

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2016  
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us test and examine our ways. Let us return to the Lord!  
**God has blessed us. Let all the ends of the earth fear the Lord.**  
Seek the Lord while he may be found. Call upon the Lord while he is near.  
**Let the wicked forsake their way. Let us return to the Lord.**

The sacrifice acceptable to the Lord is a broken spirit;  
**A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

SONG OF PRAISE *Into My Heart* FWS 2160  
Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus;  
come in today, come in to stay; come into my heart, Lord Jesus.  
Out of my heart, out of my heart, shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus;  
shine out today, shine out alway; shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus.

SONG OF PRAISE *Glorify Thy Name* FWS 2016  
Father, we love you, we worship and adore you,  
glorify thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name  
glorify thy name in all the earth.

PRAYER

**Everlasting God, you sent your Son, our Savior, because of your tender mercy toward all people. You sent him to take upon our flesh, to suffer death on the cross that all might follow the example of his great humility and love. Show us your mercy, O Lord. Help us follow the example of his patience that we also would share in his resurrection. In Christ’s holy name we pray. Amen.**

**THE WORD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
Affirmation from Romans 8 UMH 887

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Natalie Cooper

SCRIPTURE *Luke 13:31-35* Billie Bourgeois

SERMON *The Way of the Cross: Faithful Lament* Deacon Sarah

HYMN *Without Seeing You* FWS 2206  
vs 1

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

**Holy and merciful God, we confess to you our wrongs. We are not the people we like others to think we are. We are afraid to admit, even to ourselves, what lies in the depths of our souls. But we cannot hide our true selves from you. We sin and fall short of your glory.**

**You know us as we are, and still you love us. Help us not to shrink from confessing our sins to you. We sin against you in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done and by what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us. Help us delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Hear the good news: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

THE PEACE

THE WALK Point of Celebration

OFFERTORY *Lord of The Dance*

DOXOLOGY UMH 94

**THE TABLE**

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.**

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE III UMH 15

COMMUNION RESPONSES FWS 2257

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

\*SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE 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.**

**SENT FORTH IN GOD’S NAME**

HYMN *Living for Jesus* FWS 2149  
v 1

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *Song of Hope*

\*Gluten-free communion is offered to anyone who desires it; when you come up to the altar, let the pastor know you would like to receive the gluten-free elements.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN ...**

in memory of Marion Irene McLendon,  
by Bob and Vanessa Ayres.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Putzig, Lynn Cooper, Marc Turner and Lesseley Deshotels
<b>Host(s)</b>	Jim and Theresa Sandifer

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**TODAY, Sunday, February 21**

4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, Library  
5:00 p.m. Youth, Admin-207  
5:30 p.m. Lenten Study, Library

**Monday, February 22**

9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor  
3:00 p.m. Men’s Covenant Group, Library  
4:00 p.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym  
5:00 p.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor  
6:30 p.m. Financial Learning Experience, Admin-205

**Tuesday, February 23**

8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, Gym  
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym  
5:00 p.m. VITA Tax Service, Gym-A  
6:30 p.m. Disciple IV, Library

**Wednesday, February 24**

7:00 a.m. Lenten Early Morning Service  
5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Gym-A  
6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary  
6:00 p.m. Men’s Group, George’s  
6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Group, Parlor  
6:30 p.m. Financial Learning Experience, Admin-205  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room  
7:00 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary

**Thursday, February 25**

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor  
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library  
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym  
5:00 p.m. VITA Tax Service, Gym-A  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

**Friday, February 26**

8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, Gym  
9:30 a.m. Arts and Crafts, Gym-A

**Saturday, February 27**

9:00 a.m. VITA Tax Service, Gym-A  
12 noon AA Meeting, Gym-C

**LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES  
EVERY WEDNESDAY IN LENT  
7 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY**

**LENTEN STUDY  
TODAY, 5:30 P.M., IN THE LIBRARY**

**FOOD BANK DELIVERY  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27  
8:30 A.M. IN THE GYM**

**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](mailto: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): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### FINANCIAL LEARNING SMALL GROUPS

On **Monday, February 22** and **Wednesday, February 24**, St. John's will begin offering the 6-session personal financial study, *I Was Broke. Now I'm Not*. Class size is limited to 15, so register early. Cost is \$30 and includes a book and handbook. Married couples are welcome to share a book. All sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will meet in Room 205 of the Admin. Building. Child care will be available. Registration forms are available in the church office and on the website. For more information contact Carol Gordon: 766-1489 (h), 335-1394 (c) or cgor217@aol.com.

### ST. JOHN'S 101 BEGINS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28 9:45 A.M., SANCTUARY

If you are new to St. John's and want to learn more about who we are and how we serve in ministry together, this class is for you. The class will be led by Pastor Jay and Deacon Sarah, and all are welcome. Classes will be held Sunday mornings, **February 28, March 6, and March 13**.

### RUTH CIRCLE UMW

The UMW Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, March 1** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Lorri McGuire will present a program about religious music. All women of the church are invited to attend.

### READ FOR AMERICA DAY

Members of St. John's have been invited to read to classes at Wildwood Elementary School on **Wednesday, March 2** in celebration of the birthday of Dr. Seuss. You are welcome to read anytime between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Contact Buffie Grayson (francesgrayson@cox.net) if you are interested in participating.

### MISSION TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS

From **Friday, March 4 - Sunday, March 6**, St. John's will be participating in a mission to St. Marks UMC and the North Rampart Community Center in New Orleans. The cost is \$100 (checks made out to Larry Norman). For more information contact Larry Norman (lduckn@aol.com or 933-1881).

### COOKIES FOR KAIROS

Larry Norman and Pastor Jay are asking for donations of cookies for Kairos - they will need a total of 250 dozen cookies! Guidelines are available in the church office as well as on the web site. Please bring your cookies to church on **Sunday, March 6**. For more information contact Larry Norman.

### CHURCH-WIDE WORK DAY

A church-wide work day is scheduled for **Saturday, March 12** from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Look for the sign-up board during coffee time and on the bulletin board in the Admin. Building hallway.

### EGGS FOR EGGSTRAVAGANZA!

This year's community-wide Easter Eggstravaganza will be **Sunday, March 20** at 3 p.m. We need help from St. John's congregation with donations of plastic Easter eggs (either empty or filled with wrapped candy) and bags of small individually wrapped candy. There are large blue tubs in the Admin. Building to put your donations. Thank you for your help.

## SERMON NOTES

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## CHURCH STAFF

**The Rev. Dr. Jay Hogewood**  
Senior Pastor

225-772-3550

pastorjay@stjohnsbr.org

**The Rev. Sarah Shoup**  
Associate Pastor for Discipleship

deaconsarah@stjohnsbr.org

**Lorri McGuire**  
Director of Ministries for  
Children and Youth

lorrimcguire@stjohnsbr.org

**Carrie Stephens**  
Director of Music Ministries

carriestephens@stjohnsbr.org

**Terry Byars**  
Accompanist

terrybyars@stjohnsbr.org

**Brenda Green**  
Business & Facility Administrator

brendagreen@stjohnsbr.org

**Lynn Cooper**  
Administrative Assistant

office@stjohnsbr.org

**St. John's United Methodist Church**  
9375 Highland Road | Baton Rouge, LA 70810  
www.stjohnsbr.org | 225-766-4594



Remember to pray for **The Walk**.  
"...for we walk by faith, not by sight."  
- 2 Corinthians 5:7

#sjthewalk | www.stjohnsbr.org/the-walk



Check in on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/stjohnsbr](http://www.facebook.com/stjohnsbr)



Follow us on Twitter: [www.twitter.com/stjohnsbr](http://www.twitter.com/stjohnsbr)



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

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



**8:30 Worship Service**  
**February 21, 2016**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

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.