

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

AUGUST 20, 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.*

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: The Heart of Worship” Pastor Lane

✠ HYMN *Come! Come! Everybody Worship* FWS 2271, vs. 1-3

RESPONDING

PRAYER of CONFESSION *and* ASSURANCE of PARDON

God of mercy, hear the prayers of your thirsting people:
For every time we have attributed your miracles
in our lives to our own hands alone,
Forgive us, we pray.

For every time we promised to trust you
but turned to our own way when your response
did not come soon enough or in the way we expected,
Grant us mercy, O God.

For every time we have prayed empty prayers
and offered hollow worship,
Inspire us to worship in spirit and truth.

For the many opportunities to extend forgiveness
that we have refused,

Show us what it means to love, again, dear Lord.

For each way we put our own understandings above your
wisdom, For each time we resist your command to be
reconciled with those who believe differently from us,
Direct us in the way of peace, we pray.

For our silent sins, our quiet acts of violence,
and our indifference to the suffering round us,
**Forgive us, Loving One, and quench our thirst
with your grace; Remake us into vessels
of tenderness and compassion.
For Christ's sake we pray. Amen.**

(A time for silent confession)

The Water of Life flows with abundance
to fill us with hope, to cleanse us of our guilt
and to offer us new life.

Washed in the Living Water, we are forgiven
and set free to live abundant life in spirit and truth.
Thanks and praise to God. Amen.

✠ SHARING *the* PEACE of CHRIST

OFFERING GOD'S TITHES *and* GIFTS Heart of Worship

✠ 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.

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.**

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:

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 DISCIPLESHP

*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 *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding* FWS 2103

✠ 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 Mark and Mary Northington in
celebration of their 46th wedding anniversary and
the birth of their new granddaughter.*

CONNECT WITH US

Name

Email

Phone

Service Opportunities

I am interested in ...

(check all that apply)

- serving as a Reader during worship
- learning how to operate the video camera to film the sermon
- serving as an Usher during worship
- serving as Welcome Host before and after worship
- 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.

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

GATHERING

GREETING *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ SONGS of PRAISE

Sanctuary FWS 2164

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.**

My Life Is In You, Lord FWS 2032

**My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;
my hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you.
My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;
my hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you.
I will praise you with all of my life,
I will praise you with all of my strength;
with all of my life, with all of my strength.
All of my hope is in you.**

**My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;
my hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you.**

✠ CALL *to* WORSHIP *Based on Psalm 96*

We come in reverent awe before the Lord our God -
great is the Lord!

**We come, to join with all creation
in singing new songs to the Lord our God.**

We come in worship and praise -
for the Lord God is worthy of our praise!

**We come, to share together
the news of our Glorious Lord's saving deeds.**

We come with songs and prayers -
to give well-deserved glory to the Lord!

**We come, to bring our offerings of worship and
praise to the Lord our God,
whose holy splendor, honor, and majesty
shines forth from God's presence. Amen.**

✠ SONG of RESPONSE

Come and Fill Our Hearts FWS 2157

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.**

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia

LISTENING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Heather Durham

Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.

✠ SCRIPTURE *John 4:13-26*

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

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." Next Sunday's Reading: Luke 19:1-10.

SHARING ST. JOHN'S

A "LISTENING TOUR" BY OUR NEW PASTORS

Invitations have gone out for neighborhood gatherings scheduled for August and September. 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 IS THIS WEDNESDAY

DON'T FORGET - Heavenly Hash this Wednesday, August 23 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.

AUDIO-VISUAL HELP NEEDED

The Communications Team is looking for volunteers to help record the sermons each week. Duties will be simple -- turn on the camera, line up the shot and hit record, turning everything off at the end of the service. Training will be provided. Be part of this important worship ministry that connects us even when we're apart on Sunday mornings. Sign up on the Connections Card or email bert.stone@gmail.com.

DAYS FOR GIRLS - SUMMER 2017

Join us on Saturday, August 26 from 9 a.m. to noon in the FLC to finish up our 50 kits. Sewers and non-sewers are welcome! We are accepting donations of new, girls cotton panties sizes 10, 12 or 14 in dark to medium colors, solids or flowers, no character or animal prints, and money to purchase fabric. For more information, contact Joyce Perry, 763-6613 or joyce.perry@cox.net.

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.

LAGNIAPPE COUNTRY WALK TO EMMAUS

St. John's has a sizeable contingent of Emmaus and Cursillo alumni. Next month is the Women's Walk to Emmaus (September 14-17) and the Men's Walk to Emmaus (September 28 - October 1). If you are interested in attending this 3-day event of spiritual renewal, contact Theresa Sandifer (337-1306 or tsandifero829@gmail.com).

LET'S GEAX PLAY

The Let's Geaux Play group will NOT meet on Monday, August 21. Let's Geaux Play will resume on Monday, August 28 and have a splash day!

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 20

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Campus wide
4:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Youth, 207 Admin Building

Monday, August 21

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor
1:00 p.m. GSQA Committee, FLC-A
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, Blackwood Residence
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Tuesday, August 22

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 23

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 24

8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library
8:30 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
6:00 p.m. Sharing St. John's, Perry Residence
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, August 25

OFFICE CLOSED
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Parlor
8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, FLC
9:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts, FLC-A

Saturday, August 26

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

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Remember to pray for **The Walk**.
"...for we walk by faith, not by sight." - 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NRSV)
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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



8:30 a.m. Worship Service
AUGUST 20, 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.