

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016  
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP Sandra Kuykendall  
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.**

SONG OF PRAISE: *Glorify Thy Name* FWS 2016, v 1  
Father, we love you, we worship and adore you,  
glorify thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name  
glorify thy name in all the earth.

SONG OF PRAISE: *Come 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 !

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Susan Johnston, Sarah  
and Kevin Rispone with Philip, Hazel, and Ada  
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 Sandra Kuykendall  
**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 - Alex Martin  
UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY

OFFERTORY *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

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

\*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 *Until Jesus Comes*

\*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	
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Putzig, David and Tina Henson, Susan Johnston
<b>Host(s)</b>	Kathy King

HAPPENING THIS WEEK	
<b>Sunday, December 4</b>	
10:00 a.m.	Pastor’s Class
5:00 p.m.	Youth, 207 Admin Building
6:00 p.m.	Alleluia Ringers, FLC

<b>Monday, December 5</b>	
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

<b>Tuesday, December 6</b>	
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

<b>Wednesday, December 7</b>	
4:00 p.m.	Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor
6:00 p.m.	Men’s Group, George’s Southside
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

<b>Thursday, December 8</b>	
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

<b>Friday, December 9</b>	
OFFICE CLOSED	
8:30 a.m.	Food Bank Delivery, FLC

<b>Saturday, December 10</b>	
8:30 a.m.	Prime Timers Breakfast, Essen Piccadilly
12:00 p.m.	AA Meeting, FLC-C

**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

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Minor Children (Names & Ages):

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### 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](http://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**  
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*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**

**8:30 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.*