALL to the TABLE: Let us stand well. Let us stand in awe. Let us be attentive, that we may offer this holy offering in peace.

Mercy and peace, our sacrifice of praise.

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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:

Singing together:

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

Pastor continues the Thanksgiving.

The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled; the pastor continues:

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:

Singing together:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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

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

Singing together:

Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

GIVING 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.

PRAYER after RECEIVING:

Jesus, once and for all you poured out your life for us. Again and again we thank you and receive your body and blood. Send us out to pour ourselves out with such joyous abandon that your love is always known, the Spirit's power always felt and the Almighty's will to save never in doubt. 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 What a Friend We Have in Jesus UMH 526

✠ BLESSING and SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

All are invited to stay for refreshments in the Family Life Center.

The flowers on the altar are given by Phil and Jill Slicker in celebration of the birth of our first great-grandson, Weston Paul Armand.

CONNECT WITH US

Name

Email

Phone

Service Opportunities

I am interested in ...

(check all that apply)

- teaching children's Sunday school
- volunteering during Sunday night Youth Group
- learning how to serve in The Shepherd's Market
- occasionally volunteering in the church office

PRAYER REQUEST FORM

Joy Concern

- Please share with the prayer team
- Please share with pastors only
- I desire a call
- I desire a visit

You may also email a prayer request to: prayers@stjohnsbr.org.

August 13, 2017
8:30 a.m.
Connections Card

Welcome...

Guests and members, please let us know you are here by filling out this card and placing it in the offering plate. We want to match your face with your name. Thanks for helping us be a better church.

(Please print)

Attended...

8:30 a.m. Worship

I am a:

First time guest

We are glad you're here! Pick up your Welcome Bag from a Host in the Narthex.

Returning guest

Regular attender

Interested in becoming a member of St. John's

St. John's member

Updated information below

Name(s)

Address

City, State & ZIP

Phone

Home Cell Add to text messaging list

Email

Other Email

Other Cell

Children living at home (names, ages/grades):

Please place in offering plate

(See reverse to connect with us.)

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. Restrooms are in the Narthex. ALL are welcome!

BACK TO SCHOOL WORSHIP SERIES CONTINUES

Through our "Back to School" worship series we will brush up on the basics of faith and discipleship. Through this series, we will learn how the spiritual practices of prayer, outreach, worship, generosity, developing a "Rule of Life" and witnessing about our faith can help us soar in the "School of Life."

SHARING ST. JOHN'S

A "LISTENING TOUR" BY OUR NEW PASTORS

Invitations are going out for neighborhood gatherings scheduled for August and September. If we have an email address you will receive an invitation electronically; if we do not have an email address you will be sent an invitation through the mail. If we do not have an email or your current address and you would like to attend a Sharing St. John's gathering, please contact the church office.

HEAVENLY HASH RETURNS THIS WEDNESDAY

DON'T FORGET - Heavenly Hash this **Wednesday, August 16** at 6 p.m. Please plan to join us! If you or a group would like to fix a meal for 50 - 65 people, please contact Deirdre' to let her know. A love offering is taken up at each meal to help defray the costs.

JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY AT ST. JOHN'S

The Chancel Choir has resumed rehearsals on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room. Nursery is available. No experience reCHOIRED! We sing at 11:00 a.m. worship service each Sunday. Please join us! Alleluia Ringers resume rehearsals this afternoon at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please note the earlier rehearsal time. If you have any questions, please contact Carrie at carriestephens@stjohnsbr.org

DAYS FOR GIRLS - SUMMER 2017

The UMW is sponsoring work days to make 50 more Days for Girls kits. Join us on **August 19 and 26** from 9 a.m. to noon in the FLC. Sewers and non-sewers are welcome! **We are accepting these donations:** money to purchase fabric; new, girls cotton panties sizes 10, 12 or 14 in dark to medium colors, solids or flowers, no character or animal prints; new, dark to medium colored washcloths; and Ziploc brand gallon sized freezer bags (no slide closures). Contact Joyce Perry, 763-6613 or joyce.perry@cox.net for more information.

JOIN OUR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

717 GROUP ON WEDNESDAYS

If you are 40 or under and a young professional, join us at George's Southside on Highland Road at 7:17 p.m. each Wednesday for fellowship and study. If you would like to know more, please contact Pastor Julia at pastorjulia@stjohnsbr.org.

VOLUNTEER IN THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET

If you would like to volunteer in The Shepherd's Market, help is needed in Intake where all clients are checked in prior to shopping. Someone will be there to guide you through the simple process of verifying information to make sure it is up to date. Help is particularly needed on Thursday mornings. Please contact Theresa Sandifer if you are able to help (337-1306).

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 13

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, *Campus wide*
12:15 p.m. Children & Youth Team, *Library*
4:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*
5:00 p.m. Youth, *207 Admin Building*

Monday, August 14

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
10:00 a.m. Let's Geaux Play, *Toddler Nursery*
11:00 a.m. Grief Sharing, *Library*
3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, *Library*
3:30 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
6:00 p.m. Sharing St. John's, *Stone Residence*
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

Tuesday, August 15

8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, *FLC*
8:30 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, *Parlor*

Wednesday, August 16

4:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*
6:00 p.m. Heavenly Hash, *FLC*
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, *Sanctuary*
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, *Choir Room*
7:17 p.m. 717 Group, *George's Southside*

Thursday, August 17

8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*
8:30 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
6:00 p.m. Church Council, *FLC*
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

Friday, August 18

OFFICE CLOSED
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*
9:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts, *FLC-A*

Saturday, August 19

9:00 a.m. Days for Girls, *FLC*
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Ushers: *Jim and Theresa Sandifer, Lynn Cooper, Susan Johnston*
Host: *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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ST. JOHN'S

United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



8:30 a.m. *Worship Service*
AUGUST 13, 2017

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.