

# The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

## FEBRUARY 4, 2018 at 8:30 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 David Henson

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.**

✠ SONGS of PRAISE

*Jesus Be Praised* FWS 2079

**Jesus, we worship you; with our voices filled with praises,  
Jesus, we worship you; songs of love we raise.  
Jesus, Jesus be praised! Jesus, Jesus be praised!**

*Cry of My Heart* FWS 2165

**Teach me your holy ways, O Lord,  
so I can walk in your truth.**

**Teach me your holy ways, O Lord,  
and make me wholly devoted to you.**

REFRAIN: **It is the cry of my heart to follow you.**

**It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.**

**It is the cry of my heart to follow  
all of the days of my life.**

**Open my eyes so I can see  
the wonderful things that you do.**

**Open my heart up more and more,  
and make me wholly devoted to you. REFRAIN**

## 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 prayer card found in the left pocket of the folder and place it in the offering plate.*

✠ SCRIPTURE Mark 1:29-39 David Henson

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 God,  
all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

✠ 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. (3x)  
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

*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.  
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

*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. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

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

*All are invited to stay for refreshments in the Family Life Center.*



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](mailto: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](http://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

### 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*  
5:00 p.m. Mental Health First Aid, *Library*

### Saturday, February 10

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

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers: *Brian & Danielle Blackwood, Aileen Pine, Billie Bourgeois*  
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Remember to pray for **The Walk**.  
"...for we walk by faith, not  
by sight." - 2 Corinthians 5:7  
(NRSV)



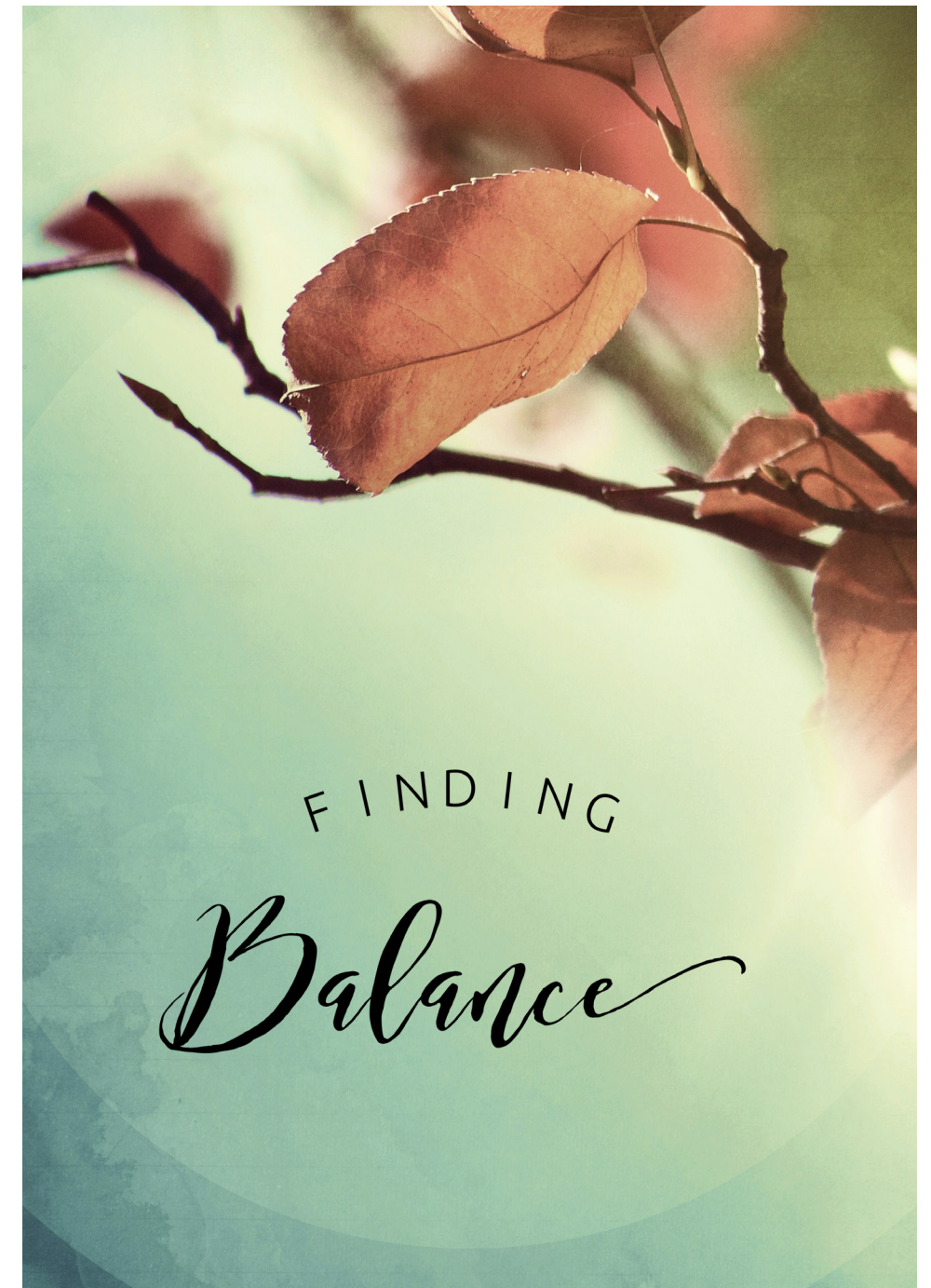
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# ST. JOHN'S

United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



## February 4, 2018

### 8:30 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.*