

# The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

## JANUARY 28, 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

*Honor and Praise*

FWS 2018

**Righteous and holy in all of your ways; we come before you with honor and praise.**  
Here to adore you for all of our days,  
**we come before you with honor and praise.**  
**Lord of the heavens, how faithful you are.**  
**Shine down upon us, O bright Morning Star.**  
**Righteous and holy in all of your ways; we come before you with honor and praise.**  
**Filling the temple, the work of your grace; we come before you with honor and praise.**  
Here to adore you for all of our days,  
**we come before you with honor and praise.**  
**Lord of the heavens, how faithful you are.**  
**Rise in our spirits, O bright Morning Star.**  
**Righteous and holy in all of your ways; we come before you with honor and praise.**

*Let All Things Now Living*

FWS 2008

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the Creator triumphantly raise who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who guides us and leads to the end of our day.**  
**God's banners fly o'er us; God's light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.**  
**The law God enforces, the stars in their courses and sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim the Divine.**  
**We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise, till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: To God in the highest hosanna and praise!**

✠ CALL to WORSHIP

Kristine Isenhower

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 we were created.**

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"*

✠ SONG of RESPONSE

*Bless His Holy Name*

FWS 2015

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**  
**He has done great things, he has done great things,  
he has done great things, bless his holy name.**

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

UMW SERVICE & MISSION RECOGNITION

Danielle Blackwood & Kathleen Adams

SCRIPTURE

*Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15*

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

SERMON

"The Creation Story"

Vickie Bollinger

## RESPONDING

✠ HYMN of FAITH

*Here I Am, Lord*

UMH 593, vs. 1 & 2

✠ PRAYER of CONFESSION

Saroj Welch

**O God, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen:**  
**You place us in your creation, and you command us to care for it.**  
**Your works declare glory and splendor, and you call us to praise and reverence.**  
**Where we have degraded or destroyed earth's bounty, forgive us.**  
**Where we have taken beauty and majesty for granted, have mercy upon us.**  
**Where we have become estranged from the creatures with whom we share this planet, grant us your peace.**  
**Renew us in the waters of baptism, refresh us with the winds of your spirit, and sustain us with the bread of life.**  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, and for the sake of the new creation, we pray. Amen.**

*(a time for silent prayers and confession)*

✠ WORDS of ASSURANCE *and* PARDON

Hear the good news,  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus 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

Betty Schroeder

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

*DUET: DEIRDRE HALLIBURTON, CARRIE STEPHENS*

✠ 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!**

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 15

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. (3x)**  
**Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

*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. (3x)**

*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. (3x)**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

GIVING *the* BREAD *and* CUP

*We will sing the following together during Communion:*

*Here Is Bread (FWS 2266, vs. 1 & 2), Taste and See (FWS 2267),  
Make Me a Servant (FWS 2176), Lord, Be Glorified (FWS 2150, vs. 1 & 4)*

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

Betty Schroeder

**O God, You have blessed us, and fed us with your body and blood – your very life force. By your Holy Spirit, you have come close to us, and we have come close to you in this precious feast, where heaven and earth meet. Give us vision and new commitment to take up the challenges to which you call us; that in company with all created things we may sing the joy, the beauty, and the glory that is Creation's song. 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

FWS 2241

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

✠ BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

*The UMW invites everyone to a reception in the Family Life Center.*

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 deirdrehalliburton@stjohnsbr.org.

## HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

### 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*

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

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

#### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers: *Beth Forester, Judy Barbay, Aileen Pine, Betty Sandifer*

Greeters: *Chris Stubbs, Dawn Staves*

Communion Servers: *Beth Forester, Pat Cobb, Kristine Isenhower, Seng Kinraw*

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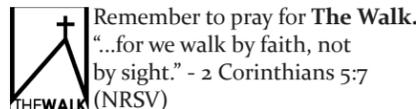
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# ST. JOHN'S

United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



## United Methodist Women Sunday

### JANUARY 28, 2018

### 8:30 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.*