

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

INTROIT *Blessed Be the Name*

CALL TO WORSHIP

The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it, the world and all who live in it.

Ascribe to the Lord glory and honor.

The Word 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.**

He said, “I came so that the could have life - indeed that they could live life abundantly.”

Let us greet the Lord with gladness and share god’s abundant gifts.

SONG OF PRAISE *All Who Hunger* FWS 2126

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be

fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

SONG OF PRAISE *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* FWS 2026

Halle, Halle, Halleluja!

Halle, Halle, Halleluja !

Halle, Halle, Halleluja!

Halleluja! Halleluja!

PRAYER

Living God, you changed water into wine to celebrate your goodness. Transform our common worship into glorious celebration. You provide for us our daily bread, when we wander in the wilderness and when we gather at your table. Transform our common meals into fellowship divine. You give us life abundant in your grace. Now help us live life to the fullest. For your glory, we pray and give praise in Christ’s name. Amen.

THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed UMH 881

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Lorri McGuire

SCRIPTURE *Exodus 16:9-21*

SERMON *The Step Up* Pastor Jay

A CALL FOR COMMITMENT

HYMN *Here I Am, Lord* UMH 593

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins - known and unknown, those things we have done and left undone. Uphold us by your Holy Spirit that we may live and serve you in your abundant love and in newness of life to the honor and glory of your holy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, this 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.

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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 *Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus* UMH 462
vs 1 & 4

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord*

*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.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ...

are in celebration of the engagement of my grandson, Thomas Norris, to Rachel Walker. Given by Marilyn Crake.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers Barbara Benton, Joyce Robinson, Randy Thayer, Belinda Dumas

Host(s) Jim and Theresa Sandifer

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

TODAY, Sunday, January 31

12:15 p.m. POTLUCK, GYM

3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class, Library

4:30 p.m. Youth, St. Andrews UMC

Monday, February 1

9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group

3:00 p.m. Men’s Covenant Group

4:00 p.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

5:00 p.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor

Tuesday, February 2

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, February 3

5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Gym-A

6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. Building Committee, Library

6:00 p.m. Men’s Group, George’s

6:00 p.m. Week Night Group, Admin 206

6:00 p.m. Communications Team, Parlor

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, February 4

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, Library

6:00 p.m. Trustees, Library

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

Friday, February 5

9:30 a.m. Arts and Crafts, Gym-A

Saturday, February 6

12 noon AA Meeting, Gym-C

CHURCH-WIDE POTLUCK TODAY!! IN THE GYM FOLLOWING THE 11 A.M. SERVICE

Join us for a time of fellowship and celebration as we close our Stewardship Campaign, celebrate the ministries of 2015, and look forward to 2016.

RUTH CIRCLE UMW

The Ruth Circle UMW will meet **Tuesday, February 2** at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. A program about your favorite hymns will be presented. All women are invited to attend.

UMW SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2016 REV. MARIE WILLIAMS, GUEST PREACHER

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): _____

THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET

The Shepherd's Market yellow bags will be passed out today to be brought back next week for Grocery Bag Sunday, **February 7**. Much needed items in the Pantry are: Any breakfast item (cereal, oatmeal, grits, cereal bars, pop tarts), canned milk (condensed/evaporated), canned fruit or fruit cups, and condiments (mayo, ketchup, etc).

LENTEN STUDY ON FASTING

FASTING: Does God really want me to do that? Join us for this five-week Lenten study on **Sundays, February 14 - March 13**, from 5:30 -7:30 p.m. in the Parlor. This study will be led by Pastor Jay, Natalie Cooper, and Deacon Sarah. For more information go to St. John's website under "Upcoming Events." Contact the Church Office to sign up.

TRAINING FOR WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 FROM 3-5 P.M.

This training is for everyone who is or would like to be an usher, scripture reader, acolyte, communion server, or Eucharistic Minister (those who take communion to the homebound). If you are interested in serving, please fill out the insert in today's bulletin and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

UMW PROJECT: DAYS FOR GIRLS

The UMW is holding three Saturday work days (**February 13, 27, and March 12**) to make kits for the Days for Girls project. We will work in the classrooms in the gym from 9-12:00 noon. These kits contain reusable feminine hygiene products for girls in third world countries who are missing school because of a lack of available products.

You may also donate cash or purchase gallon Ziplock Freezer bags, solid or flowered cotton panties for girls size 10-14 (no cartoon characters, etc.), washcloths, or "hotel" size soaps. For more information contact Joyce Perry (763-6613).

MISSION TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS

From **Friday, March 4 - Sunday, March 6**, St. John's will be participating in a mission to St. Marks UMC and the North Rampart Community Center in New Orleans. The cost is \$100 (checks made out to Larry Norman) with a registration deadline of February 10. Registration forms are available in the church office. For more information see "Upcoming Events" on our website or contact Larry Norman (lduckn@aol.com or 933-1881).

COOKIES FOR KAIROS

Larry Norman will be participating in a Kairos Prison Ministry at Angola State Prison March 10-13. As part of this ministry he will need to provide dozens of home baked cookies to share with the participants and team members plus the residents, guards, and staff. There are guidelines that must be followed as to type of cookie, size of cookie, etc. Guidelines are available in the church office as well as on the web site. Cookies can be brought to the church office during regular office hours or on Sundays until **Sunday, March 6**. For more information contact Larry Norman.

SERMON NOTES

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Manna from Heaven



By Mark Lawrence

8:30 Worship Service
January 31, 2016

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.