

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2015  
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us test and examine our ways, and 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, and the sinners repent of their sin.

**Let us return to the Lord.**

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit.

**A broken and contrite heart, o God, you will not turn away.**

Let us worship and bow down before the Lord our Maker.

SONGS OF PRAISE

*Open Our Eyes, Lord* FWS 2086

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* UMH 349

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

PRAYER

**Merciful God, your forgiveness is what we need. We long to be free from sin. By your love, you sent your Son to be the Savior of the world. Grant us peace to feel remorse for our sin. Lead us to repentance by your grace. Help us prepare our hearts for a deeper love for you. Urge us to walk your way of peace and justice, mercy and love. In the name of the one who delivers us from sin, we pray for Christ’s sake. Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed UMH 881

**THE WORD**

PSALTER *Psalms 25:1-10* UMH 756

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE *Mark 1:9-15*

SERMON Pastor Jay

HYMN *Spirit Song* UMH 347

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

Lord, we confess our day to day failure to be truly human.

**Lord, we confess to you.**

Lord, we confess that we often fail to love with all we have and are, often because we do not fully understand what loving means, often because we are afraid of risking ourselves.

**Lord, we confess to you.**

Lord, we cut ourselves off from each other and we erect barriers of division.

**Lord, we confess to you.**

Lord, we confess that by silence and ill-considered word

**we have built up walls of prejudice.**

Lord, we confess that by selfishness and lack of sympathy

**we have stifled generosity and left little time for others.**

Holy Spirit, speak to us. Help us listen to your word of forgiveness,

**For we are very deaf. Come, fill this moment and free us from sin.**

RESPONSE TO THE PARDON

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

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

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.**

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE III UMH 15

COMMUNION RESPONSES FWS 2257 b, c, d

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**

CLOSING HYMN *Spirit of God* FWS 2117  
vs 1 & 2

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers on the altar are in celebration of the birthday of Wanda Vanover. Given by Marilyn and Richard Damberg.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<b>Ushers</b>	Donnie and Susan Lambert, Darren and Chris Stubbs
<b>Host(s)</b>	Rhonda Tucker

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S**

**TODAY**, February 22

4:00 p.m. Youth Parents Meeting, Gym-A

5:00 p.m. Youth, Gym

5:00 p.m. Lenten Study, Library

7:00 p.m. Bell Choir, Sanctuary

**Monday**, February 23

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

**Tuesday**, February 24

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

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

6:00 p.m. Tutoring, Gym Classrooms

6:30 p.m. Disciple III, Library

**Wednesday**, February 25

7:00 a.m. Lenten Worship Service

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

6:00 p.m. Tutoring, Gym Classrooms

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room

7:00 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary

**Thursday**, February 26

6:30 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

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

6:00 p.m. Opening Doors, Library

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

**Friday**, February 27

9:00 a.m. Arts and Crafts, Gym-A

9:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, Gym

**Saturday**, February 28

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

10:00 a.m. Unity in the Community, Sanctuary

12 noon AA meeting, Gym-C

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

(look for more information on these events in future Sunday bulletins and Friday Constant Contact e-newsletters)

February 22 Lenten Study begins, 5 - 6 p.m.

February 27-March 1 Sr. High Youth Retreat, Woodworth

February 28 Unity in the Community, 10 - 12 noon

March 14 Churchwide workday, 8 - 12 noon

March 15 Blood Drive, 8 - 12:30 p.m.

March 19-22 Donations for “Non-Garage” Sale accepted

March 22 Family Night, 5 p.m.

March 29 Potluck, Stations of the Cross, 5 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

WEDNESDAY MORNING WORSHIP

During the season of Lent, St. John’s will hold worship services every Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. continuing through April 1. This half-hour service will be a time of reflection, prayer, worship, and sharing in the Eucharist. The Sanctuary will remain open until 8 a.m. for those who wish to remain a while longer.

**PRAYER REQUEST FORM**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Joy  Concern

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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

“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 STUDY

Pastor Jay and Deacon Sarah will lead a 4-week study during Lent titled "How Is It With Your Soul?" beginning **Today** at 5:00 p.m. in the Library and continuing through March 15. Please contact Pastor Jay (pastorjay@stjohnsbr.org or 772-3550) if you would like to participate.

## UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

St. John's will once again join with the children and families of the Charlie Thomas Head Start Center to enjoy worship and fellowship on **Saturday, February 28**, beginning at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. This annual event is a wonderful opportunity to connect with the families whom we support throughout the year with educational programs and assistance offered by Opening Doors and their volunteers. The program will be followed by a light lunch provided by the UMW in the gym.

## CHURCHWIDE WORKDAY

We will have a Churchwide Workday on **Saturday, March 14** from 8 a.m. - 12 noon. Be looking for the sign-up board that will be going around soon.

## UMW "NON-GARAGE" SALE

St. John's UMW is changing their traditional Garage Sale into a "Non-Garage" Sale. This new concept will allow people to bring their "treasures" to the back of the gym beginning **March 19 through March 22**. On March 23, Here Today Gone Tomorrow will pick up all donations and sell them at their Burbank Drive store. The UMW will receive a percentage of the sales. Start your spring cleaning NOW so we can help you get rid of those unwanted "treasures."

## SILENT AUCTION

On **Sunday, April 12**, the 2015 Silent Auction will take place in the gym. The Sojourners Sunday School will once again facilitate this annual event. All members of the church can participate and help make this the best yet by providing items, services, food, and gift certificates! All proceeds go to support Opening Doors, The Shepherd's Market, St. John's Youth mission trips, and Louisiana Volunteers In Mission. For more information contact Beth Forester (handtalker@cox.net or 769-6584) or Richard Damberg (dambergs@icloud.com or 938-7748). For ideas and examples of what to donate check out the Constant Contact e-newsletter that went out on Friday.

## CRAWFISH BOIL

When you see "Silent Auction" reminders, if you think a crawfish boil is most probably being planned you would be correct. A crawfish boil is being planned for **Sunday, April 12!** Information on cost of tickets will be published at a later date. Contact Phil LeBlanc (pleblanc@eatel.net or 225-673-6500) if you have any questions.

## PRESSURE WASHER NEEDED

If anyone has a pressure washer that can be used to clean the outside of the rental house on Renee Drive, please call Brenda in the church office.

## SERMON NOTES

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United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



Mark 1:10

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**First 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.