

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2017
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Marie Williams

God has gathered us to this place,
where we hear stories of God’s love and compassion, God’s mercy and redemption.

God summons us to this place,
where we can learn how to serve God without reservation or hesitation.

God will send us out from this place,
to tell others of God’s hopes and dreams, so they, too, can choose to follow God.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Let All Things Now Living FWS 2008, v 1

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.

Christ Beside Me FWS 2166

Christ beside me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me - King of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me,
Christ above me - never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me - shield in the strife;
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising - light of my life.

PRAYER Rev. Marie Williams

**God of All Generations,
Speak to us in parables so we might pay careful attention to your words.**

**Tell us stories about our grandparents in the faith, so we might become mentors to our grandchildren and theirs.
Foster relationships among us so we can become brothers and sisters around a common mission.**

Make us ready to welcome Jesus Christ into our lives, and to open our hearts to those who are in need.

Fill us with a spirit of generosity and grace so we can leave a lasting legacy of hope.

May we not be ignorant of your dreams and hopes for us, as we look ahead to our future with You. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

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.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Guy Johnson

SCRIPTURE *Psalms 78:1-8*

SERMON *How to Leave a Legacy* Pastor Lane

HYMN *Rock of Ages* UMH 361

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Everlasting God,
You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Since the creation of time, you have nurtured us with your love. And yet we shamefully acknowledge that we do not always share your love with others. We fail to pass on your story of redemption and grace.

Loving God,
Teach us to love you more fully. For in loving you, our lives make your love known to all generations. Help us leave a legacy of love through story and relationships.

We pray in the name of your greatest gift of love, Jesus Christ.

(A time for silent prayer)

Persistently, patiently, lovingly,
God pours out grace and joy into our lives,
healing our brokenness, forgiving our sin.

**Loved, we are sent to love;
Forgiven, we are freed to forgive;
Graced, we can offer our gifts to everyone we meet.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

THE PEACE

MINISTRY MOMENT: THE WALK UPDATE
Danielle Blackwood

OFFERTORY *Seek Ye First / Here I Am, Lord*
Rebecca Babin, Harp

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!

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 2257b, c, & d

The Lord’s Prayer UMH 895

*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 *Pass It On*

UMH 572

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*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.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE . . .

given by Daphne Grady and J.R. Madden with thankfulness
for long marriages and continued birthdays.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	David and Tina Henson, Guy Johnson, Harriet Walters
Host(s)	Sandra Kuykendall

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 23

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Campus wide
5:00 p.m. Youth, 207 Admin Building

Monday, July 24

9:00 a.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor
10:00 a.m. Let’s Geaux Play, Toddler Nursery
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
6:00 p.m. Sharing St. John’s, Worthy Residence
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Tuesday, July 25

8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC
8:30 a.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Pastor’s Office
5:30 p.m. Youth: D&D, Library

Wednesday, July 26

4:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor
5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, FLC-A
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary
7:17 p.m. 717 Group, George’s Southside

Thursday, July 27

8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library
8:30 a.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC
6:00 p.m. Youth: Let’s Take a Walk, Highland Rd. Park
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, July 28

OFFICE CLOSED

6:30 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor
8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, FLC
9:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts, FLC-A
5:30 p.m. Mental Health First Aid, Library

Saturday, July 29

9:00 a.m. Mental Health First Aid, Library
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

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): _____

"FORWARD INTO THE FUTURE" NEW WORSHIP SERIES CONTINUES THROUGH JULY 30

God is beckoning us into the future and is calling us to take another faithful step together as a church family. "Forward into the Future," will prepare us for the journey ahead. What will be St. John's legacy and how will we accomplish it together?

SHARING ST. JOHN'S A "LISTENING TOUR" BY OUR NEW PASTORS COMING TO A NEIGHBORHOOD NEAR YOU!

Look for your invitation to a gathering near your home. If we have an email address you will receive an invitation electronically; if we do not have an email address you will be sent an invitation through the mail. If we do not have an email or your current address and you would like to attend a Sharing St. John's gathering, please contact the church office.

HEAVENLY HASH RETURNS

DON'T FORGET - Heavenly Hash resumes on **Wednesday, August 9**. If you think you or a group would like to fix a meal for 50 - 65 people, please contact Deirdre to let her know of your interest. A love offering is taken up at each meal to help defray the costs.

UPPER ROOM UPDATE

Our shipment of the current issue of the Upper Room Daily Devotional (July/August) should be here sometime next week. Don't forget you can read the devotionals online at www.devotional.upperroom.org.

DAYS FOR GIRLS - SUMMER 2017

It will soon be time for another session of Days for Girls! The UMW is sponsoring 3 work days to make 50 more kits on August 12, 19, and 26 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Family Life Center. Mark your calendars and look for more information in church media.

PROMOTION SUNDAY & BLESSING BACKPACKS SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

On promotion Sunday, August 6, we will be giving Bibles to our pre-K, 3rd grade, 6th grade, and 9th grade students. If you have a child that will be 4 years old, going into 3rd grade, 6th grade, or 9th grade, please contact the church office.

We also want to invite all students, teachers, and school personnel to join us and bring your school bag for the Blessing of the Backpacks during worship at both services on Sunday, August 6.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE CONTINUES THROUGH AUGUST 6

Blue collection bins are in the Administration Building. Some suggested supplies are: loose leaf paper, pencils, blue or black ball-point pens, Elmer's glue, glue sticks, 24-pack of crayons, colored pencils, spiral notebooks (3 subject or more), standard rulers, pocket folders with clasps, scissors, boxes of Kleenex, rolls of paper towels, Clorox wipes, hand wipes, dry erase markers, kid scissors, construction paper, copy/computer paper.

OPENING DOORS / ST. JOHN'S SUMMER ART CAMP

The Opening Doors / St. John's annual art camp for children living in Gardere neighborhoods is in session. This three week program, July 10-28, is held in conjunction with the Gardere Christian Community School.

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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8:30 a.m. Worship Service
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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.