

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2016  
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

MINISTRY MOMENT The Walk  
Danielle Blackwood, Phil Slicker

CALL TO WORSHIP  
Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and sin that clings so closely,  
**And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.**

Let us look to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.  
**For the joy set before him, he endured the cross and is seated at the right hand of God the Father.**  
Let us sing praises the Lamb who was slain, Jesus Christ our Savior.

SONGS OF PRAISE FWS 2018  
*Honor and Praise*  
Righteous and holy in all of your ways;  
we come before you with honor and praise.  
Here to adore you for all of our days,  
we come before you with honor and praise.  
Lord of the heavens, how faithful you are.  
Shine down upon us, O bright Morning Star.  
Righteous and holy in all of your ways;  
we come before you with honor and praise.

*We are God’s People* FWS 2220  
We are God’s people, the chosen of the Lord,  
born of the Spirit, established by the Word.  
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Christ we stand;  
O let us live transparently  
and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

PRAYER  
**O creator and almighty God,  
you have promised strength for the weak,  
rest for the laborers, light for the way,  
grace for the trials, help from above,  
unfailing sympathy, undying love.  
O creator and almighty God,  
help us to trust you and continue in your promise.  
For the glory of Jesus, we pray.  
Amen.**

(Traditional Prayer, Pakistan, alt.)

**THE WORD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 883  
A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Heather Durham

SCRIPTURE *Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2* Virginia Lipscomb

SERMON *The Gospel According to Ahmed and His Tribe* Pastor Jay

HYMN *Spirit Song* UMH 347

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON  
**Merciful God, we confess that we are often swept up in the tide of our generation. We have failed in our calling to be your holy people, a people set apart for your divine purpose. We live more in apathy about the struggles of others than in a passion born of hope for all your creation. We are moved more by our own ambition than by social justice. We dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and sacrifice. We try to speak in your name without denying our need for glory, without nourishing our spirits, without relying wholly on your grace. Help us to make room in our hearts and lives for you. Forgive us, revive us, and reshape us in your image. Amen.\***

(silent confession)

Hear the good news: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

THE PEACE  
OFFERTORY *Who at My Door is Standing* Praise Team

DOXOLOGY UMH 94

**THE TABLE**  
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.**

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE III UMH 15

COMMUNION RESPONSES FWS 2257

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

\*SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP  
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.**

**SENT FORTH IN GOD’S NAME**  
HYMN *Jesus is All the World to Me* UMH 469  
vs 1 & 4

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *Since Jesus Came Into My Heart* Praise Team

\*Gluten-free communion is offered to anyone who desires it; when you come up to the altar, let the server know you would like to receive the gluten-free elements.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE ...**  
given by Jane, David, and Carl Carpenter  
in memory of Stanley Carpenter, husband and father.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**  
Ushers Barbara Benton, Randy Thayer, Joyce Robinson, Fran Anderson  
Host(s) Kathy King

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**  
**Sunday, August 14**  
5:00 p.m. Youth, 207 Admin Building  
5:00 p.m. **Bible 101, Library**

**Monday, August 15**  
9:00 a.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor  
3:00 p.m. Men’s Covenant Group, Library  
4:00 p.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC-Gym  
5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor

**Tuesday, August 16**  
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC-Gym  
9:00 a.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC-Gym  
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor  
6:30 p.m. Praise Team, Choir room

**Wednesday, August 17**  
5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, FLC-A  
6:00 p.m. Men’s Group, George’s Southside  
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 18**  
6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor  
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library  
9:00 a.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC-Gym  
6:30 p.m. Church Council, Library  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

**Friday, August 19**  
OFFICE CLOSED  
5:30 p.m. Mental Health Training, Parlor & Library

**Saturday, August 20**  
9:00 a.m. Mental Health Training, Parlor & Library  
9:00 a.m. Days for Girls, FLC-Gym  
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
AUG 21 Bible 101 (and Aug 28)  
SEP 11 Presentation of Bibles  
11 Youth: Dinner for Congregation  
18 St. John’s 101 (and Sep 25, Oct 2)  
25 Blessing of Pets  
OCT 2 Fall Blood Drive, UMW Mission Fair  
8 Health Fair (St. John’s and community)  
16 Stewardship Begins (through Oct 30)  
29 Church-wide Workday  
30 Commitment Sunday, Church-wide Brunch  
30 Trunk or Treat

**DON’T FORGET - DAYS FOR GIRLS  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 9 A.M. - NOON  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER/GYM**

**PRAYER REQUEST FORM**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Joy  Concern

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

You may also email a prayer request to: [prayers@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:prayers@stjohnsbr.org)

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

Philippians 4:6

## WELCOME

If you would like someone to follow up with you please fill out the information below and place in the offering plate.

- I am just visiting today.
- I am new to the area and am looking for a church home.
- I would like more information about the United Methodist Church and St. John's.
- I am interested in Baptism or Confirmation.
- I am interested in Children's Ministries.
- I am interested in Youth Ministries.
- I am interested in College/Young Adult Ministries.
- I would like to receive email communications about church life.
- I would like a call from a pastor.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Children (Names & Ages): \_\_\_\_\_

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### BIBLE 101: AN INTRODUCTION TO READING SCRIPTURE BEGINS TODAY!

As Christians, we know we're supposed to read our Bibles, but have you ever wondered, "Where do I begin?" Join Pastor Jay and Deacon Sarah, **TODAY**, in the library at 5 p.m., for this three-week study that starts at the very beginning. Perfect for adults of all ages who are new to reading scripture on their own or who want a refresher course. Everyone is invited - bring your favorite version of the Bible.

### ASSOCI-EIGHTS COMING IN SEPTEMBER!

Associ-eights is a short-term fellowship opportunity for members and friends of St. John's to gather in small groups for meals and fellowship. Sign up online at [www.stjohnsbr.org/associ-eights](http://www.stjohnsbr.org/associ-eights) or pick up a registration form in the back of the sanctuary. Deadline to sign up is **August 21**

### THANKS, ST. JOHN'S

It is with gratitude and utmost humility that I am writing this letter... Being selected as a recipient of the Fendlason Scholarship is both a privilege and an honor. Thank you for your continued, generous financial support of my seminary education. Eugene W. Bryson III.

Thank you for selecting me as the recipient of the Fendlason Scholarship. I am excited you have chosen to partner with me in my journey in pursuing God's call on my life to become a pastor. This scholarship will greatly help make this journey possible. Sincerely, Allison K. Glass.

### USHERS NEEDED

Want to help out at church but obligations during the week keep you from it? Have we got an opportunity for you! Here is something you can do only on Sunday! Be an usher!! We need ushers at both the 8:30 and 11 worship services. If you are ready to be a part of the worship service in this way, contact Fran Anderson at 324-5040 or [frances\\_anderson11@yahoo.com](mailto:frances_anderson11@yahoo.com).

### NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR ADULTS

*The Quad* is a new class that gathered for their first meeting on Sunday, August 7 in the Family Life Center Room D. Based on the "Wesleyan Quadrilateral" of Scripture, Tradition, Reason, and Experience, the class invites all adults, single or married to join them.

### MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Daphne Grady will be leading an 8-hour training class to teach participants how to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. The first session will be on **Friday, August 19, 5:30-9:30 p.m.** and **Sat., August 20, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.** The first 15 to register will be accepted into the class. The registration fee is \$30, checks made out to NAMI Baton Rouge, and mailed to Daphne Grady, 7515 Sheringham Ave., Baton Rouge 70808.

### YOUTH IGNITE! SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

Youth Ignite is a day where the Baton Rouge and New Orleans district youth groups gather together at Camp Istrouma for games, worship, and fellowship! Cost is \$30 with a t-shirt, or \$20 without a t-shirt. Bring a swimsuit & towel because there will be swimming! We will meet at St. John's at 8 a.m. to go as a group to Camp Istrouma. Please let Miss Lorri know if you are going by Sunday, August 14. **PARENTS: DRIVERS ARE NEEDED! PLEASE CONTACT LORRI IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP. MANY THANKS.**

## SERMON NOTES

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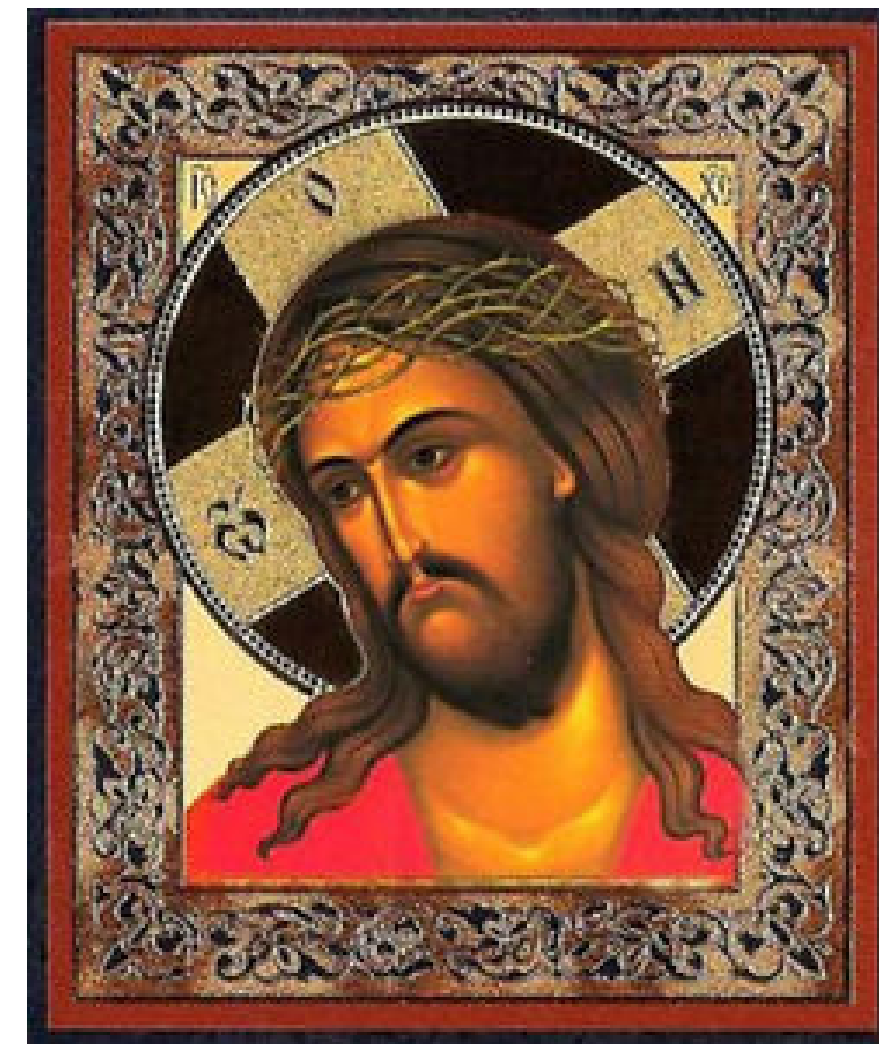


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## 8:30 Worship Service August 14, 2016

### Mission Statement

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.