

**CHRISTMAS DAY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2016
10:30 A.M.**

PRELUDE

CHRISTMAS CAROLS - ANGEL MEDLEY

Angels from the Realms of Glory UMH 220, vs 1 & 2
Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

Angels We Have Heard on High UMH 238, vs 1 & 3
Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing; come,
adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria, in
excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing! UMH 240, vs 1 & 3
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

COMMUNION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Almighty and all-loving God, through your Son Jesus Christ
you have reconciled the world to yourself.
Help us now to be reconciled with one another
that again we might dwell in the warmth of your love.
Inspire us with your Holy Spirit
to lay aside our pride and greed and
to put Christ that we might forgive,
as we are forgiven through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

(silent confession)

Hear the Good News: God sent his Son, Jesus, into the world not 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.**

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE III
COMMUNION RESPONSES

UMH 15
FWS 2257

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PASSING THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

O Come All Ye Faithful

Praise Team

DOXOLOGY

THE GOOD NEWS

THE GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 2:13-23*

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lorri McGuire

THE HOMILY

New Born, New Born . . .

Pastor Jay

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice! UMH 224
Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: News, news! Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today, Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: News, news! Jesus Christ was born for
this! He hath opened heaven's door, and yet are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: News, news! Jesus Christ was born to
save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

He Is Born UMH 228, vs 1 & 2
Refrain: He is born, the holy Child, play the oboe and bagpipes
merrily! He is born, the holy Child, sing we all of the Savior mild.

Thru long ages of the past, prophets have foretold his coming; thru
long ages of the past, now the time has come at last! (Refrain)

O how lovely, O how pure is this perfect child of heaven; O how lovely,
O how pure, gracious gift to humankind! (Refrain)

Joy to the World UMH 246, vs 1, 2, & 4
Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Rev. Marie Williams
and Richard Hoibraten

Christ the Lord is born today! The joy of God-with-us presents us the
miracle of mercy. Jesus brings to our world the Good News, which
begins in Promise, surrounds us with his Peace, brings us into God's
Presence, and deserves our resounding Praise. Our hearts are filled
with awe and joy.

We now light the Christ candle that Christ's light might shine in our
darkness. The power of Jesus Christ delivers us from sin and despair.
Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among all
people!

**Lord, we welcome the coming of your Good News - Jesus our
Savior, you are the Light of the World.**

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE ...

are given by Jay and Amy Hogewood to our loving family
of St. John's United Methodist Church

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 25

CHRIST IS BORN TODAY, CHRIST IS BORN TODAY!

Monday, December 26

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, December 27

Wednesday, December 28

8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library

Thursday, December 29

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, December 30

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, December 31

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

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

In addition to the regular Friday closures, for the holidays the church
office will be closed Monday, December 26, Thursday, December
29, and Monday, January 2. In case of emergency, Pastor Jay can be
reached by phone or email. Regular office hours will resume Tuesday,
January 3.

The Shepherd's Market will be closed from Thursday December 22
through Monday January 2 and will reopen on Tuesday January 3.

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2017
MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

January 1	Covenant Renewal One Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. (no Sunday School)
January 7	Habitat for Humanity Methodist Build Painting crew
January 13-14	Mental Health First Aid
January 14	Days for Girls! (also January 28 and February 11)
January 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Office Closed

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): _____

RUTH CIRCLE UMW

The Ruth Circle UMW will meet **Tuesday, January 3** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Judy Koonce will present a program about the twelve disciples. At this meeting the 2017 pledge cards will be distributed. All women are invited to attend.

YELLOW BAGS

Don't forget to pick up a yellow grocery bag for The Shepherd's Market and bring it back for **Grocery Bag Sunday, January 1**. Items we are in short supply of are pasta, crackers, dry beans, and condiments (mayo, mustard, ketchup). What a great way to start the New Year by helping provide food for those less fortunate!

SHORT SLEEVED T-SHIRTS

The short sleeved t-shirt will be on sale during coffee time after the first of the year. They cost \$10 and will be sold on a first-come, first served basis. They are also available in the church office Monday - Thursday.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

St. John's is being asked to put together a painting crew on **Saturday, January 7** from 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. to complete the painting on the house being built with the help of United Methodist Churches. For more information, or if you can help, contact Kathy King at 281-0314.

2017 FLOWER CHART

The Flower Chart for 2017 is up on the bulletin board in the hallway of the Admin Building. Please consider signing up to have flowers in the sanctuary on a special day or for a special person or just to have a wonderful example of God's work in our lives.

WANT TO RECEIVE TEXT REMINDERS?

Members of St. John's congregation are now able to receive text message reminders on their smart phones. This service will send you a short text message to remind you of an upcoming event at St. Johns. If you haven't signed up, all you need to do is text @stjohnsumc to 81010. If you would like help signing up, please contact Carrie Stephens at carriestephens@stjohnsbr.org or 318-751-1985.

THANKS, ST. JOHN'S!

Thank you to all who helped with the Angel Tree program this year. Many of you showed sincere love by purchasing gifts, helping with the organization of the packages, and/or delivering. You have definitely brought a smile to some Angels this year. Blessings to you this Christmas season, Beth Forester, Bobbi Marino, and Betty Schroeder.

THANKS FOR VISITS

We receive phone calls from Barbara Bevis thanking St. John's and the Congregational Care Team for their continued prayers for and visits to her mother, Dorothy Bevis.

Shelby Roper's daughter, Suzanne White, sends a note saying how much her father enjoys the visits from St. John's. "Even though his memory fades away, it's evident the Holy Spirit within him reveals the blessings of your friendship to his heart.

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Daphne Grady will be leading an 8-hour training class on **Friday, January 13**, 5:30-9:30 p.m. and **Saturday, January 14**, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. to teach participants how to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. **Class is limited to 15.** The registration fee is \$30, checks made out to **NAMI Baton Rouge**, and mailed to Daphne Grady, 7515 Sheringham Ave., Baton Rouge 70808. For more information contact Daphne at 266-7266.

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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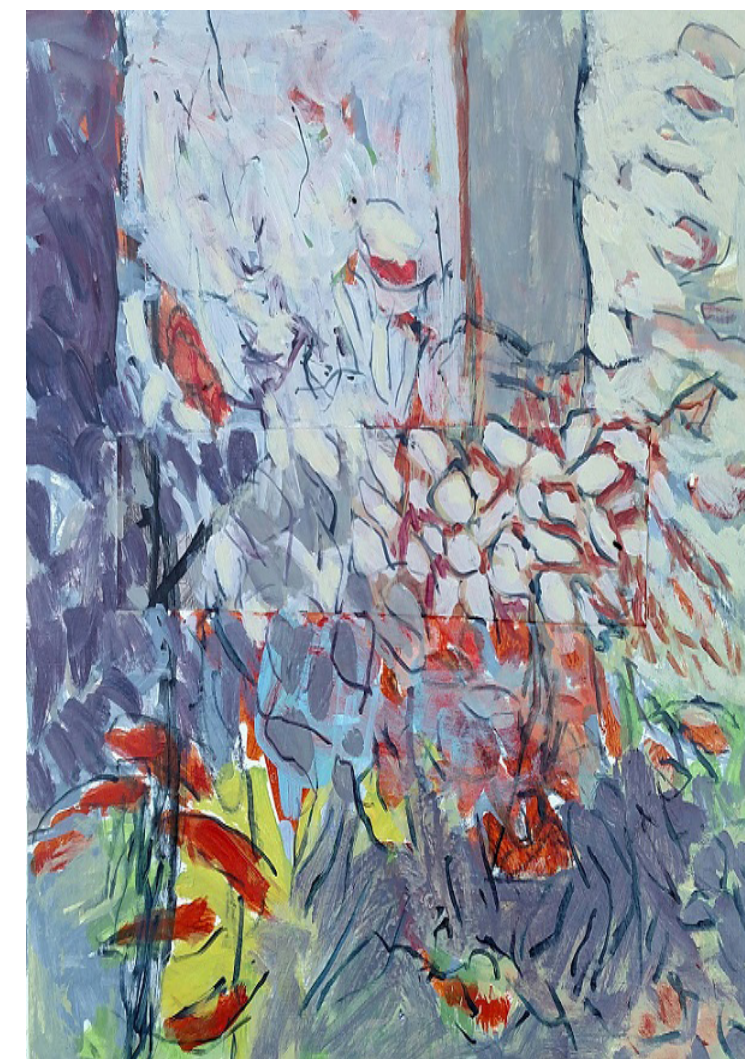


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Awaiting - acrylic on panel by Billie Bourgeois

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Sunday, December 25, 2016
10:30 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.