

GALATIANS - THE GOSPEL OF FREEDOM
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017
8:30 A.M.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Troy James
 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.
 The Word became flesh and lived among us.
And we have seen His glory, the glory as of a father's only son, Full of grace and truth.
 Come let us worship together!

SONGS OF PRAISE

What A Mighty God We Serve FWS 2021, v. 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!

God Is So Good FWS 2056, v 1-3
 God is so good, God is so good, God is go good, God's so good to me.

God cares for me, God cares for me, God cares for me,
 God's so good to me.

God loves me so, God loves me so, God loves me so,
 God's so good to me.

OPENING PRAYER Troy James

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, And from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts By the inspiration of your Holy Spirit That we may perfectly love you, And worthily magnify your holy name Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Sarah Prevot

SCRIPTURE *Galatians 3:10-14, 19-29* Theresa Sandifer

SERMON *More Content, Less Container* Pastor Jay

HYMN *Where Charity and Love Prevail* UMH 549
 Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
 brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn;
 let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess;
 and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;
 be Christ the glory that we seek, be ours his holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son;
 as members of his body joined, we are in him made one.

Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name;
 our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
 (silent confession)

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
 this proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

THE PEACE

MINISTRY MOMENT: MISSIONS TEAM Rev. Larry Norman

OFFERTORY *I've Got Peace Like A River*

DOXOLOGY UMH 94

HOLY COMMUNION

Call to the Table:
 Let us stand well. Let us stand in awe. Let us be attentive, that we may offer this holy offering in peace.
Mercy and peace, our sacrifice of praise.

The Great Thanksgiving UMH 15
 Communion Responses FWS 2257

The Lord's Prayer UMH 865

*Giving the Bread and Cup

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.

HYMN *Christ Is the World's Light* UMH 188
 Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other; born in our darkness,
 he became our brother. If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:
 Glory to God on high!

Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other; no one can serve
 him and despise another. Who else unites us, one in God the Father?
 Glory to God on high!

Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other; sold once for silver,
 murdered here, our brother; he, who redeems us, reigns with God the
 Father: Glory to God on high!

Give God the glory, God and none other; give God the glory, Spirit,
 Son, and Father; give God the glory, God with us, my brother:
 Glory to God on high!

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*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.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are given by Sallie Paulsen to the Glory of God for creation of his beautiful diversity.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Jill Slicker, Karen Traylor, Fran Anderson, Dawn Staves
Host(s)	Jim and Theresa Sandifer

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 12
 7:50 a.m. Early Bird Choir, Choir Room
 12:15 p.m. Sunday School Leaders, Library
 5:00 p.m. Youth, 207 Admin Building
 5:00 p.m. Winter Bible Study, Library
 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, FLC

Monday, February 13
 9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor
 3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, Library
 3:30 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
 5:00 p.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor
 5:30 p.m. Communications Team, Library
 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Tuesday, February 14
 8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC
 8:30 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
 7:00 p.m. Mary Martha Circle UMW, Parlor

Wednesday, February 15
 4:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor
 5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, FLC-A
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room
 6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary
 7:17 p.m. 717 Group, George's Southside

Thursday, February 16
 8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library
 8:30 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
 6:30 p.m. Church Council, Library
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, February 17
 OFFICE CLOSED
 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Parlor

Saturday, February 18
 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

THE LENTEN EXPERIENCE AT ST. JOHN'S

This Lenten season please join us as we focus our attention on our faith in Christ and Christ's journey to the cross.

WEDNESDAYS: beginning **March 1, Ash Wednesday**, and continuing through April 12, we will offer two 30-minute worship experiences. Join us in the Family Life Center at **7 a.m.** and **6 p.m.** for communion and vespers services.

SUNDAYS: Every Sunday evening in Lent, our entire family of faith has an opportunity to come together in fellowship and spiritual formation. Beginning **Sunday, March 5**, at 5 p.m., in the Family Life Center, we will join together for reflection and a study titled *Fearless: The Courage to Question*. This Lenten study preparing for Easter, let's us question the things that prevent us from approaching God. We hope you will have the courage to come and ask questions and look for the answers. This study is available to all Sunday school classes as well.

In addition, the Youth Band will be practicing from 4-5 p.m. and from 5-6 p.m., there will be directed children's activities.

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): _____

PLEASE NOTE: FLORIST SELECTION

As of last week, All About Flowers, one of the florists that a number of our congregation used to order altar flowers, closed its doors. If you would like your flowers delivered to church on Saturday, you may still call Heroman's on Staring, 769-9898.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Mary Martha Circle UMW will meet **Tuesday, February 14** at 7:30 p.m. in the parlor. Pat Cobb will present the program. All women are invited to attend. Please join us!

GOOD GRIEF, ST. JOHN'S!

How do we deal with the loss of a loved one? If you are someone struggling to find direction and hope in loss, you are invited to join us as we seek healing in community. We will meet on Mondays in the library, beginning **February 13**, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information contact Deirdre Halliburton at 939-1425 or deirdrehalliburton@stjohnsbr.org.

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH BAND

Calling all Youth Musicians! If you are interested in being in the new Youth Band directed by Nelson Williams and Carrie Stephens, show up with your voices and instruments on **Sunday, March 5** at 4 p.m. in the choir room! No experience necessary! Just come for an hour and make some music with us!

MUSIC LESSONS

Our Music Director, Carrie Stephens, would like to start teaching private music lessons! If you or anyone you know would be interested in private music lessons of either voice, violin, or viola please have them contact Carrie Stephens at 318-751-1985 or petovino@gmail.com. Lessons are 30 minutes in length and can be given at your personal home, St. John's UMC, or Carrie's residence.

KAIROS #62 - ANGOLA

Larry Norman will be participating in the Kairos #62 team to Angola **March 9 - 12**. Kairos #62 will need team members, prayer warriors, cookie bakers, and monetary donations.

St. John's! Start baking! Larry will need 200 dozen cookies!! Cookie baking guides are available in the church office and online at the Kairos Angola web site <https://listenlistenlovelove.com/cookies>. Cookies won't be due back to church until March 5 so please freeze any you make ahead of time. For more information on Kairos #62, contact Larry Norman at 933-1881 or lduckn@aol.com.

ST. JOHN'S T-SHIRTS

A table will be set up during coffee time to sell the short-sleeved t-shirts. The cost is \$10. They are also available in the office during the week.

The long-sleeved t-shirts have arrived. If you ordered a t-shirt, you can pick it up during coffee time or in the office during the week.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY ST. MARK'S UMC IN NEW ORLEANS

Ever want to go on a mission trip but felt it was too far away. Now, **you** have an opportunity to be on the team heading to St. Mark's in New Orleans to help in its mission to the homeless and hungry! A mission trip is planned for **Friday, April 21 - Sunday, April 23**. The team is limited to 20 persons so folks are urged to register before April 1. The registration fee of \$100 (checks made out to Larry Norman) should accompany the registration form.

Registration forms are available in the Family Life Center and on our website www.stjohnsbr.org/pdfs/StMarksMission_2017.pdf. For more information contact Larry at 933-1881 or lduckn@aol.com.

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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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



THE GOSPEL OF FREEDOM

Sunday, February 12, 2017
8:30 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.