

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

JANUARY 21, 2018 at 8:30 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

✠ SONGS of PRAISE

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me FWS 2153, vs. 1 & 2

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

Please Enter My Heart, Hosanna FWS 2154, vs. 1-3

Please enter my heart, hosanna. O please lead my life today.

Gentle Lamb of God, the Christ, the anointed one,

won't you enter my heart today?

O please hear my prayer hosanna, these words that I need to say.

Gentle Lamb of God, the Christ, the anointed one,

won't you stay?

O come, Jesus, come. Hosanna! Hosanna!

O come, Jesus, come today.

Please enter my heart, hosanna. O please lead my life today.

Gentle Lamb of God, the Christ, the anointed one,

won't you enter my heart today?

✠ CALL to WORSHIP Jacob Bynum

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.

✠ SONG of RESPONSE

Praise to the Lord FWS 2029, vs. 1

Praise to the Lord, all of you, God's servants.

Blessed be the name of our God now and ever.

From the rising of the sun may the Lord be praised.

Praise to the name of the Lord!

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 prayer card found in the left pocket of the folder and place it in the offering plate.

✠ SCRIPTURE Mark 1:14-20 Jacob Bynum

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 FWS 2137, vs. 1 & 2

Would I Have Answered When You Called

LEADERSHIP BLESSING & INSTALLATION

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

Would I Have Answered When You Called

O Christ, I cannot search my heart through all its tangled ways,

nor can I with a certain mind my steadfastness appraise.

I only pray that when you call, "Come, follow, follow me!"

you'll give me strength beyond my own to follow faithfully.

✠ PRAYER of CONFESSION Pastor Julia

Holy Lord, God of life, hear our prayer,

as we seek to follow you:

**Forgive us when we follow those paths
that do not lead to life, that lead instead
to violence, or hate, or fear,
paths that lead to dread and death.**

Forgive us when we forget that you offer us life,

**life that is abundant and eternal,
life that began at the creation of all things.**

**Forgive us, turn us to the right path,
and let your love and grace flow over us
and the world.**

We pray in Jesus' name and for his sake.

(a time for silent prayers and confession)

✠ WORDS of ASSURANCE *and* PARDON

Friends, hear the good news:

Jesus calls us to follow him, and he will not lead us astray.

His path is one of forgiveness and renewal.

In the name of Jesus, who is the Christ,
you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God. Amen.

✠ SHARING *the* LOVE *and* PEACE of CHRIST

OFFERING OUR TITHES *and* GIFTS to GOD

Two Fishermen

✠ DOXOLOGY UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God,

all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

✠ CALL to the TABLE

The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ:

"Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

We come to this place, to this time, to this table

at the invitation of Jesus.

We gather around Christ's table of grace.

**We gather to drink the cup of blessing;
to eat the bread of life.**

Let us share the meal together. Let us feast on the Word.

Let us worship God with joy!

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so, with your people on earth and

all the company of heaven we praise your name

and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest. Blest is the one who comes

in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The congregation is seated and the institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we

offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and concludes:

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

GIVING *the* BREAD *and* CUP

♦ *All are welcome to partake in Holy Communion.*

♦ *Communion will be served using the ancient means of "intinction." When broken bread is placed in your hand you may dip it lightly into the cup and thereby receive both elements at the same time.*

♦ *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.*

PRAYER *after* RECEIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which

you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the

world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for

others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

All are invited to stay for refreshments in the Family Life Center.

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

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*

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Host: *Rhonda Tucker*

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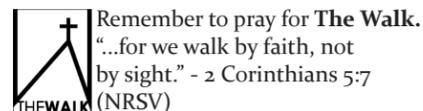
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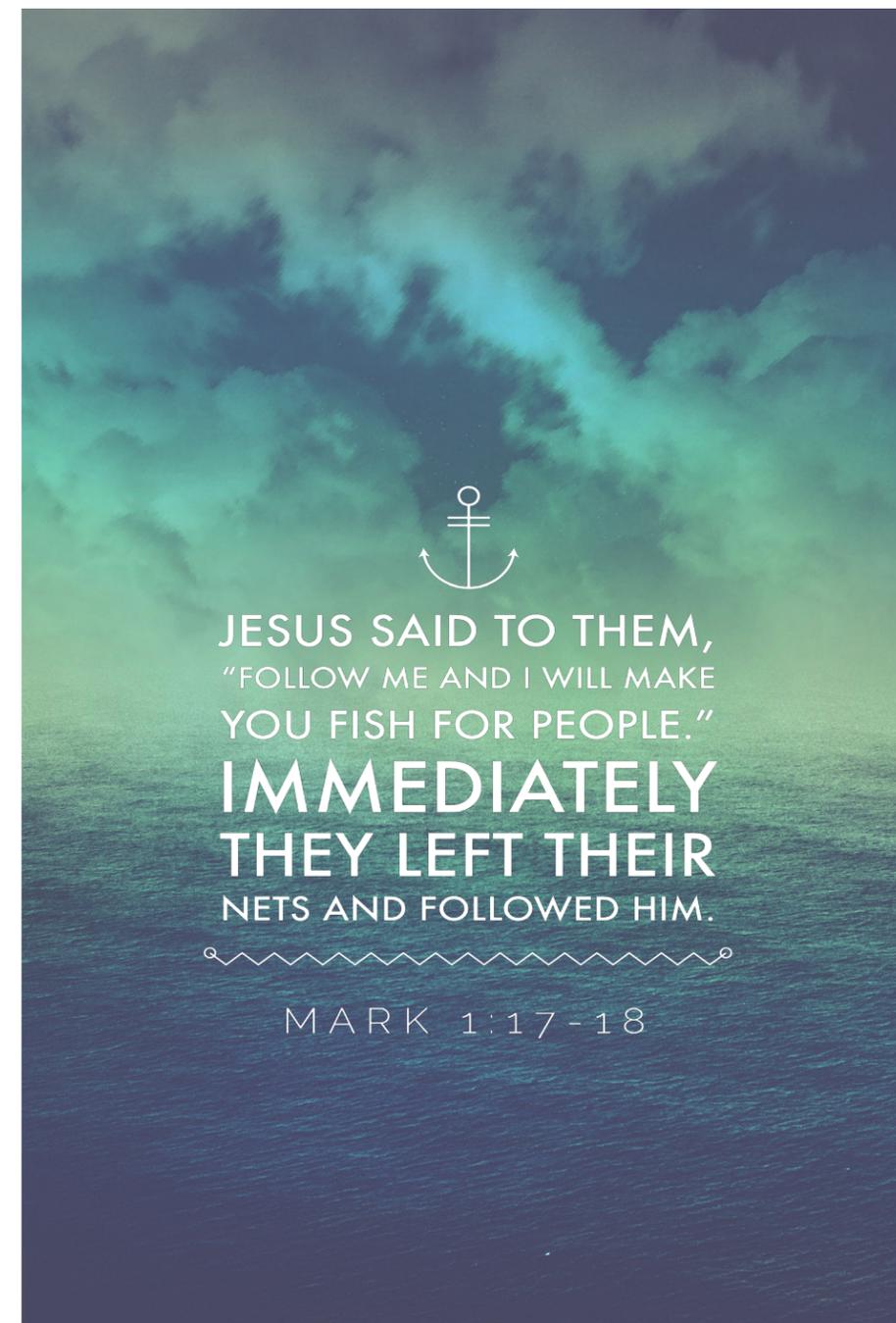
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JESUS SAID TO THEM,
"FOLLOW ME AND I WILL MAKE
YOU FISH FOR PEOPLE."
IMMEDIATELY
THEY LEFT THEIR
NETS AND FOLLOWED HIM.

MARK 1:17-18

8:30 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.