

# The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

## February 11, 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.

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## GATHERING

GREETING *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

✠ CALL *to* WORSHIP Zach Isenhower

Cry out!  
**God does not keep silent.**  
Cry out!  
**We long to hear God’s word.**  
Cry out!  
**Tell of God’s wonderful deeds.**

✠ HYMN *of* PRAISE Open My Eyes UMH 454

✠ PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Holy God,  
upon the mountain you revealed our Messiah,  
who by his death and resurrection  
would fulfill both the law and the prophets.  
By his transfiguration enlighten our path  
that we may dare to suffer with him in  
the service of humanity and so share  
in the everlasting glory of him who lives  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, for ever.  
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 Barbara Benton

*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.*

ANTHEM Love Lifted Me Chancel Choir

✠ SCRIPTURE Matthew 17:1-9 Zach Isenhower

‘Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

”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 “Don’t Blink” Pastor Julia

## RESPONDING

✠ HYMN *of* FAITH Be Thou My Vision UMH 451

PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE Deirdré Halliburton

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR TITHES *and* GIFTS *to* GOD

✠ DOXOLOGY UMH 95

**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.**

## 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 I Stand Amazed in the Presence UMH 371, vs. 1-3

✠ BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

*The flowers on the altar are given by Pam and John Toney.  
“Thank God for our wonderful family, those related physically and spiritually.”*

## 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 begin with an overview on Ash Wednesday; our scripture will be Joel 2:1-2, 12-17. If your Sunday school class would like to use the "Rehab" series as their Lenten study, a pdf of the study guide can be downloaded at [www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/rehab-a-group-study](http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/rehab-a-group-study).

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.



**ST. JOHN'S**  
United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



**FEBRUARY 11, 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.*

### HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

- Sunday, February 11**  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, *Campus Wide*  
7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*
- Monday, February 12**  
OFFICE CLOSED, THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET CLOSED  
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*
- Tuesday, February 13**  
OFFICE CLOSED, THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET CLOSED  
6:00 p.m. Emmaus Board, *FLC-A*  
7:00 p.m. Mary Martha UMW, *Parlor*
- Wednesday, February 14**  
7:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday A.M. Service  
7:30 a.m. Drive by Ashes, *Renee Drive*  
5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*  
6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday P.M. Service
- Thursday, February 15**  
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. Church Council, *Library*  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*
- Friday, February 16**  
OFFICE CLOSED  
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*
- Saturday, February 17**  
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

#### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

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Remember to pray for **The Walk**.  
"...for we walk by faith, not by sight." - 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NRSV)  
[www.sjthewalk.com](http://www.sjthewalk.com)



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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.*

#### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM SPPRC

The Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee is excited to announce that we have hired Jeff Beck to be our Coordinator of Youth Ministries. He is a graduate of LSU in Art Education and holds teacher certifications (K-12) in Louisiana and Tennessee. Currently he is a volunteer with First Presbyterian Youth but feels called to get back into vocational youth ministry as his profession. His first Sunday with St. John's will be February 18. Be sure to look for his bio and family picture in the Friday Newsletter.

#### UMW MARY MARTHA CIRCLE

The UMW Mary Martha Circle will meet on **Tuesday, February 13** at 7 p.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 needs the following donations: (1) cash to purchase fabric, (2) new girls cotton panties (briefs only) sizes 10, 12, or, 14 in dark to medium colors, solids or flowers, no character or animal prints (3) new colored washcloths, (4) Ziploc brand Gallon sized Freezer bags, (NO slide closures) (5) "hotel" soap. You can bring them to the office during the week or to the FLC on Saturday.

#### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES - SECOND SUNDAYS!

**TODAY** Pastor Lane and Pastor Julia would like to invite anyone who identifies as a young adult to join them for a Dutch-treat lunch at Fuzzy's Taco Shop, 220 W. Lee Dr. immediately following the 11:00 service. "Second Sundays!" will be a time to join in fellowship with other young adults for lunch at a different location every month.

#### 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 Deirdre. 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 Deirdre Halliburton at [deidrehalliburton@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:deidrehalliburton@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**. 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" at 6 p.m. (See following information.)

#### CHICKEN AND ANDOUILLE GUMBO SALE

Tickets will go on sale **TODAY** for Chicken and Andouille Gumbo (prepared by Phil LeBlanc!) to help support our youth's summer ASP mission trip. The gumbo will be sold for \$15 a quart and is "to-go" only. This delicious gumbo can be picked up after both services on **Sunday, February 18**.