

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2016  
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

CALL TO WORSHIP

As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

**So God seeks and saves the lost.**

Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,  
**So God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.**

As a parent welcomes a returning wayward child,

**So God welcomes us and lets the past be the past.**

Let us praise the Lord in thanksgiving that we are received.

**Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another  
in the name of Jesus Christ.**

SONG OF PRAISE *Cry of My Heart* FWS 2165

Teach me your holy ways, O Lord, so I can walk in your truth.

Teach me your holy ways, O Lord,

and make me wholly devoted to you.

It is the cry of my heart to follow you.

It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.

It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.

SONG OF PRAISE *Where the Spirit of the Lord Is* FWS 2119

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace;

where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is love.

There is comfort in life’s darkest hour; there is light and life,

there is help and power in the Spirit, in the Spirit of the Lord.

PRAYER

**Merciful God, in mystery you are present in our lives. You  
alone bring new life out of destruction, hope out of despair,  
and growth out of difficult times. Thank you that you do  
not leave us alone in our sin, but labor with us to make us  
whole. Guide us, Holy Spirit, to turn back to you with our  
whole heart and all of our actions. In Christ’s name, we  
pray. Amen.**

**THE WORD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Affirmation from 1 Timothy UMH 889

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Darlene Dickson

SCRIPTURE *Luke 13:1-9* Jacob Bynum

SERMON *The Way of the Cross:  
Looking for a Change Machine* Pastor Jay

HYMN *Love the Lord Your God* FWS 2168

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

We have been baptized and share the Lord’s Supper,

but know this — we are called to live the grace we have received.

Let us confess the sin of our lives saying:

Lord have mercy and bring us back to your ways.

**Lord have mercy and bring us back to your ways.**

When we separate worship and world,

practicing religion but not loving our neighbor,

**Lord have mercy and bring us back to your ways.**

When we are driven by desire for money, sex, and power,

**Lord have mercy and bring us back to your ways.**

When we are blind to your grace and dead to your love,

**Lord have mercy and bring us back to your ways.**

When we love the wrong things,

**Lord have mercy and bring us back to your ways.**

When we cling to our thoughts and ways refusing yours,

**Lord have mercy and bring us back to your ways.**

Where our pattern has been to take, abuse, and hide,

restore us to your pattern of taking, blessing, breaking, and giving.

**Lord have mercy and bring us back to your ways.**

When we are tested by temptation,

**Lord have mercy and bring us back to your ways.**

(A time of silence for prayer and letting go of sin.)

Hear the good news: God did not send his Son into the world to

condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY *Follow You*

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 *Just a Closer Walk With Thee* FWS 2158  
vs 1 & 2

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 celebration of the birthdays of Wanda Vanover and  
Sarah Prevot by Richard and Marilyn Damberg.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**Ushers** Dawn Staves, Jill Slicker, Belinda Dumas,  
Betty Sandifer

**Host(s)** Kathy King

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**TODAY, Sunday, February 28**

10:00 a.m. St. John’s 101, Sanctuary

12:15 p.m. Children’s Team, Parlor

4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, Library

5:00 p.m. Youth, Admin-207

5:30 p.m. Lenten Study, Library

**Monday, February 29**

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-206

**Tuesday, March 1**

8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, Gym

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle UMW, Parlor

5:00 p.m. VITA Tax Service, Gym-A

6:30 p.m. Disciple IV, Library

6:30 p.m. Ensemble Practice, Sanctuary

**Wednesday, March 2**

7:00 a.m. Lenten Early Morning Service

5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Gym-A

6:00 p.m. Men’s Group, George’s

6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Group, Parlor

6:00 p.m. Communications Team, Library

6:30 p.m. Financial Learning Experience, Admin-205

6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room

6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. 7:17 Group, George’s

7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary

**Thursday, March 3**

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor

8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

10:30 a.m. VIPS Training, Library

5:00 p.m. VITA Tax Service, Gym-A

6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting, Library

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

**Friday, March 4**

OFFICE CLOSED

**Saturday, March 5**

9:00 a.m. VITA Tax Service, Gym-A

12 noon AA Meeting, Gym-C

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

**ST. JOHN’S 101  
BEGINS TODAY, FEBRUARY 28  
10 A.M., SANCTUARY**

**DON’T FORGET TO GET  
A SHEPHERD’S MARKET YELLOW BAG!  
FILL WITH GROCERIES  
AND RETURN SUNDAY MARCH 6**

**PRAYER REQUEST FORM**

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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): \_\_\_\_\_

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

#### EASTER LILIES

Easter lilies will once again grace our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. If you would like to order a lily in honor of or in memory of someone, please fill out a form and return it to the church office by Tuesday, March 15. Cost is \$15 (Checks should be made out to St. John's with "Lilies" in the memo line.)

#### 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.

#### UMW GENERAL MEETING

**Sunday, March 6**, at 3 p.m., St. John's United Methodist Women will hold their General Meeting in the parlor. The speaker will be Nancy Waller, team leader for the 2015 Guatemala Mission Trip. All women are invited to attend.

#### 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

Please bring your cookies to church on **Sunday, March 6**.

#### 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.

#### 2016 PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Our most recent pictorial directory was published in 2011 in celebration of our 50th Anniversary. Since then, we have so many new faces at St. John's, we are planning another directory. Sessions are scheduled for **April 4, 5, and 6** and **April 14, 15, and 16**. Appointments for sittings can be made online at <https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/stjohnsunitedmethodistchurch5/index.php?page=10> (copy and paste this address into your browser). If you have any questions, contact the church office or Tina Henson (henson.tina@yahoo.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  
#sjthewalk | www.stjohnsbr.org/the-walk



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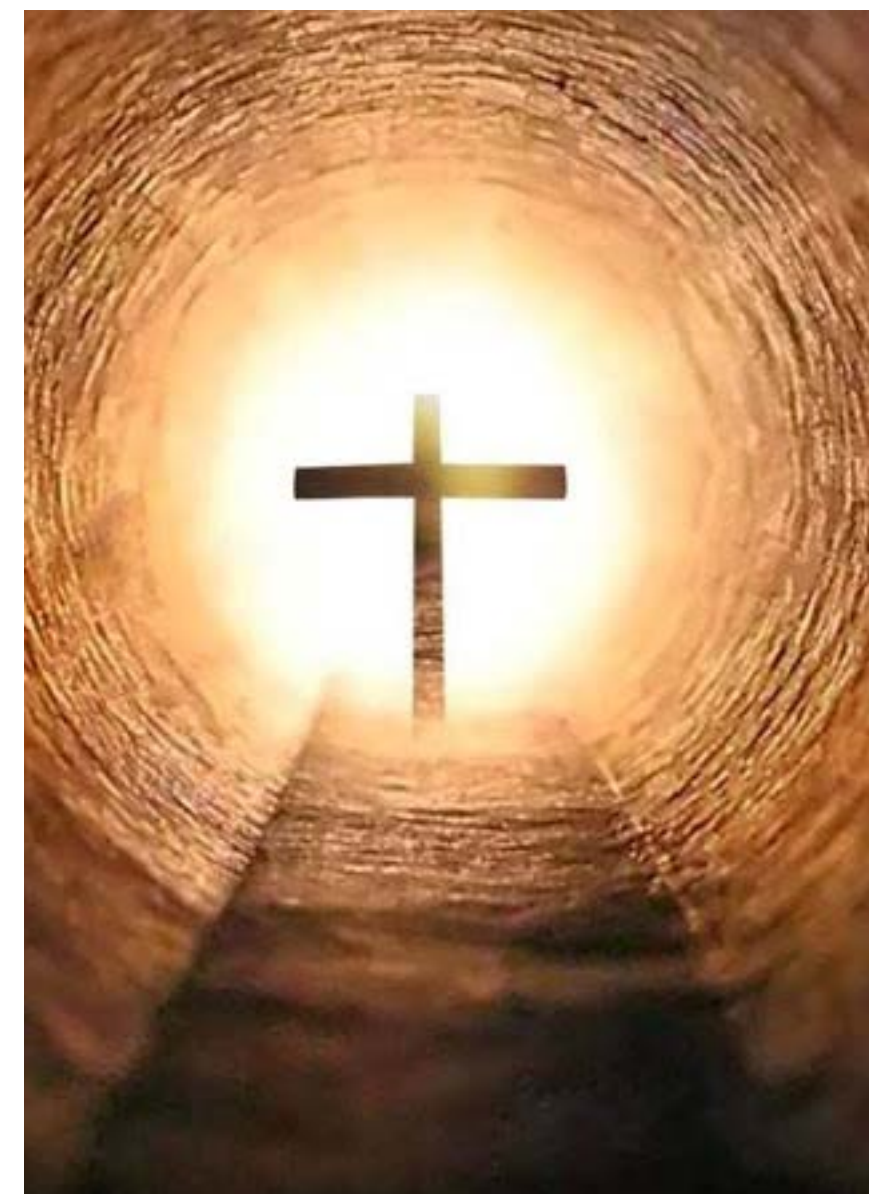


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United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



**8:30 Worship Service**  
**February 28, 2016**

**Third 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.