

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

AUGUST 27, 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

Jesus, We Are Here FWS 2273, v 1, 2, 4

**Jesus, we are here; Jesus, we are here;
Jesus, we are here; we are here for you.
Savior, we are here; ...
Spirit, we are here; ...**

More Precious than Silver FWS 2065

**Lord, you are more precious than silver.
Lord, you are more costly than gold.
Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds,
and nothing I desire compares with you.**

✝ CALL to WORSHIP Guy Johnson

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.**

✝ SONG of RESPONSE

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus UMH 349

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of his glory and grace.**

LISTENING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Sarah Prevot

Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.

✝ SCRIPTURE Guy Johnson

Luke 19:1-10

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

RESPONDING

PRAYER of CONFESSION

**Lord, we confess our day to day failure
to be truly human.
We often fail to love with all we have and are,
often because we do not fully understand what
loving means,
often because we are afraid of risking ourselves.
We cut ourselves off from each other and
we erect barriers of division.
Lord, we confess that by silence and
ill-considered word we have built up
walls of prejudice.
By selfishness and lack of sympathy we have stifled
generosity and left little time for others.
Holy Spirit, speak to us. Help us listen to your
word of forgiveness,
Come, fill this moment and free us from sin.**

(a time for personal confession)

WORDS of ASSURANCE *and* PARDON

The scriptures tell us that God's love will find us
no matter how far away we are from the Word.
Just as Jesus found Zacchaeus hiding in a tree,
God will find us and bring us home.
It does not matter what we have done wrong,
we still belong to God.
We have the assurance that God forgives us.
**This is the good news of the Gospel!
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

✝ SHARING *the* PEACE of CHRIST

OFFERING GOD'S TITHES *and* GIFTS Betty Schroeder,

John Toney

Medley

✝ 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 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

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

*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

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 27, 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. 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, *FLC*

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:

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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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United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



8:30 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.