

# The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

AUGUST 27, 2017

at 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 able. Bold indicates congregational response.

## GATHERING

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

† CALL to WORSHIP Ray Halliburton

With steadfast love and growing faith,  
**We come as the people of Christ.**

With prayers of hope, faithful offerings,  
and songs of joy,

**We come to worship God, our eternal  
and ever-loving Provider.**

With thankful hearts and humble prayers,

**We come to celebrate the love and  
generosity of Jesus Christ.**

**Inspire us to respond with that same  
kind of faithful stewardship. Amen.**

† HYMN of PRAISE UMH 349  
*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

† PRAYER Ray Halliburton

**O God,  
Sometimes we cannot see you.  
We search for you and have to strain to hear  
your voice.  
And yet you come to us where we are,  
in our broken lives.  
You forgive us and change our hearts  
through the grace of your son Jesus  
and his liberating love.  
Forgive us again,  
as we thank you for your ever-abiding presence.  
Open our hearts to receive the invitation  
of Jesus to come and share life with you.  
Release us from our smallness,  
and create a spirit of generosity and love  
in all that we do.  
For we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.**

† GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

**Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

## LISTENING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Sarah Prevot  
*Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.*

ANTHEM SPECIAL MUSIC

† SCRIPTURE *Luke 19:1-10* Ray Halliburton  
<sup>1</sup>Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. <sup>2</sup>A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup>He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. <sup>4</sup>So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup>So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. <sup>7</sup>All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." <sup>8</sup>Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." <sup>9</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

*from the New Revised Standard Version*

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 Through Generosity" Pastor Lane

† HYMN of FAITH UMH 273  
*Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands*

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
*Adapted from The World Methodist Social Affirmation*

**We believe in God, creator of the world and of  
all people;  
and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us,  
who died and rose again;  
and in the Holy Spirit,  
present with us to guide, strengthen,  
and comfort.**

**We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom:  
in the upholding of human dignity and community;  
in every expression of love, justice, and  
reconciliation;  
in each act of self-giving on behalf of others;  
in the abundance of God's gifts  
entrusted to us that all may have enough;  
in all responsible use of the earth's resources.**

**We confess our sin, individual and collective,  
by silence or action  
through the violation of human dignity  
based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith;  
through the exploitation of people  
because of greed and indifference;  
through the misuse of power  
in personal, communal, national, and  
international life;  
through the search for security  
by those military and economic forces  
that threaten human existence;  
through the abuse of technology  
which endangers the earth and all life upon it.  
We commit ourselves individually and as a community  
to the way of Christ:  
to take up the cross;  
to seek abundant life for all humanity;  
to struggle for peace with justice and freedom;  
to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love,  
praying that God's kingdom may come.  
Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

## RESPONDING

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING GOD'S TITHES and GIFTS

† DOXOLOGY UMH 95  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. 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 of DISCIPLESHIP UMH 399  
*Take My Life, and Let It Be*

† BLESSING and SENDING FORTH

† POSTLUDE

*The flowers on the altar are in remembrance of  
Jere Johnston on this his birthday.  
So thankful you were a part of life. Susan.*

## 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

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- 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 27, 2017  
11 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...

11 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. Today's focus is on Generosity. Next Sunday's Reading is Exodus 14:9-15.

### SHARING ST. JOHN'S A "LISTENING TOUR" BY OUR NEW PASTORS

If you did not receive an invitation to a neighborhood gathering, please call the church office: 766-4594.

### 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. Sign up on the Connections Card or email bert.stone@gmail.com.

### NEWCOMER COFFEE

New to St. John's? Or have you been attending for awhile and simply want to know more about our church family? We invite you to join us for an informal gathering at 10 a.m. on September 10 in Pastor Lane's office. You'll get better acquainted with the missions and ministries of St. John's and also meet other new friends in the life of the church.

### VOLLEYBALL RETURNS TUESDAY NIGHTS!

Have you been anxiously waiting for Tuesday night volleyball to return to St. John's? Come to the FLC on Tuesday, August 29 at 6 p.m. when we will begin weekly coed volleyball - no age limits. Come on out!

### SELF-TAUGHT SPANISH LESSONS

If you are interested in learning Spanish, come to the library every Wednesday beginning August 30 at 10 a.m. You will need the text, *Spanish Now!* Level 1, eighth ed.; available from Barnes & Noble or Amazon. Contact Judy Barbay at 939-1623 for more information.

### CANCER SURVIVORS SUPPORT GROUP

A support group for cancer survivors and their care givers is in the process of being formed. An organizational meeting is being held on Tuesday, September 5 at 6 p.m. in the library. Contact Jim Roberts at 933-0457 for more information

### LECTIONARY LADIES

This new group will meet on Mondays beginning September 11 from 3-4 p.m. in the parlor to read and discuss the weekly scriptures. There is no need to sign up, if you are interested just meet in the parlor.

### STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

Thank you for your generosity to the missions and ministries of St. John's. As of June 30, we have received 46% of the budgeted pledges. If you would like to know how you're doing on your annual pledge, please contact the church office. Through June, we have spent 51% of our estimated annual budget, including Vacation Bible School and youth activities, updates to our facilities, including termite treatments, and expenses related to the transition of pastors, plus, much more! Thank you for being a part of the mission of St. John's.

## HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 27

GROCERY BAG SUNDAY

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 28

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*

10:00 a.m. Let's Geaux Play (Splash Day), *Highland Rd. Park*

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, *Henson Residence*

6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

Tuesday, August 29

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 30

10:00 a.m. Self-taught Spanish Class, *Library*

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*

6:30 p.m. SPRC, *Parlor*

7:17 p.m. 717 Group, *George's Southside*

Thursday, August 31

8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*

8:30 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*

6:00 p.m. Sharing St. John's, *Sprunger Residence*

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

Friday, September 1

OFFICE CLOSED

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*

9:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts, *FLC-A*

Saturday, September 2

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

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Ushers: *Brian and Danielle Blackwood, Penny Kemler, Fran Anderson* 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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11 a.m. Worship Service

AUGUST 27, 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.