

# The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

FEBRUARY 11, 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

✠ SONGS of PRAISE

*What a Mighty God We Serve*

FWS 2021, vs. 1 & 2

**What a mighty God we serve,  
what a mighty God we serve,  
what a mighty God we serve,  
what a mighty God we serve!**

**Let us sing and praise the Lord,  
let us sing and praise the Lord,  
let us sing and praise the Lord,  
let us sing and praise the Lord!**

*Holy Ground*

FWS 2272

**We are standing on holy ground,  
and I know that there are angels all around;  
let us praise Jesus now;  
we are standing in his presence on holy ground.**

✠ CALL *to* WORSHIP

Guy Johnson

Cry out!

**God does not keep silent.**

Cry out!

**We long to hear God's word.**

Cry out!

**Tell of God's wonderful deeds.**

✠ SONG of RESPONSE

*Praise You*

FWS 2003

**Praise you, praise you; let my life praise you.  
Praise you, praise you; let my life, O Lord, praise you.**

**Praise you, praise you; let my life praise you.  
Praise you, praise you; let my life, O Lord, praise you.**

**Let my life, O Lord, praise you.**

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

✠ SCRIPTURE

*Matthew 17:1-9*

Guy Johnson

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*

HMS 451

✠ PRAYER of CONFESSION

**Patient Lord,  
you know how accustomed we are to  
"magic" tricks.  
Our spirits and our senses get fooled easily.  
We would be just like the disciples, at first  
not believing what we were seeing  
and then wanting to make a monument  
to the event.  
Thank you for being so patient with us.  
Forgive us when we get so wrapped up  
in the moment that we don't take time enough  
to understand its significance.  
Help us pause, reflect, think, and thank you  
for the blessings of unexpected revelations.  
Give us wisdom and strength to be your  
disciples, proclaiming your transforming love  
to all people. Amen.**

*(a time for silent prayers and confession)*

✠ WORDS of ASSURANCE *and* PARDON

God will not keep silent, but will gather us in  
with the tender words: "You are forgiven."  
**Glory to God!**

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

OFFERING OUR TITHES *and* GIFTS to GOD

✠ 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

FWS 2173, vs. 1 & 2

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

✠ BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

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

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

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 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**. 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**.

## 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.

### 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

Ushers: *Joyce Robinson, Randy Thayer, Susan Johnston, Barbara Benton*  
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Remember to pray for **The Walk**.  
"...for we walk by faith, not by sight." - 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NRSV)



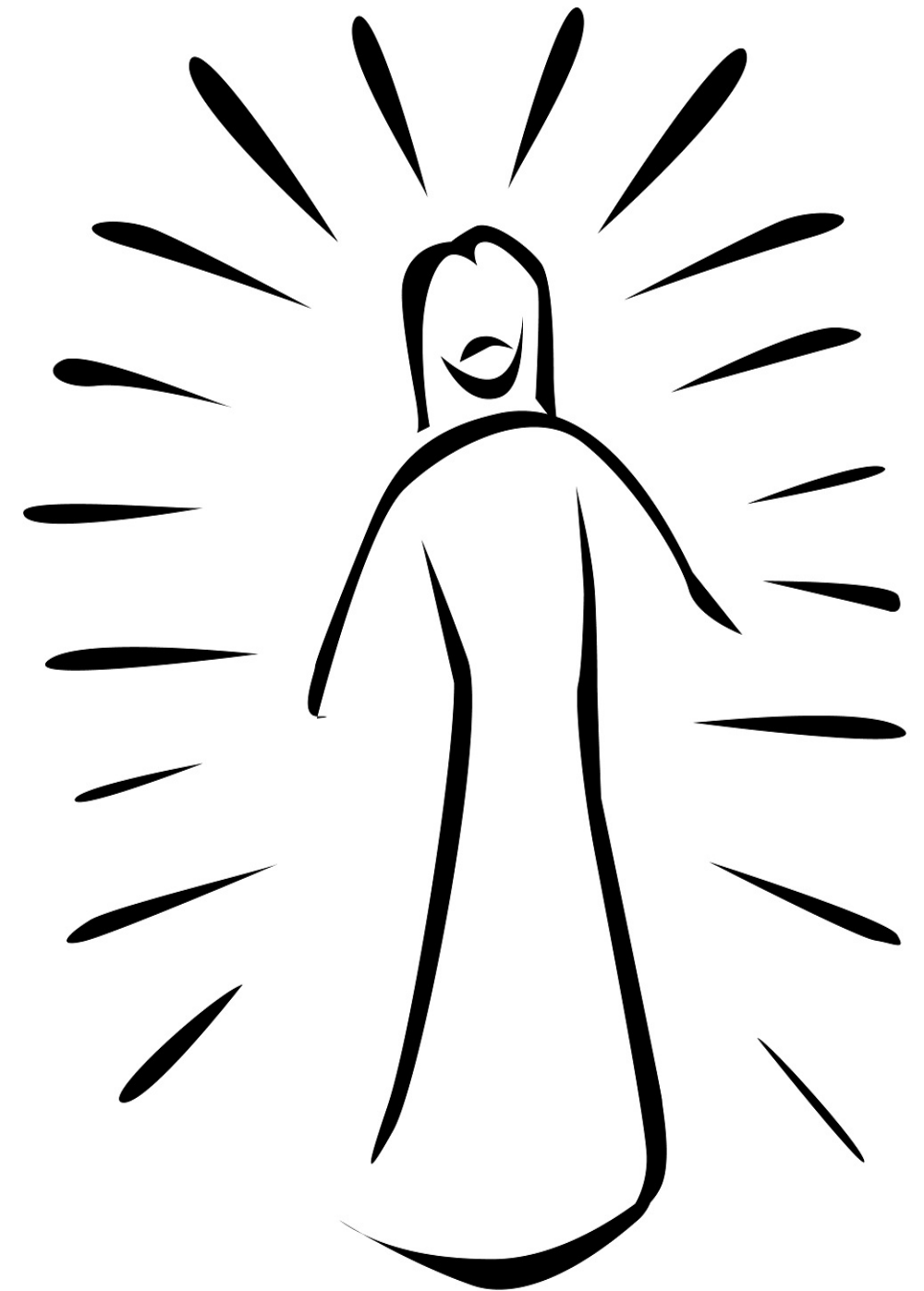
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# ST. JOHN'S

United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



## February 11, 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.*