

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2016
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONGS OF PRAISE

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise FWS 2031
We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving;
and we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.

What a Mighty God We Serve FWS 2021
What a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve,
what a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve!
Let us sing and praise the Lord, let us sing and praise the Lord,
let us sing and praise the Lord, let us sing and praise the Lord!

PRAYER

God our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer - we struggle to make sense of chaos caused by rising waters. We believe you work for good and love us as your children. We believe Lord, please help our unbelief. For the thousands in our community who suffer the destruction caused by floods and face now the long journey of rebuilding, God grant your peace and your strength. Help us to share your love, your comfort and your inspiration. Pour through us, Holy Spirit of God, and renew us to do your work in the world around us. For the glory of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Deacon Sarah

A TESTIMONY OF FAITH:
THE GIFT OF POETRY A Reading by Claire Dixon

SCRIPTURE *Hebrews 13:1-7, 16*

SERMON *Everything That Really Ever Mattered about the Good News of Jesus I Just Learned in a Week at St. John’s* Pastor Jay

HYMN *Take My Life and Let It Be* UMH 399

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. Despite our best efforts, 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.

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

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 *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* FWS 2241

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *Living for Jesus* Praise Team

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*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 ...

in honor of Susan Johnston on her birthday, with love from all of her children.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Donnie and Susan Lambert, Darren and Chris Stubbs
Host(s)	Jim and Theresa Sandifer

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 21

3:30 p.m. Transition Team, Library
5:00 p.m. Youth & Parents Meeting, 207 Admin Building
5:00 p.m. **Bible 101, Library**

Monday, August 22

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 23

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 24

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 25

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
11:00 a.m. VIPS Training, Library
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, August 26

OFFICE CLOSED
8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, FLC-Gym

Saturday, August 27

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	Narthex Ground Breaking
	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

ASSOCI-EIGHTS COMING IN SEPTEMBER!

TODAY is the last day to sign up for Associ-eights, 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 or use the registration form in today’s bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

PRAYER REQUEST FORM

Date _____

Joy Concern

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

“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): _____

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.

THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET

There will be a Food Bank delivery on **Friday, August 26**. If you are able please come to the FLC-Gym at 8:30 a.m. to help stock shelves. We appreciate any amount of time you can give us. Please look for updates on the delivery date - The Food Bank received a lot of damage in the flood. Please watch church communications for further information.

UMW RUTH CIRCLE

The UMW Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, September 6** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Pat Lively will present the program on hymns performed by popular musicians. All women are invited.

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.

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.

DAYS FOR GIRLS

The Days for Girls Project has been canceled for now but will be rescheduled for a later date. Please watch church communications for further information.

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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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



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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.