

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2015  
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

And the Word of the Lord became flesh and lived among us,  
**And we have seen his glory,  
The glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.**

SONG OF PRAISE *How Majestic is Your Name* FWS 2023  
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.  
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.  
O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name:  
Prince of Peace, mighty God; O Lord God Almighty.

SONG OF PRAISE *He is Exalted* FWS 2070  
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise him.  
He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise his name!  
He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign;  
heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.  
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

PRAYER

**Living Christ, you changed water into wine. The first sign of your glory urged your disciples to trust you. Help us to do the same. Urge us to place our faith in you this day and in this coming year. Transform our worship into extraordinary celebration that we may taste your glory here and now. And upon leaving this place, use us to transform the community around us. For your greater glory, we pray. Amen.**

**THE WORD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
A Modern Affirmation UMH 885

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE *John 2:1-11*

SERMON *Signs of Abundance, Sins of Scarcity* Pastor Jay

HYMN *There’s Within My Heart a Melody* UMH 380  
vs 1-4

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

**Almighty and most merciful God,  
you know the thoughts of our hearts.  
We confess that we have sinned against you and done evil in your sight.  
We have transgressed your holy laws.  
We have disregarded your Word and Sacraments.  
Forgive us, O Lord.  
Give us grace and power to put away all hurtful things;  
deliver us from the bondage of sin.  
And urge us to bring forth fruit worthy of repentance  
that we might walk in your ways  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(silent confession)

Hear the good news: The Lord God is merciful and gracious, endlessly patient, loving and true, showing mercy to thousands, forgiving sin and granting pardon.

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

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY UMH 94

**THE TABLE**

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.**

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE III UMH 15

COMMUNION RESPONSES FWS 2257 b, c, d

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

\*SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE 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.**

**SENT FORTH IN GOD’S NAME**

HYMN *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* UMH 251

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

\*Gluten-free communion is offered to anyone who desires it; when you come up to the altar, let the pastor know you would like to receive the gluten-free elements.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN ...**

praying that our entire St. John’s family has a blessed New Year.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Putzig, Michael Sylvester, Marc Turner and Lesseyey Deshotels
<b>Host(s)</b>	Rhonda Tucker

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**TODAY, Sunday, January 3**

5:00 p.m. Youth, Gym

**Monday, January 4**

9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor  
3:00 p.m. Men’s Covenant Group, Library  
4:00 p.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym  
5:00 p.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor

**Tuesday, January 5**

8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, Gym  
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym  
9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle UMW, Parlor  
6:30 p.m. Disciple IV, Library  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

**Wednesday, January 6**

5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Gym-A  
6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary  
6:00 p.m. Men’s Group, George’s  
6:00 p.m. Week Night Group, Parlor  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room

**Thursday, January 7**

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor  
8:00 a.m. Holy Folders, Library  
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym  
10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, Parlor  
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting, Library  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

**Friday, January 8**

8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, Gym  
9:30 a.m. Arts and Crafts, Gym-A

**Saturday, January 9**

8:30 a.m. Prime Timers Breakfast, Piccadilly  
12 noon AA Meeting, Gym-C

**RUTH CIRCLE UMW**

The Ruth Circle UMW will meet **Tuesday, January 5** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. The 2016 pledge program and a program about hymns will be presented. All women are invited to attend.

**FOOD BANK DELIVERY IN GYM  
8:30 A.M., FRIDAY, JANUARY 8**

**PRIME TIMERS BREAKFAST**

Join us on **Saturday, January 9** at 8:30 a.m. at the Piccadilly on Essen for a Dutch treat buffet breakfast. The conversation is lively and the company can’t be beat!

**PRAYER REQUEST FORM**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Joy  Concern

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- 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): \_\_\_\_\_

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## UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL

The Upper Room Daily Devotional magazine for January/February 2016 is now available. Copies may be picked up in the hallway of the Administration Building and in the back of the Sanctuary. If you are able, we are asking for a donation of \$1 per copy.

## FINANCIAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE

On **Sunday January 17**, at 12:15 p.m., join us for "I Was Broke But Now I'm Not." Joseph Sangl of INJOY will lead us through budgeting, debt elimination, and the power of compound interest. Participants will receive practical information on giving, saving, getting out of debt, budgeting, retirement, and basic investing. A light lunch and child care will be provided. RSVP by Tuesday, January 12 to [thewalk@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:thewalk@stjohnsbr.org) or 766-4594. **THE SEMINAR IS FREE BUT YOU WILL NEED A RESERVATION IN ORDER TO ATTEND.** For more information visit the website [iwasbrokenowimnot.com](http://iwasbrokenowimnot.com).

## LIFE LINE SCREENING

Life Line screening will be held at St. John's on **Monday, January 11** in the Administration Building. Ultrasounds for stroke, peripheral arterial disease, abdominal aortic aneurysm and osteoporosis as well as an EKG for atrial fibrillation are offered for only \$149 (\$139 without the osteoporosis test). **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** To register for your appointment and to receive a special \$10 discount, call 1-888-653-6450 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).

Life Line Community Healthcare will also offer the Medicare Annual Wellness Visit. For eligible Medicare beneficiaries with traditional Part B, there is no cost/no co-pay. This is not a physical, but a personal wellness consultation performed by a certified Nurse Practitioner designed to help you and your doctor keep you healthy, safe and independent. This wellness consultation is an entitlement! Medicare is billed for this visit. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED;** call 1-866-579-5069.

## MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID CLASS

Daphne Grady will lead a mental health first aid class **Friday, January 22** (5:00 - 9:00 p.m.) and **Saturday, January 23** (9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) in the library. Contact Daphne (769-0361) if you are interested in participating or if you have any questions.

Mental Health First Aid USA is an 8-hour training to teach participants how to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. The evidence behind the program demonstrates that it helps trainees identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders.

## 2016 FLOWER CHART

The Flower Chart for 2016 is now up on the bulletin board in the hallway of the Administration Building. Flowers on the altar each Sunday are a wonderful way to remember or honor a special person or persons and/or occasion AND add beauty to our Sanctuary. Now is the time to sign up -- there are many openings; for example, January is wide open! You will be contacted the week prior to the date you select. If you have any questions, contact Lynn in the church office.

## SERMON NOTES

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**ST. JOHN'S**  
United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*

"Fill the jars with water."



Luke 2:7

**8:30 Worship Service**  
**January 3, 2015**

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.