

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

JANUARY 21, 2018 at 11 A.M.

Welcome to All

All are invited to to participate in any of our activities, and to become a part of this community of faith and love.

✠ Please stand as you are able. **Bold** indicates congregational response.

GATHERING

GREETING *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

✠ CALL *to* WORSHIP Phil Slicker

The buzz of the world interrupts our lives and fills our ears.

Call us into Your way of life, O God.

The complaints of others settle in our mind and cloud our vision.

Lead us into Your vision of life, O God.

The cries of the poor, the oppressed and the outcast pierce our hearts.

Guide us in Your example of living for others, O God.

Fill our hearts, fill our eyes, fill our ears with Your love, O God.

Let us be Your hands and feet in the world, O God.

Let us worship You together.

✠ HYMN *of* PRAISE UMH 600

Wonderful Words of Life

✠ PRAYER *of* INVOCATION *by C. Welton Gadidy, alt.*

**Eternal God,
across the ages, you have called so many people:
Adam and Eve in the cool of an afternoon;
Moses on a hillside;
Isaiah in the temple, Samuel while he slept;
Simon and Andrew, James and John as they fished.**

Do you call us, God?

Are you calling us today?

**From your call, we have received direction,
guidance, correction, instruction, enlightenment,
loving relationships, new missions, experiences
of worship, acts of caring, and a universal fellowship
bearing your holy name.**

**O God, may you never stop calling us, even when
we have trouble hearing, when we are slow to respond,
or when obedience to your call involves discomfort
and trouble.**

Call us now, we pray. Amen.

✠ GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

LISTENING

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Guy Johnson

Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.

Ushers will pass out folders during the Children’s Moment.

*Please register your attendance. If you have any joys or concerns
please fill out a blue prayer card found in the left pocket of the folder
and place it in the offering plate.*

ANTHEM Chancel Choir
Here I Am, Lord

✠ SCRIPTURE Phil Slicker
Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.”

¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

PRAYER *for* ILLUMINATION *Based on Psalm 19:14*

**May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in thy sight, thou who are my strength and my
redeemer. Amen.**

SERMON Pastor Lane
“Are You Ready?”

RESPONDING

✠ HYMN *of* FAITH UMH 338, vs.1 & 4
Where He Leads Me

LEADERSHIP BLESSING *and* INSTALLATION

*Those serving in leadership in 2018 are invited forward
for recognition, installation, and prayer.*

Where He Leads Me

**Where he leads me I will follow,
where he leads me I will follow,
where he leads me I will follow;
I’ll go with him, with him all the way.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Julia

Let us respond after each intercession:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayers.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR TITHES *and* GIFTS *to* GOD

✠ DOXOLOGY UMH 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE

INVITATION *to* CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*We joyfully welcome all those whose wish to become members of St. John’s
and invite you to come forward during the singing of the closing hymn.*

✠ HYMN *of* DISCIPLESHIP UMH 398

Jesus Calls Us

✠ BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

Welcome to St. John's!

Welcome to worship! We are glad you've joined us and hope you feel at home here. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome.

Children of all ages are welcome in worship. However, if you or your child would prefer, nursery care is available in the Administration Building next door; an usher can escort you. Children's bulletins and sermon sacks are available from an usher.

Our ushers are happy to assist you in any way. Restrooms are in the Narthex.

Thank you for being here.

CONFRONTING RACISM LIKE CHRISTIANS

A community conversation, "Confronting Racism Like Christians" will be held at Broadmoor UMC, 10230 Mollylea Dr., **Sunday, January 21** from 4 to 5:30 pm. The event is free; registration is available online. Childcare will be available. This conversation will be led by Rev. Dr. Will Willimon, a bishop in the United Methodist Church and author of 70 books, including his latest *Who Lynched Willie Earle? Confronting Racism through Preaching*.

NEW TESTAMENT FAST TRACK BIBLE STUDY

On **Tuesday, January 23**, we will begin the 12-week New Testament Fast Track Bible Study. If you are interested in participating in this new version of the Disciple Bible Study series, please fill out a registration form and return it with your payment to the church office. Registration forms can be found in the narthex and in the Admin Building. Cost of the student book is \$20. (If you pay by check, please put Bible Study in the memo line.)

HEAVENLY HASH

Heavenly Hash returns! Yes, our fellowship meal on Wednesdays will return on **January 24** at 5:30 p.m. in the FLC. We will serve dinner from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Come anytime during that hour for dinner. PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE CHANGE IN OUR STARTING TIME. Hope you and your family will join us!

CHAMBER MUSIC RECITAL FOR PUERTO RICO RELIEF

The Manhattan Chamber Players, a NYC-based chamber music collective comprised of some of the most accomplished young artists on the Classical music scene today, will be presenting a concert of works for piano, violin, viola, and cello at St. John's UMC on **Friday, January 26** at 7 p.m. Luke Fleming, the Founding Artistic Director and Violist of the Manhattan Chamber Players, grew up at Jefferson UMC and is Pastor Lane's nephew. All profits from the concert will be given to UMCOR for hurricane relief efforts in Puerto Rico.

STATE OF THE CHURCH ADDRESS AND POT LUCK

On **Sunday, January 28** at 5 p.m., we will gather for a "State of the Church" Potluck Dinner. We will celebrate all the ways God has been at work through our church and look to the future to discern where God is leading us together. Everyone is invited to be part of this event. Plan to bring a favorite dish (entree, side, or dessert) to share and mark your calendar for a great evening. A nursery will be provided.

YOUTH MINISTRY MEALS

The Youth need folks to provide them a meal on Sunday evenings at 5 p.m., once a quarter, (approx. 20 people) just prior to their fellowship. You will have a partner and the two of you can decide on the menu (entree, side, and dessert); drinks and paper goods are provided. You do not have to have a youth in the group to participate in this ministry. If you are interested, please contact Deirdré at 939-1425.

UMW SUNDAY

Next Sunday, January 28, is United Methodist Women (UMW) Sunday. Our UMW will lead worship and we will welcome Vickie Bollinger as our guest preacher. The UMW will host a special coffee time next week that you won't want to miss.

WELLNESS COVENANT GROUP

One of our small groups that formed in the fall, originally called Cancer Survivors, has changed their group name to Wellness Covenant Group and will meet on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. in the choir room. This group will be a faith-based, peer-facilitated group for individuals, family, and caregivers living with afflictions of mind, body and spirit. All are welcome to participate. For more information please contact Jim Roberts at roberts.jpt@gmail.com

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 21

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, *Campus Wide*
12:15 p.m. Congregational Care, *Library*
4:00 p.m. ASP Meeting, *Library*
5:00 p.m. Youth, *Family Life Center*
7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*

Monday, January 22

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

Tuesday, January 23

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, *FLC*
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, *Pastor's Office*
12:30 p.m. Audit Reporting, *District Office*
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
5:00 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, *Choir Room*
6:00 p.m. Fast Track Bible Study, *Library*

Wednesday, January 24

5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*
5:30 p.m. Heavenly Hash, *FLC*
6:30 p.m. Finance Committee, *Library*
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, *Sanctuary*
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, *Choir Room*

Thursday, January 25

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*
10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, *Library*
5:30 p.m. Opening Doors, *Library*
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

Friday, January 26

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

Saturday, January 27

8:00 a.m. Gulf South Quilting Assoc., *FLC*
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

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



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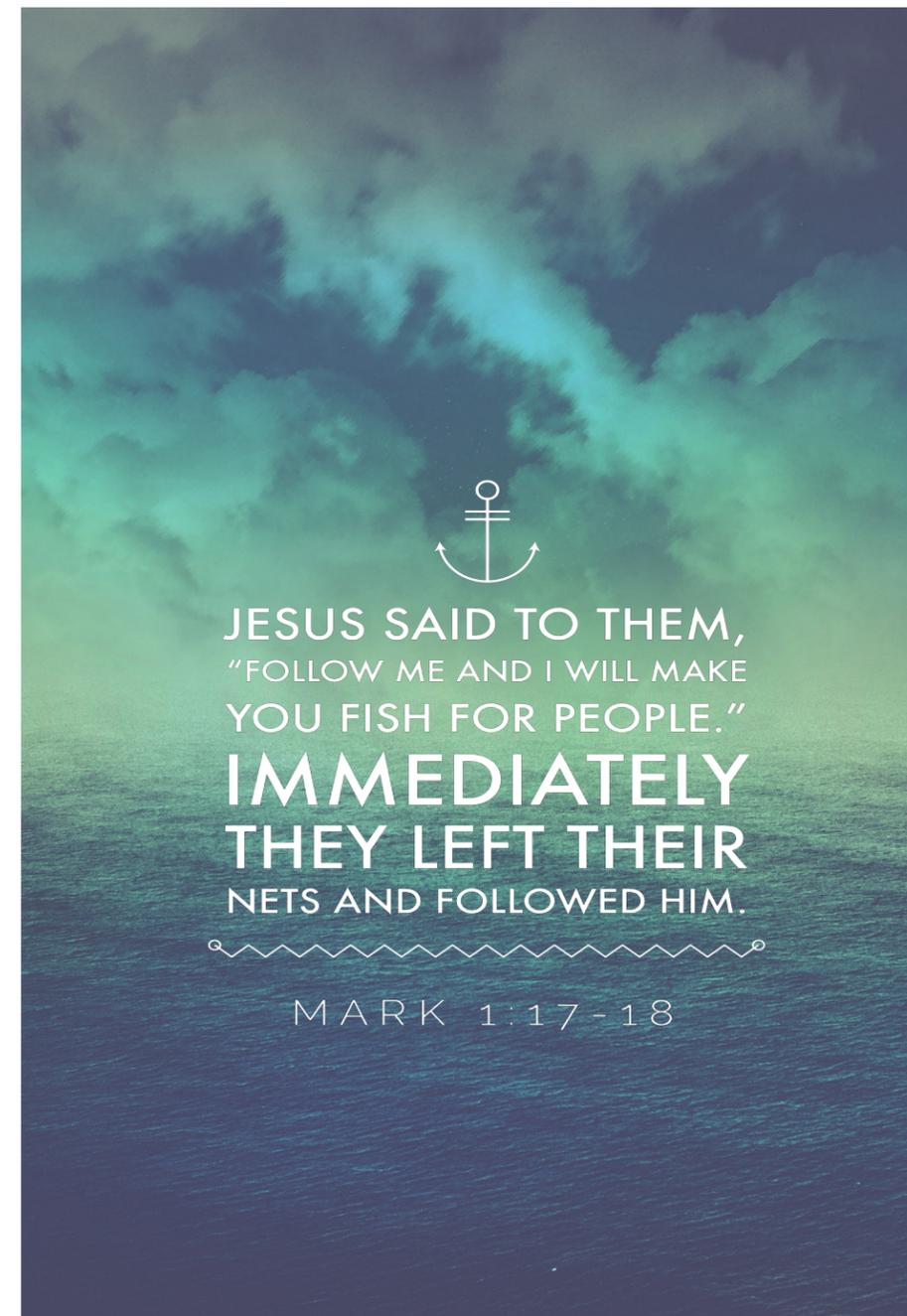


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MARK 1:17-18

11 a.m. Worship Service

JANUARY 21, 2018

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.