

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016  
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

**THE WORD**

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Natalie Cooper

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 7:10-17, Matthew 1:18-25

SERMON *All We Could Do* Pastor Jay

HYMN: *He Came Down* FWS 2085  
He came down that we may have love; He came down that we may have love; He came down that we may have love; Hallelujah for evermore.

He came down that we may have peace; . . .

He came down that we may have joy; . . .

PRAYER, CONFESSION, PARDON

**Almighty and merciful God, you know the thoughts of our hearts. We confess that we have sinned against you and done evil in your sight. We have transgressed your holy laws. We have disregarded your Word and Sacraments. We ignore your presence in our lives and tend to go our own way. Forgive us, O Lord. Give us grace and power to put away all hurtful things, and deliver us from the bondage of sin that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance. For the glory of your name, we confess our sin.**

(silent confession)

Hear the good news: God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY *Angel Tidings* Alleluia Ringers

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: *Blessed Be the God of Israel* UMH 209  
Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free, who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty. The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release; God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace.

Now from the house of David a child of grace is given; a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven. Before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way, the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.

On prisoners of darkness the sun begins to rise, the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner’s eyes, to guide the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace; O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH Deirdre Halliburton

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 Pat Cobb in memory of her husband, Earl.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<b>Ushers</b>	Lynn Cooper, Guy Johnson, Marc and Lesseley Deshotels
<b>Host(s)</b>	Rhonda Tucker

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, December 11**

10:00 a.m. Pastor’s Class, FLC

**3:00 p.m. Advent Festival, FLC**

**Monday, December 12**

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

2:30 p.m. VIPS Training, 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 13**

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

6:00 p.m. Emmaus Board, FLC-A

7:00 p.m. Mary Martha UMW, The Perry Residence

**Wednesday, December 14**

4:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor

5:30 p.m. Communications Team, Library

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 15**

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 16**

OFFICE CLOSED

**Saturday, December 17**

**9:00 a.m. Great Turkey Giveaway, FLC Parking Lot**

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

2:00 p.m. Cantata Dress Rehearsal, FLC

**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](mailto: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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### ADVENT FESTIVAL FAMILY LIFE CENTER TODAY AT 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 and lemonade.

**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.**

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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.

### THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET GREAT TURKEY GIVEAWAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: It's time for our sixth annual Great Turkey Giveaway **Saturday, December 17, 9 - 11 a.m.** 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. If you can help, please be at the back of the FLC parking lot at 7:30 a.m.

### T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE SOON

There's still time to order St. John's t-shirts. There will be two styles: long sleeved (adult sizes only) in Navy blue and short sleeved in Iris blue. The long-sleeved t-shirt will be pre-order only and will be \$25 each. Deadline to order long-sleeved t-shirts is Monday, December 19. The short sleeved t-shirt will be ordered in bulk and cost \$10. Upon receipt of the order, they will be sold on a first-come, first served basis.

### UPPER ROOM

The Upper Room Daily Devotional for January-February 2017 is now available in the Family Life Center and in the hallway of the Admin Building. A donation of \$1 per copy is appreciated.

### THANKS TO ST. JOHN'S YOUTH

I want to thank you for coming to Our House of Respite to sing Christmas carols today. You touched the hearts of all the residents and their loved ones. People who have difficulty completing a sentence were singing along beautifully. I know my husband, Larry, and Peggy Harrison and her family appreciated being included in your caroling stops. . . Just seeing so many vibrant young faces, their parents, and leaders showing their talents was such a blessing. Harriet Walters

### CONCERN

John Matherne, son of Vera Matherne, passed away on Sunday, December 4. Vera, a founding member of St. John's, is doing fine and making friends in her new home. If you would like to send Vera a card, her address is Spring Arbor, #304, 935 Capitol Landing Rd., Williamsburg, VA 23185.

## 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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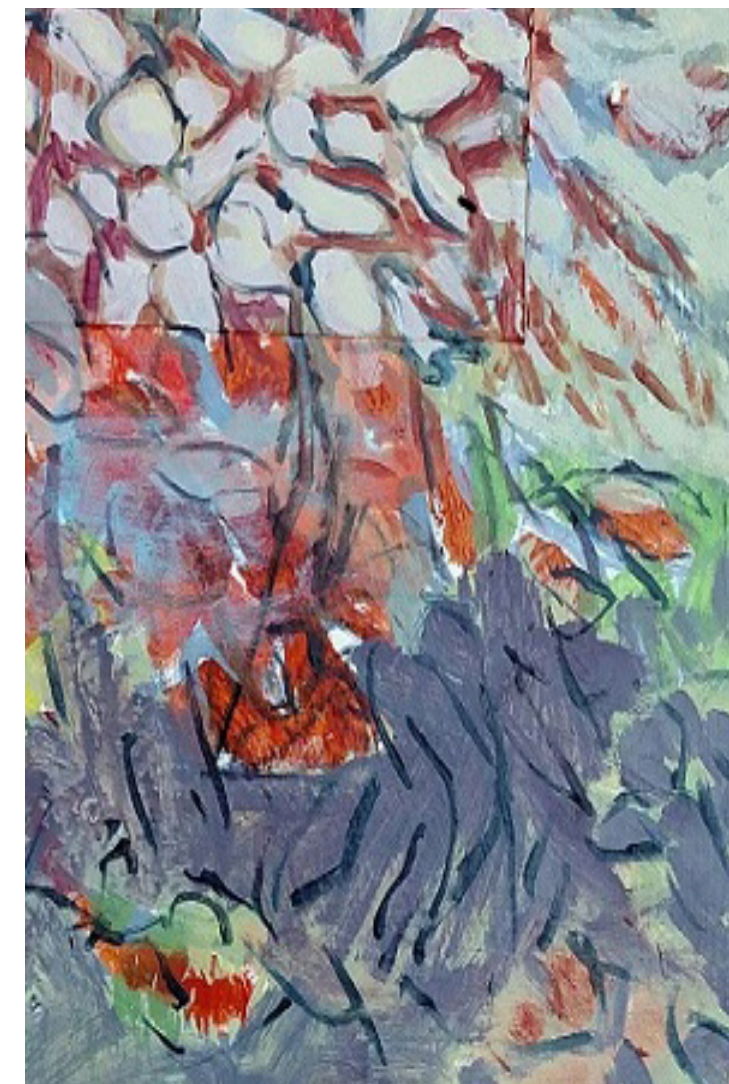


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United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



*Awaiting* - acrylic on panel by Billie Bourgeois

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

**Third Sunday of Advent  
December 11, 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.*