

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016
11 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

CALL TO WORSHIP Zach Isenhower

Tell the timid to take heart.

The Lord our God will come!

Share with the anxious, the lonely, the poor, the fearful

That Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace.

He is the one who rebukes the wind and the seas, saying
“Peace, be still.”

Lead us to great faith, O Lord, by your gift of peace.

OPENING HYMN: *Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates* UMH 213
Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart from
earthly use for heaven’s employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come, with us abide; our hearts to thee we open wide; let
us thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in us reveal.

Thy Holy Spirit lead us on until our glorious goal is won; eternal
praise, eternal fame be offered, Savior, to thy name!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Marilyn Crake and
Caress Crake Threadgill with Brent and Eric

As the Advent season continues, our lives become more and more
hectic. There is so much to do, so many preparations to make.
We’re caught up in a whirlwind of activity, all our regular duties plus
shopping, visiting, entertaining, and so much more. But still, in the
midst of these tasks , we remain alert, we do not forget our Lord who
will come as a baby and the Good News he brings us.

The Good News, which begins with a promise, will also surround us in
our busyness with peace. We think of disciples caught in a storm on
the lake and the quiet words of their Master, as he spoke to the raging
winds, “Peace. Be still.”

We light again the candle of Promise and light also the second candle
in our Advent Wreath, the candle of Peace.

**Lord, come soon. We watch and wait for your Good News
which brings us Peace.**

SONG OF RESPONSE *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* UMH 204
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

PRAYER Zach Isenhower
**Merciful God, you sent your prophets to preach repentance
and the promise of salvation. Give us grace to heed their
warnings, and urge us to turn from our sins. Inspire us to
receive the good news of your peace - the fulness of your
goodness in our lives. Make us whole and holy that we might
share your peace in word and action this day. Amen.**

THE WORD

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Marilyn Damberg

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 11:1-10, Mark 4:35-41

SERMON *W(h)ole Makers?* Pastor Jay

HYMN: *It Came Upon A Midnight Clear* UMH 218, v 1, 3, 4
It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from
angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold: “Peace
on the earth, good will to men, from heaven’s all-gracious king.”
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

And ye, beneath life’s crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow, look
now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing. O rest
beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old, when with
the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold when peace shall
over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and the whole world
send back the song which now the angels sing.

PRAYER, CONFESSION, PARDON

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace.

**Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land
with your healing love. We confess we sin and fall short of
your glory.**

**Melt our hard hearts. Lead us to turn away from our sin
of fear and pride. Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love
that casts out our fear for the glory of your name.**

(silent confession)

Hear the good news: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger
and abounding in steadfast love. May God’s peace now rule in our
hearts. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

THE PEACE

TESTIMONY OF MINISTRY -
UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY Alex Martin

OFFERTORY *Advent Kyrie* Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

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

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

*GIVING 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

CLOSING HYMN: *Christ Is the World’s Light* UMH 188, vs. 1, 2
Christ is the world’s light, Christ and none other; born in our
darkness, he became our brother. If we have seen him, we have seen
the Father: Glory to God on high!

Christ is the world’s peace, Christ and none other; no one can serve
him and despise another. Who else unites us, one in God the Father?
Glory to God on high!

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*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 Richard Damberg in (early) celebration
of Marilyn Damberg’s birthday..

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Bill Adams, Wanda Nelson, Kelly and Mary Martha Allen
Host(s)	Joyce Perry

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 4

10:00 a.m. Pastor’s Class
5:00 p.m. Youth, 207 Admin Building
5:00 p.m. Children’s Choir, FLC
6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, FLC

Monday, December 5

9:00 a.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor
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

Tuesday, December 6

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
11:00 a.m. Ruth Circle UMW, Koonce Residence

Wednesday, December 7

4:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor
5:45 p.m. Praise Team, Choir Room
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, FLC
7:17 p.m. 717 Group, George’s Southside

Thursday, December 8

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library
8:30 a.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, December 9

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

Saturday, December 10

8:30 a.m. Prime Timers Breakfast, Essen Piccadilly
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

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): _____

THE WESLEY FOUNDATION AT LSU

This Sunday is United Methodist Student Day. When students go away for college, ministries like the LSU Wesley Foundation step into the gap and provide a chance to grow, laugh, and serve during those very formative years. This vital ministry depends on individual and local church support to provide study space, missions trips, and many other opportunities for college students. Please join us in praying for college students near and far, and if you would like to help support LSU Wesley make your checks out to St. John's UMC with Wesley Foundation in the memo line.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

THE RUTH CIRCLE will meet **Tuesday, December 6** at 11 a.m. for their annual Christmas party at the home of Judy Koonce (6990 S. Fieldgate Court). Everyone is to bring a side dish or a dessert. THE MARY MARTHA CIRCLE will meet on **Tuesday, December 13** at 7 p.m. at the home of Joyce Perry (404 Kenilworth Parkway) for their annual Christmas party. Please bring a snack to share.

ADVENT FESTIVAL IN FAMILY LIFE CENTER SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 3 P.M.

It's once again time for our annual Advent Festival. Come and enjoy the season with an afternoon of music, drama, merriment, and fellowship. After the program everyone is invited to a cookie reception where there will be lots of homemade cookies.

If you would like to make cookies for the reception, please bring them to the kitchen Sunday morning (marked "Advent Festival") or just prior to the event.

PRIME TIMERS BREAKFAST

Join us on Saturday, December 10 at 8:30 a.m. for a Dutch-treat breakfast at the Piccadilly on Essen. Eat a power breakfast before you start on your Christmas shopping!

THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET

TODAY IS GROCERY BAG SUNDAY. If you were unable to bring in your yellow shopping bag, you can bring it by the church office during regular office hours.

A FOOD BANK DELIVERY is scheduled for **Friday, December 9** at 8:30 a.m. In this busy season, if you can help for just one hour it will be greatly appreciated.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: It's time for our sixth annual Great Turkey Giveaway **Saturday, December 17**. We will need plenty of volunteers as we will be set up in a drive through pattern in the side parking lot bringing the turkeys and groceries to the cars instead of folks standing in line to come into the gym. Because of this, in addition to all of the food duty volunteers and the check-in volunteers, we will need volunteers to direct traffic into and out of the parking lot.

OPENING DOORS

Did you know Opening Doors has a website? Check us out at openingdoorsbr.org to see the many wonderful things undertaken by this non-profit organization. Go to the photos tab and see our members shopping for the Holiday Superstore which benefits the children of Charlie Thomas Head Start Center in the Gardere area.

THANKS, ST. JOHN'S

Many thanks to St. John's UMC for providing a place for 700 gift bags to be assembled to be delivered to the women of the Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women. Thanks also to St. John's members and youth who served as the hands and feet of Christ by helping to assemble the bags. This project was undertaken to replace some of the items that were lost when the prison was flooded.

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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ST. JOHN'S
United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



Awaiting - acrylic on panel by Billie Bourgeois

**What Is the Good News?
God's Peace**

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2016**

11 a.m. Worship Service

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.