

GALATIANS - THE GOSPEL OF FREEDOM
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2017
8:30 A.M.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Bobbi Marino

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord.

We gather in peace, graced by the living, risen Savior, who welcomes us here.

We come with joy to meet our Savior. ALLELUIA!

SONGS OF PRAISE Great Is the Lord FWS 2022, v 1

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just;

by his power we trust in his love.

Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true;

by his mercy he proves he is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!

Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.

Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:

Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Clap Your Hands FWS 2028

Clap your hands! Clap your hands! Sing a new song in celebration!

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Clap your hands! Clap your hands! God is great we praise our God with song!
 God is great! We praise our God with song!

My Life Is In You, Lord FWS 2032

My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;

my hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you.

My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;

my hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you.

I will praise you with all of my life, I will praise you with all of my

strength; with all of my life, with all of my strength.

All of my hope is in you.

My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;

my hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you.

OPENING PRAYER Bobbi Marino

Lord, you know what is best for us.

Let all things be done as pleases you.

Give us what you will, and how much you will, and when you will.

Deal with us as you think most pleases you.

Set us where you will. Have us do what you will.

We are your servants, prepared to trust you in all things

that faith working through love matters most to you.

We desire to live for you and your work in this world.

In the name of Jesus our Savior we pray. Amen.

(adapted from a prayer of Thomas a' Kempis 1379-1471)

GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Marilyn Damberg

SCRIPTURE Galatians 5:1, 5-26

SERMON The Shortest Sermon, The Tallest Order Pastor Jay

HYMN The Gift of Love UMH 408

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
 and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass,
 and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
 but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made
 whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship,
 and are freed.

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

Holy and gracious God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Some of our sin we know - those thoughts, words, and deeds from which we seek now to repent. But some of our sin is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ, we ask forgiveness. Deliver us, O Lord, and restore us that we may delight in your will and walk in your way that leads to abundant and eternal life.

(silent confession)

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

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY How Can I Keep From Singing?

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 The Servant Song FWS 2222, v 1-4

Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you;

pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road.

We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you in the nighttime of your fear;

I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.

I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

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 Beverlye Patterson to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Albert Patterson, Jr.

The flowers on the altar are given by Gray Sexton
 in memory of Valentine Sexton

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Beth Forester, Carol Gordon, Mike and Sally Allen
Host(s)	Kathy King

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 19

7:50 a.m.	Early Bird Choir, Choir Room
12:15 p.m.	Youth and Children's Team, Library
3:00 p.m.	Christian Formation, 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 20

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
6:30 p.m.	AA Meeting, FLC-E

Tuesday, February 21

8:15 a.m.	Worship in the Market, FLC
8:30 a.m.	The Shepherd's Market, FLC
9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, February 22

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, FLC
7:17 p.m.	717 Group, George's Southside

Thursday, February 23

8:30 a.m.	Holy Folders, Library
8:30 a.m.	The Shepherd's Market, FLC
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, February 24

OFFICE CLOSED

6:45 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group, Parlor
8:30 a.m.	Food Bank Delivery, FLC

Saturday, February 25

12:00 p.m.	AA Meeting, FLC-C
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MISSION OPPORTUNITY
ST. MARK'S UMC IN NEW ORLEANS
REGISTRATION DEADLINE APRIL 1

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.

In addition to helping St. Mark's with their missions, on Saturday you will have an afternoon of fun at the New Orleans School of Cooking where we will have a cooking lesson and then enjoy a delicious meal!

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.

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): _____

THANKS! THANKS! THANKS! FROM DAYS FOR GIRLS

THANKS to you, 50 girls will receive kits containing reusable feminine hygiene products which will improve their quality of life.

THANKS for your donations of panties, washcloths, bags, and cash.

THANKS to all who worked on the three Saturday sew days.

EGGSTRAVAGANZA IS COMING!

YES! The Eggstravaganza is coming (April 9) and for the Easter egg hunt we need plenty of plastic eggs and individually wrapped candies. There is a blue tub in the hallway of the Admin Building for you to put your donations. THANK YOU!

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 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.

PLEASE NOTE: FLORIST SELECTION

All About Flowers, one of the florists that a number of our congregation used to order altar flowers, has gone out of business. If you would like your flowers delivered to church on Saturday, you may still call Heroman's on Staring, 769-9898.

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 the second Monday of every month in the library, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information contact Deirdre Halliburton at deirdrehalliburton@stjohnsbr.org.

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH BAND

If you are interested in being in the 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.

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. Larry will need 200 dozen cookies!! 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.

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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 19, 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.