

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

JANUARY 28, 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 Deacon Janet Hogstrom

In the beginning God created all things,
and God saw that they were good.

At our beginning, God created us
**unique and irreplaceable, loved and wanted by God,
known and treasured by God even before He created us.**

In all our new beginnings, God creates something new
**so we will seek God in the freshness of this morning,
in the laughter of friends, in the colors of creation,
and in this beautiful place.**

Lord God, King of Creation,
**open our eyes to see your presence,
our souls to sense your presence,
and our hearts to love your presence,
ever here in your creation,
and ever beyond it in eternity. Amen.**

Based on Genesis 1; Adapted from "Liturgy of Creation"

† HYMN of PRAISE UMH 145

Morning Has Broken

† PSALTER: PSALM 8 Pat Cobb UMH 743

SUNG RESPONSE
**Sing praise to God
who reigns above,
the God of all creation.**

O Lord, our Lord,
How majestic is your name in all the earth!
Your glory is chanted above the heavens
By the mouth of babes and infants:
**You have set up a defense against your foes,
To still the enemy and the avenger.** RESPONSE.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
The moon and the stars which you have established;
What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
And mortals that you care for them?
Yet you have made them little less than God,
And crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
You have put all things under their feet,
All sheep and oxen,
And also the beasts of the field,
The birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
Whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
O Lord, our Lord,
How majestic is your name in all the earth! RESPONSE.

† 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 Heather Durham

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

Let There Be Peace on Earth

UMW MISSION MOMENT SERVICE & RECOGNITION

SCRIPTURE *Genesis 1:26-28, 2:15*

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.

Genesis 2:15

¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

"This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God

SERMON Vickie Bollinger

"The Creation Story"

RESPONDING

† HYMN of FAITH UMH 369

Blessed Assurance

PRAYER of the PEOPLE Joyce Perry

**God of all peoples,
Breathe on us with the breath of compassion.
Allow us to feel our neighbor's suffering.
Breathe on us with the breath of understanding.
Help us learn to celebrate the exuberant diversity
of the community of humankind.
Breathe on us with the breath of love.
Open our hearts to the wonder and uniqueness
of every person you have created and whom you cherish.
O God of grace, calm our spirits.
In the stillness, guide our expectant hearts
as we pray for the unity of all people and
for peace on this earth. Amen.**

Prayer by Betty Schroeder

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 Deacon Janet Hogstrom

† 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 438

Forth In Thy Name

† BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

† POSTLUDE

*The flowers on the altar are in memory and honor of all United Methodist Women,
past, present, and future.*

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.

STATE OF THE CHURCH ADDRESS AND POTLUCK

TONIGHT 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 join us for a great evening. A nursery will be provided.

YELLOW BAG SUNDAY

Don't forget to pick up a Yellow Grocery Bag for The Shepherd's Market. Next Sunday, February 4 is Grocery Bag Sunday when we help fill the shelves with items needed in the food pantry. For example, Breakfast foods, Mac and cheese, other side dishes, dry beans, juice, detergent/household items.

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

DAYS FOR GIRLS

Days for Girls will be starting up **Saturday, February 10** and continuing the following Saturdays, February 24 and March 10, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Family Life Center. Sewers and non-sewers - we hope you can come help us!

RUTH CIRCLE UMW

The UMW Ruth Circle will meet on **Tuesday, February 6** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. The program will be "An Introduction to Life in Bible Times" and will be presented by Judy Koonce and Pat Lively. All women are invited to attend.

HEAVENLY HASH

Heavenly Hash returns! Yes, our fellowship meal on Wednesdays has returned beginning 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!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

Starting on **Sunday, February 11**, Pastor Lane and Pastor Julia would like to invite anyone who identifies as a young adult to join us for "Second Sundays!" It will be a time to join in fellowship with other young adults for lunch at a different location every Second Sunday of the month. The first location is Fuzzy Tacos (on Lee Dr.).

Coming up soon, Pastor Julia will begin a Book/Bible study small group for young adult professionals every other Tuesday beginning on **January 30** at 6pm. The group will gather at Carrie Stephen's home. For more information please contact Pastor Julia at pastorjulia@stjohnsbr.org.

CONFIRMATION FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS

We will be offering both a Youth (6th grade and up) and an Adult Confirmation Class starting in mid February, which will be under the shared leadership and teaching by Pastor Lane, Pastor Julia, and Deirdré. Anyone can participate in Confirmation and can confirm more than once in a lifetime. For more information about either the Youth or Adult Confirmation classes, please contact Deirdré Halliburton at deidrehalliburton@stjohnsbr.org.

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 28

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SUNDAY
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, *Campus Wide*
5:00 p.m. State of Church / Potluck, *Family Life Center*
7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*

Monday, January 29

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 30

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*
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 31

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

Thursday, February 1

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*
10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, *Library*
6:00 p.m. Trustees, *Library*
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

Friday, February 2

OFFICE CLOSED
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*

Saturday, February 3

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Ushers: *Joyce Perry, Tommie Reinhardt, Harriet Walters, Bobbi Marino*

Greeters: *Lenni Stickles, Liz McDonald*

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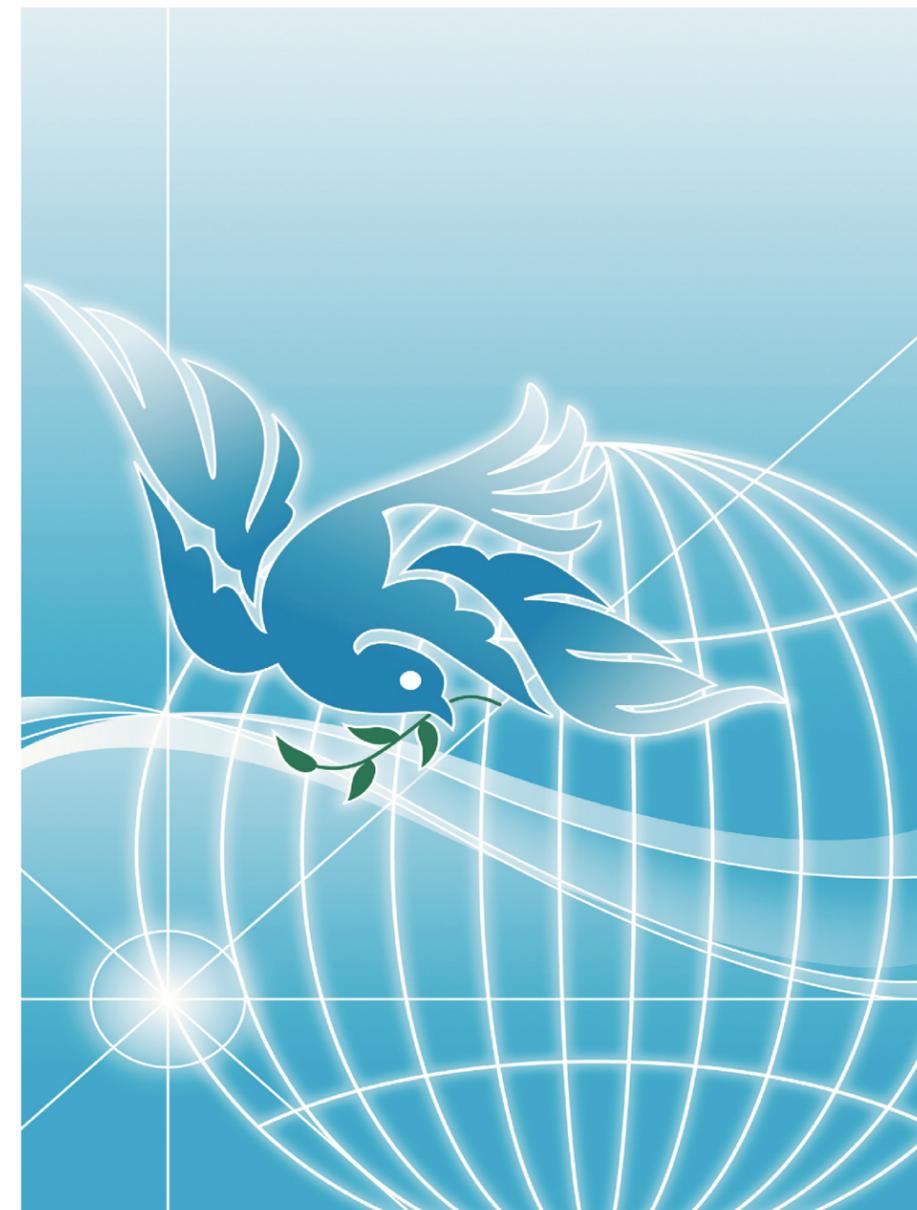
 Remember to pray for **The Walk**.
"...for we walk by faith, not by sight." - 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NRSV)
#sjthewalk

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United Methodist Women Sunday

JANUARY 28, 2018

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.