

GALATIANS - THE GOSPEL OF FREEDOM
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017
8:30 A.M.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Margaret Sprunger
 Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.
Praises to you, our strength and our salvation, Jesus the Lord,
 who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age.
To Him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE FWS 2165
Cry of My Heart
 Teach me your holy ways, O Lord, so I can walk in your truth. Teach me your holy ways, O Lord, and make me wholly devoted to you.

Refrain: It is the cry of my heart to follow you.
 It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.
 It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.

Open my eyes so I can see the wonderful things that you do. Open my heart up more and more and make me wholly devoted to you.
 (Refrain)

Halle, Halle, Halleluja FWS 2026
 Halle, Halle, Halleluja!
 Halle, Halle, Halleluja!
 Halle, Halle, Halleluja!
 Halleluja! Halleluja!

OPENING PRAYER Margaret Sprunger
 Holy God, we remember your gifts of grace and mercy.
 You share with us your life and your love in Jesus, your Son.
 And so we cry, Mercy:
MERCY!
 And so we cry, Glory:
GLORY!
 And so we cry, Peace:
PEACE!
 Holy God, we beg for your Holy Spirit:
Enliven our congregation,
Awaken this body,
Pour us out for each other,
Ignite your church,
Nourish the life of the earth.
Make us united though diverse,
Make us whole though broken.
Make us forgiving while forgiven.
Come Holy Spirit!
 Come Holy Spirit and lead us to walk in your ways, now and forever.
AMEN.

GLORIA PATRI Lorri McGuire

SCRIPTURE *Galatians 1:1-5, 11-17*

SERMON *Saved, Not Safe* Pastor Jay

HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory* UMH 577, v. 1 & 4
 God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
 crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
 let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
 serving thee whom we adore.

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON
Most merciful God, we know that when we offend another, we offend you. We admit we often allow the shadow of hate to cloud our hearts. We confess we have said hurtful words to our sisters and brothers. We have failed to live in holiness as you are holy. Forgive us, O Lord, and burn in us the fire of your love. Cleanse us, Holy Spirit, and help us now forgive those who have sinned against us. Lead us again into new life through your Son, Jesus Christ, who shows us the way of love and peace, mercy and justice. Amen.

(silent confession)

Hear the good news: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9) In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

THE PEACE

MINISTRY MOMENT: STEWARDSHIP and THE WALK
Russ & Debbie Nolan
 with Danielle Blackwood

OFFERTORY *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

DOXOLOGY

HOLY COMMUNION
 Call to the Table:
 Let us stand well. Let us stand in awe. Let us be attentive, that we may offer this holy offering in peace.
Mercy and peace, our sacrifice of praise.

The Great Thanksgiving UMH 15
 Communion Responses FWS 2257
 The Lord's Prayer UMH 865

*Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Receiving:
Jesus, once and for all you poured out your life for us. Again and again we thank you and receive your body and blood. Send us out to pour ourselves out with such joyous abandon that your love is always known, the Spirit's power always felt and the Almighty's will to save never in doubt. Amen.

HYMN *I Come With Joy* UMH 617, v. 1, 4, & 5
 I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free, in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near, is in such friendship better known; we see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways, and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *May You Run and Not Be Weary*

*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.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Donnie and Susan Lambert, Darren and Chris Stubbs
Host(s)	Beth Forester

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 29
 7:50 a.m. Early Bird Choir, Choir Room
 5:00 p.m. Youth, 207 Admin Building

Monday, January 30
 9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor
 3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, Library
 3:30 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
 5:00 p.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor

Tuesday, January 31
 8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC
 9:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, February 1
 4:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor
 5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, FLC-A
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room
 6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary
 7:17 p.m. 717 Group, George's Southside

Thursday, February 2
 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Parlor
 8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library
 9:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
 6:00 p.m. Trustees, Library
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, February 3
 OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, February 4
 9:00 a.m. Leadership Training, FLC
 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

JOYS FOR ST. JOHN'S!

Since the first of the new year, St. John's has received in membership Chester and Liz McDonald, Linda Jones, Susan Causey, Chris and Molly Means, Debby Maule, and Shelby McGaha. We are blessed to have them join our St. John's family!

WINTER BIBLE STUDY
The Theology of Politics / The Politics of Theology
5 - 6 p.m. in the Library

Join us on Sundays in February (5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th) for a four-part study focusing on a 'citizen's guide to faith and politics.'

Whether you identify as liberal or conservative, progressive or libertarian...whether you identify politically as Red or Blue, Yellow-Dog or Green, together we form the Party of Jesus; and as followers of Jesus Christ, we are urged to care for each other and share the good news of Christ's love and mercy, peace and justice. Let us study together and find grace for all - not more ugliness and debate, but more prayer and beautiful freedom to minister to our community through the peace and power of the Holy Spirit. RSVP to Pastor Jay at pastorjay@stjohnsbr.org .

PRAYER REQUEST FORM

Date _____

Joy Concern

Please share with the prayer team
 Please share with Pastors only
 I desire a call
 I desire a visit

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

You may also email a prayer request to: prayers@stjohnsbr.org

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

Philippians 4:6

WELCOME

If you would like someone to follow up with you please fill out the information below and place in the offering plate.

- I am just visiting today.
- I am new to the area and am looking for a church home.
- I would like more information about the United Methodist Church and St. John's.
- I am interested in Baptism or Confirmation.
- I am interested in Children's Ministries.
- I am interested in Youth Ministries.
- I am interested in College/ Young Adult Ministries.
- I would like to receive email communications about church life.
- I would like a call from a pastor.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Children (Names & Ages): _____

UMW

The Ruth Circle UMW will meet **Tuesday, February 7** at 9 a.m. in the parlor. The program on the disciple, Peter, will be presented by Judy Koonce. All women are invited to attend.

KAIROS #62 - ANGOLA

Larry Norman will be participating in the Kairos #62 team to Angola **March 9 - 12**. Kairos #62 will need team members, prayer warriors, cookie bakers, and monetary donations. St. John's! Let's start baking! Cookie baking guides are available in the church office and online at the Kairos Angola web site <https://listenlistenlovelove.com/cookies>. Look for further information in future church communications.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY ST. MARK'S UMC IN NEW ORLEANS

Last year, members of St. John's traveled to New Orleans to serve on the mission team to St. Mark's UMC. Everyone who participated had only praises for the experience. Now, **you** have an opportunity to be on the mission team to St. Mark's to help in its mission to the homeless and hungry **Friday, April 21 - Sunday, April 23**. The team is limited to 20 persons so volunteers are urged to register before April 1. The cost is \$100 (checks made out to Larry Norman). Registration forms are available in the church office and on our website: http://www.stjohnsbr.org/pdfs/StMarksMission_2017.pdf. For more information contact Larry Norman at 933-1881 or lduckn@aol.com.

MISSING TABLECLOTHS

The UMW is missing some of the white rectangular tablecloths that we use during receptions, etc. If you are one of the volunteers who brought some home to be washed and forgot to return them, please bring them to the kitchen in the Family Life Center.

LIMITED MOBILITY PARKING LOT

Some folks are still parking in the Limited Mobility parking lot on Sundays. This lot is being reserved for construction workers during the week, but there is still a lot of construction debris that may cause a fall or harm your tires. Please park elsewhere until renovations on the Narthex are completed. If you park in the lot, you are parking at your own risk.

DAYS FOR GIRLS 2017!

Saturday, January 28 is the second of three work days for the Days for Girls project. There will still be plenty to do, so all are welcome. Sewers and non-sewers are needed to cut fabric, iron, sew, serge, apply snaps, insert drawstrings, and assemble kits. The kits contain reusable feminine hygiene projects for girls in developing countries who are missing school because of a lack of available products. **The following donations are needed:** (1) cash to purchase fabric, (2) new girls cotton panties sizes 10, 12, or, 14 in dark to medium colors, solids or flowers, no character or animal prints, (3) new colored washcloths, (4) Ziploc brand gallon sized freezer bags, (NO slide closures), (5) "hotel" soap. For more information contact Joyce Perry, 763-6613 or joyce.perry@cox.net. Check out their website at www.daysforgirls.org

SERMON NOTES

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Remember to pray for **The Walk**.
"...for we walk by faith, not by sight."
- 2 Corinthians 5:7
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Mission Statement

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.