

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

January 27, 2019 at 11 A.M.

Welcome to All

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

✝ Please stand as you are comfortable. **Bold** indicates congregational response.

GATHERING In GOD'S NAME

GREETING *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

Kathleen Adams, UMW President

INTROIT

✝ CALL *to* WORSHIP

We are a community of people-

young, middle-aged, older; diverse in backgrounds, appearances, and gifts -- yet celebrating that diversity.

Our purpose is to know God-

to know You -- sense Your joy -- share Your sorrow -- Your dream for a world where justice knows no favorite, where all walk in dignity, sensitive to each other's need.

Our purpose is to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ-

to reach out and know the wholeness made possible for us by Jesus, even as he restored the broken and the bruised.

Our purpose is to develop a creative, supportive fellowship

to share the joys; bear the sorrows; bind the wounds of body and of spirit-to become a caring community.

Our purpose is to expand concepts of mission-

to confront our preconceived opinions, our prejudices; to extend our areas of concern; to accept responsible action --

through participation in the global ministries of the church.

not "over there" alone, but the neighbor in our midst; not "immediate aid" alone, but willingness to help change systems; not "for" but "with," yet acknowledging the uniqueness of every child of God.

✝ HYMN *of* PRAISE

UMH 569, vs. 1-3

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

✝ AFFIRMING *our* FAITH

UMH 881

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he arose from the dead;

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

✝ GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

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.

MISSION RECOGNITION PINS

Pat Lively, Joyce Perry

LISTENING *to* GOD'S WORD

PSALTER

Kristine Isenflower

Psalm 29

UM Hymnal 761

SUNG RESPONSE

With joy the Lord of Hosts proclaim; extol the great almighty name.

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, upon many waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful, the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

SUNG RESPONSE

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars, **the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**

The Lord makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness, **the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the Lord makes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forests bare;

and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as Ruler for ever.

May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

SUNG RESPONSE

✝ GOSPEL

Luke 4:14-21

Janet Hogstrom

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pam Toney

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.

ANTHEM

Rain Down

Chancel Choir

MESSAGE

*Tracy Branch
St. Mark UMC, Baton Rouge*

✝ HYMN *of* FAITH

As a Fire is Meant for Burning

FWS 2237

PRAYERS *for the* WORLD *and* ITS PEOPLES

Janet Hogstrom

O God, you are the hope of all the ends of the earth, the God of the spirits of all flesh. Hear our humble intercession for all races and families on earth that you will turn all hearts to yourself. Remove from our minds hatred, prejudice, and contempt for those who are not of our own race or color, class or creed, that, departing from everything that estranges and divides, we may, by you, be brought into unity of Spirit, through the bonds of peace. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

OFFERING OUR TITHES *and* GIFTS *to* GOD

✝ DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

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

Lead On, O King Eternal

UMH 580

✝ BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

✝ POSTLUDE

The flowers on the altar are given by St. John's United Methodist Women and are dedicated to United Methodist Women, past, present, and future.

Don't forget to pick up a grocery bag on your way out and bring it back next week for Grocery Bag Sunday.

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.

SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY "JUST MERCY"

How are we called to be channels of God's mercy in an all-too-often-unjust world? "Just Mercy," our February sermon series, will engage us in conversations that spark redemption. We will come face to face with some of the most pressing challenges of the day, learn to tell the truth about our fears and shortcomings, and respond in meaningful ways together. This 4-part series is anchored in scripture from the Revised Common Lectionary.

All are invited to read Bryan Stevenson's compelling book of stories, *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*. Our series is loosely based on principles from the book. Stevenson is a man of deep faith and founder of the Equal Justice Initiative, out of Montgomery, AL. He works for the exoneration of wrongly convicted persons of color, minor children who have been sentenced as adults, and others who have been mistreated by the criminal justice system. The book is available from Amazon.

FAST TRACK BIBLE STUDY

Spring 2019 Fast Track Bible Study will begin on **Tuesday, February 5** at 6 p.m. in the library. If you want to know more about the Bible, want to study in a relaxed, small group atmosphere, want to study with others on their journey through the Bible join us for this 12-week study of **Luke and Acts**. Study books are \$20. There are registration forms in the narthex and the Admin/Education Building. The study will be led by Mike Allen. Scholarships are available.

HYMN FEST AND STATE OF THE CHURCH POTLUCK

On **Sunday, February 10** from 4 - 6 p.m. we will be having a **Hymn Fest** and **State of the Church Potluck**. We will begin in the Sanctuary with the Chancel Choir, Alleluia Ringers, and Praise Team providing special music, as well as accompanying the congregation in singing some of their favorite hymns. A love offering will be taken in support of the our church's music ministries (Write "Music" on the memo of your check, please). Please fill out the form in the bulletin to submit your favorite hymns -- those with the most votes will be sung.

A potluck will follow in the FLC with a State of the Church address by our church leadership. Bring a dish to share to the FLC.

UMW MEETING

The UMW Ruth Circle will meet Tuesday, February 5 at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Claudia Fowler will present a program on "Women Investing in Shalom." All women are invited to attend.

UMW READING PROGRAM

The books in the 2019 UMW Reading Program are now available for checkout from the church library in a special marked area. If you have not started your reading program, now is a great time to begin. While this program is for UMW members to earn a certificate of completion for one of the four reading plans, the books are available for anyone to read.

YOUTH - SHARE SALE FUNDRAISER

St. John's UMY is putting on a fundraiser for their summer trip YOUTH 2019! During our Stock Share Sale, we will invite church members, family, and friends to purchase "shares" of \$10 stock. We will sell shares in the narthex before and after worship for both services February 10, 17, and 24. You can buy multiple shares of stock. Investors will be celebrated with stock certificates and a Shareholder's Thank You dinner! Please help support us in our growth and experience as Methodists and as Christians!

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, January 27

8:00 a.m. Praise Team, *Sanctuary*
8:30 a.m. Worship Service, *Sanctuary*
9:30 a.m. UMW Reception, *FLC*
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, *Campus Wide*
11:00 a.m. Worship Service, *Sanctuary*
4:00 p.m. Christian Formation Meeting, *Library*
4:00 p.m. Youth Group, *FLC*
7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*

Monday, January 28

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
3:00 p.m. Lectionary Ladies Bible Study, *Parlor*
3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, *Parlor*
3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
4:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

Tuesday, January 29

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, *FLC*
1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting, *Pastor's Office*
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Library*
4:30 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, *Parlor*
6:30 p.m. Wesley Challenge Study, *Library*

Wednesday, January 30

10:00 a.m. Spanish Refresher, *Library*
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice, *Choir Room*
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, *Sanctuary*

Thursday, January 31

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
5:00 p.m. Opening Doors, *Library*
5:30 p.m. Communications Team, *Parlor*
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

Friday, February 1

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*
8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, *FLC*
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*

Saturday, February 2

8:00 a.m. Quilts of Valor, *FLC*
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

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Women

January 27, 2019
11 a.m. Worship Service

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.