

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

JULY 1, 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 comfortable. **Bold** indicates congregational response.

LET US BE WILLING

GREETING *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION of CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

See insert.

✠ SONGS of PRAISE

We Are God's People

FWS 2220, vs. 1

**We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
born of the Spirit, established by the Word.
Our cornerstone is Christ alone
and strong in Christ we stand;
O let us live transparently and walk
heart to heart and hand in hand.**

Holy Ground

FWS 2272

**We are standing on holy ground and I know that
there are angels all around; let us praise Jesus now;
we are standing in his presence on holy ground.**

✠ CALL to WORSHIP

Bobbi Marino

From the Psalms

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside still waters.**

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me.

I lift my eyes to the mountains, where does my help come from?

My help comes from the Lord, maker of heaven and earth.

God, you are my refuge and strength,

an ever-present help in times of trouble.

You created my innermost being; you knit me together
in my mother's womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made!

The Lord is good, and God's love endures forever.

God's faithfulness continues through all generations.

✠ SONG of RESPONSE

Honor and Praise

FWS 2018, vs. 1

**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.**

LET US BE OPEN

SONGS OF BABYLON

VBS Celebration

Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.

Ushers will pass out folders during the VBS Celebration. 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.

PSALM 46

We will sing Response 1

UMH 780-781

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Based on Psalm 19:14

**May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
acceptable in thy sight, thou who are my strength and my
redeemer. Amen.**

SERMON

Pastor Lane

✠ HYMN of FAITH

Great is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140, vs. 1 & 2

LET US BE HONEST

✠ CALL to CONFESSION

Based on Psalm 145

Our God is merciful and compassionate,
slow to anger and filled with unfailing love.

Our God is close to all who call out in truth,
listening to their cries for help, and offering them salvation.

So let's bring our confession to God,
knowing that God will hear our prayers and forgive.

✠ PRAYER of CONFESSION

Based on Psalm 51

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love.
Hear my confession of sin and wrongdoing.
Transform me with your grace and restore me to wholeness.
Like the psalmist who sought cleansing and pardon,
I ask you to "create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me." Amen.**

(A time for silent prayers of confession)

✠ WORDS of ASSURANCE and PARDON

Based on Psalm 103

Brothers and Sisters, hear the good news!
God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger
and abounding in steadfast love.

As high as the heavens are above the earth –
that's how large God's love is for us.

And as far as the east is from the west –
that's how far God has removed our sins from us.

So be at peace: you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

✠ SHARING the LOVE and PEACE of CHRIST

LET US BE THANKFUL

PRAYER of DEDICATION

Based on Psalm 116

What can we give back to the Lord, for all the good things
God has done for us?

**We offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to God, and call
on the Lord's name. We keep the promises we made to
the Lord, in the presence of God's people. May the gifts we
bring now, glorify God. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS to GOD

I Stand in Grace

Composed by Terry Byars

✠ 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

SHARING the BREAD and CUP

- ♦ *All are welcome to partake in Holy Communion.*
- ♦ *Communion will be served using the ancient means of "intinction." When broken bread is placed in your hand you may dip it lightly into the cup and thereby receive both elements at the same time.*
- ♦ *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.*
- ♦ *You are invited to stay at the chancel for prayer as long as you desire.*

PRAYER after RECEIVING

Based on Psalm 16

**Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.
Thank you for filling us with the joy of your presence, as we shared
in the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Show us the path of
life, as we depart to serve you and our neighbor. Amen.**

LET US BE FAITHFUL

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 2158

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

During the hymn, we invite you to bring forward The Shepherd's Market grocery bags.

✠ BLESSING and SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

*After the service, all are invited to stay for refreshments
in the Family Life Center.*

Welcome to St. John's!

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.

SUMMER PLAYLIST: A SERIES OUT OF PSALMS

Do you have your Summer Psalms Reading List? Located right in the middle of the Bible, Psalms is filled with amazing spiritual songs and prayers, and like every book in the Bible, the Psalms teach us and guide us in our faith. This summer, let the Psalms connect your soul to God in a deeper way through "Summer Playlist: A series out of Psalms."

The favorite Psalms of St. John's are all listed on the Summer Psalms Reading List and have daily readings from June 24 to August 24. If you don't have a Reading List, there are copies in the Narthex and in the Admin. Building as well as on our website.

MINI HYMN SING

During our series on Psalms, we will be having mini-hymn sings: on Sunday, July 8 all of our hymns will come from "The Faith We Sing," on Sunday, July 15, from the Cokesbury Hymnal, Sunday, July 22 from the United Methodist Hymnal, and on Sunday, July 29 we will conclude with an **old-fashioned Hymn Sing** during worship.

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed **Wednesday, July 4**, in observance of Independence Day. Regular office hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) will resume Thursday, July 5.

SOUNDS OF SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Sounds of Summer Sunday School" (for all children and youth) is in its fifth week today. The children are having a great time learning about God, making new friends, and having fun. We would love for anyone who wants to assist with arts and crafts, music, serving snacks, etc., to stop by and help us out in the FLC during the regular Sunday School hour (9:45 - 10:45 a.m.).

YOUTH HOSTING THANK-YOU DESSERT SOCIAL

Mark your calendars and join the St. John's Youth Group in the FLC on **Sunday, July 8** from 6-7 p.m. for a dessert social to celebrate the work that was done on the ASP trip and to thank those of you who supported us every step of the way. We especially want our sponsors to come so we can thank you personally.

OTHER YOUTH NEWS

Parents: Please make every effort to come to Youth Group **TONIGHT AT 5 p.m.** with your youth. Come for supper and wear casual clothes in order to join the youth in some games. There will also be a special devotional.

The Junior High youth will have a **Mission Lock-In** beginning **Monday, July 9** at 3 p.m. and ending Tuesday, July 10 at 12 noon. The registration fee is \$10. Parents can checkout the Youth Newsletter for more information.

Youth Week begins **July 20** with a Lock In on July 20 and 21, Mission Monday July 23, a tubing trip to False River, and a Reverse Progressive Dinner on July 27. Grub Sunday will be August 5 at which time 6th graders are welcomed into the Youth Group.

UMW RUTH CIRCLE

The UMW Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, July 3** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. The annual indoor picnic will be held. Refreshments will be provided by several circle members. All women are invited to attend.

CHURCHWIDE MOVIE NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE: On **Sunday, July 22**, we invite you to a family-friendly movie night in the FLC. More details will be coming soon - stay tuned.

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, July 1
8:00 a.m. Praise Team, Sanctuary
8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Coffee Time, FLC
9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School, Campus Wide
9:45 a.m. Children & Youth Summer Sunday School, FLC
11:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Youth Group, FLC

Monday, July 2
9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor
3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, Parlor
3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Tuesday, July 3
8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor
4:30 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, Library

Wednesday, July 4
OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, July 5
8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
8:30 p.m. Holy Folders, Library
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, July 6
OFFICE CLOSED
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Parlor

Saturday, July 7
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are given by Tommie Reinhardt in memory of her husband, Morris, who passed away on July 4, 2011.

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Remember to pray for **The Walk**.
"...for we walk by faith, not
by sight." - 2 Corinthians 5:7
(NRSV) #sjthewalk



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July 1, 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.