

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

February 4, 2018 at 11 A.M.

Welcome to All

All are invited to 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

INTROIT

Alleluia Ringers

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

✠ CALL to WORSHIP

Troy Prevot

Loving God,
whose touch can heal the broken places of life,
Touch us today.

God of peace,
whose spirit of peace can quiet our spirits
of confusion and despair.

Reassure us today.

Listening God,
who invites us to nurture our inner lives,
Be with us today.

Come, worship and celebrate.

God is reaching out to you this day!

**God has led us to this place to refresh our souls
and prepare our lives for service.**

We come seeking balance and a new way of living.

✠ HYMN of PRAISE

UMH 164

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

✠ AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

UMH 883

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

✠ GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

LISTENING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Deirdré Halliburton

Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.

Ushers will pass out folders during the Children's Moment.

*Please register your attendance. If you have any joys or concerns
please fill out a blue prayer card found in the left pocket of the folder
and place it in the offering plate.*

✠ SCRIPTURE

Troy Prevot

Mark 1:29-39

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Based on Psalm 19:14

**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.**

SERMON

Pastor Lane

"Finding Balance"

RESPONDING

✠ HYMN of FAITH

FWS 2128

Come and Find the Quiet Center

✠ PRAYER of CONFESSION

**Forgiving God,
whose call to repentance promises grace upon grace,
place your mercy in our spirits today.**

**Redirect our waywardness,
and hold us gently in your goodness.**

**We confess our need to always be "on,"
forever plugged in, and engaged in the world.**

**Open our hearts to new faithfulness,
and a new rhythm of life.**

**Help us to continue to grow into the people
you created us to be,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(a time for silent prayers and confession)

✠ WORDS of ASSURANCE and PARDON

God hears the cries of the brokenhearted
and renews the strength of those who trust in his mercy.

In Jesus Christ, God has taken us by the hand,
forgiving our sins and lifting us up to new life.

Sisters and Brothers, be at peace, your sins are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God. Amen.

✠ SHARING *the* LOVE *and* PEACE of CHRIST

OFFERING OUR TITHES *and* GIFTS to GOD

Alleluia Ringers

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

✠ DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 15

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:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
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:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and concludes:

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen.

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 407, vs. 1 & 2

Close to Thee

During the hymn, we invite you to bring forward The Shepherd's Market grocery bags.

✠ BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

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.

Our ushers are happy to assist you in any way. Restrooms are in the Narthex.

Thank you for being here.

UMW RUTH CIRCLE

The UMW Ruth Circle will meet on **Tuesday, February 6** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. The program will be "An Introduction to Life in Bible Times" and will be presented by Judy Koonce and Pat Lively. All women are invited to attend.

DAYS FOR GIRLS

Days for Girls is holding the first of three work days, **Saturday, February 10** from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Family Life Center. Work days two and three are scheduled for Saturday, February 24 and Saturday March 10 at the same time. Both sewers and non-sewers are needed - we hope you can come help us!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

Starting on **Sunday, February 11**, Pastor Lane and Pastor Julia would like to invite anyone who identifies as a young adult to join us for "Second Sundays!" It will be a time to join in fellowship with other young adults for lunch at a different location every Second Sunday of the month. The first location is Fuzzy Tacos (on Lee Dr.).

CONFIRMATION FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS

We will be offering both a Youth (6th grade and up) and an Adult Confirmation Class starting Sunday February 18, which will be under the shared leadership and teaching by Pastor Lane, Pastor Julia, and Deirdré. Anyone can participate in Confirmation and can confirm more than once in a lifetime. There will be an orientation session on February 18 at 3:30 p.m. Sessions will continue on Sundays at 4 p.m. Confirmation Sunday will be May 20. For more information about either the Youth or Adult Confirmation classes, please contact Deirdré Halliburton at deirdrehalliburton@stjohnsbr.org.

GRACE & ADDICTION: BREAK EVERY CHAIN

The First United Methodist Church in cooperation with Dr. Terry Ellis and Chrysalis Interventions is hosting "Grace & Addiction: Break Every Chain" on **Sunday, February 18** with the goal of connecting people with information and resources to help addicts and their families recover from addiction, educating our church and the Baton Rouge community about addiction, and presenting FUMC as a source of help, hope, and grace. Seminars will be held from 5 - 7 p.m. For more information you may go to the Chrysalis website: www.chrysalisinterventions.com. For a detailed schedule go to the FUMC website: <https://firstmethodist.org>. This event is free and open to the public.

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

We will begin this Lenten Season with a brief Ash Wednesday service, February 14 at 7 a.m. in the sanctuary, followed by "Drive Thru Ashes" on Renee Drive from 7:30-9 a.m. That evening we will have a traditional Ash Wednesday service at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. **There will be no Heavenly Hash on Ash Wednesday.**

Our 30-minute morning services with Communion will continue on Wednesdays during Lent at 7 a.m. in the sanctuary. On Wednesday evenings, we will hold "Heavenly Hash and Rehash" beginning at 6 p.m. (See following information.)

LENT WORSHIP SERIES - "REHAB"

Do you ever feel stuck? Are you longing for a "do over"? Do you need a "new normal"? When we're really honest, all of us do... Join us during the season of Lent in a journey of restoration from death to new life! We will rehash our Rehab Lent theme from Sunday during "Heavenly Hash and Rehash" on Wednesday evenings. Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. During dinner, around 6 p.m., we will read scripture, have table discussion, and share in Communion. All ages are welcome, and a nursery is available.

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 4

GROCERY BAG SUNDAY
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, *Campus Wide*
5:00 p.m. Youth, *FLC*

Monday, February 5

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
9:00 a.m. Everybody Reads, VIPS Training, *Library*
3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
3:00 p.m. Lectionary Ladies, *Parlor*
3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, *Library*
5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

Tuesday, February 6

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, *FLC*
9:30 a.m. UMW Ruth Circle, *Parlor*
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, *Pastor's Office*
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
5:00 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, *Choir Room*
6:00 p.m. Fast Track Bible Study, *Library*

Wednesday, February 7

5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*
5:30 p.m. Heavenly Hash, *FLC*
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, *Sanctuary*
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, *Choir Room*
6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting, *Library*

Thursday, February 8

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*
10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, *Library*
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee, *Library*
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

Friday, February 9

OFFICE CLOSED
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*
8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, *FLC*

Saturday, February 10

8:30 a.m. Prime Timers Breakfast, *Essen Piccadilly*
9:00 a.m. Days for Girls, *FLC*
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Ushers: *Kristine & Zach Isenhower, Bill & Jane Metcalf*
Host: *Kathleen Adams*

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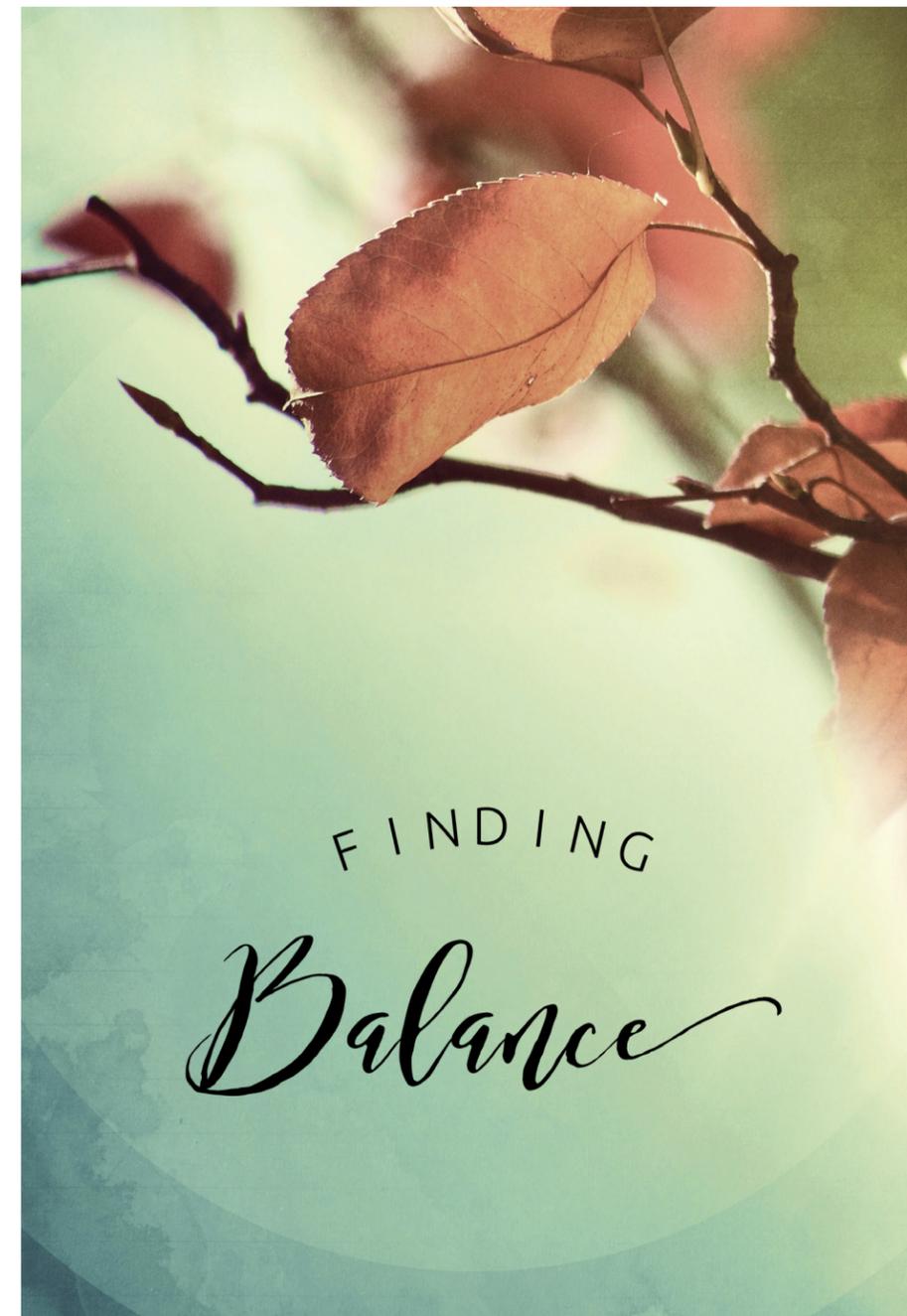
 Remember to pray for **The Walk**.
"...for we walk by faith, not by sight." - 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NRSV)
#sjthewalk

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ST. JOHN'S
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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



February 4, 2018
11 a.m. Worship Service

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.