

# The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

## July 8, 2018 at 11 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

INTROIT

✝ SONG of PRAISE

*I Will Enter His Gates*

FWS 2270

**I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart,  
I will enter his courts with praise.**

**I will say, “This is the day that the Lord has made.”  
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.  
He has made me glad, he has made me glad.  
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.  
He has made me glad, he has made me glad.  
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.  
(REPEAT)**

✝ CALL to WORSHIP

Rhonda Tucker

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.**

HYMN SING

Selected by the Congregation

*Chose 2 from The Faith We Sing; singing the first and last verses.*

PSALTER

*Psalm 23*

UMH 754

SUNG RESPONSE

**My shepherd is the Lord, nothing indeed shall I want.**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures,**

leads me beside still waters, restores my life,

**leads me in right paths for the sake of the Lord’s name.**

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

**For you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

SUNG RESPONSE

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

**you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I live.**

SUNG RESPONSE

✝ GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

## LET US BE OPEN

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Heather Durham

*Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.*

*Ushers will pass out folders during the Children’s Moment. 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.*

ANTHEM

*Glorify*

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

*Psalm 23*

Pastor Deirdré

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 Deirdré

## LET US BE THANKFUL

HYMN SING

Selected by the Congregation

*Chose 2 from The Faith We Sing; singing the first and last verses.*

✝ PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

We come to You, Lord, with openness and trust for our  
thanksgivings and our concerns. You know us and our innermost  
beings. Take what is on our hearts, and hear us, O Lord.

**The Lord is our shepherd; We shall not want.**

You created the world in which we live, and there is beauty all  
around. Guide us to the peaceful places in Your world. Help us to  
respect the gifts you have given us.

**With God we find green pastures; He leads us beside still  
waters.**

You know the right paths for us. Help us, as people in Your universal  
church and in this nation, to walk faithfully. When we stray, as we  
often do, lead us back to You and Your way, like a lost sheep being  
found.

**He restores our souls; He leads us along paths of  
righteousness, for His name’s sake.**

There are moments of our lives that seem like there is no end. There  
are times of oppression, sickness, loneliness, grief, unemployment,  
homelessness, persecution, and doubts in our lives. We know You  
are with us, but sometimes we lose that hope. *In that hope, we offer  
now the concerns on our hearts...*

Continue walking alongside us, protecting us, speaking to us words  
of love and encouragement. We need You, with a rod and staff, more  
than ever in these times.

**Even when we walk through the darkest valley, we will not  
be afraid; for You are with us; Your rod and Your staff, they  
comfort us.**

Sometimes, we lose sight of how special we are. We are all anointed  
by Your love. Remind us how important we are to you. Remind us  
how important each person is to You.

**You prepare a feast before us in the presence of our  
enemies; You anoint our heads with oil.**

Even with our trials in life, You continue to bless us. Help us to  
notice those blessings everyday. We love You and how You care for  
us. We can never finish our cup of blessings, as you never stop filling  
it. *Hear now the joys and blessings of our hearts...*

We thank you for these gifts.

**Our cup overflows with blessings.**

Surely, your goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our  
lives, and we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

We thank you for teaching us to pray

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our  
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And  
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For  
thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever  
and ever. Amen.**

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

✝ DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him,  
all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. 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 SING

Selected by the Congregation

*Chose 2 from The Faith We Sing; singing the first and last verses.*

✝ BLESSING & SENDING FORTH

✝ POSTLUDE

## 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: today 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.

### SOUNDS OF SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Sounds of Summer Sunday School" (for all children and youth) is in its sixth 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

Join the St. John's Youth Group **TONIGHT** 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

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.

### FREE CAR WASH

Need your car washed? On **Monday, July 9** at 4 p.m. "Random Acts of Kindness" will be happening in our parking lot so bring your car to be washed at no charge.

### CHURCHWIDE MOVIE NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE: On **Sunday, July 22**, we invite you to a family movie night in the FLC. The movie, *The Sandlot*, is family friendly and fun for all. Bring a friend and watch this fun-filled comedy that all ages will enjoy. You are welcome to bring blankets and camp chairs, or enjoy one of our comfy seats in the Family Life Center. We will have popcorn, nachos, and desserts.

### A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!

We cannot say "Thank You" enough times to our volunteers at VBS! We had a wonderful group of adults and youth who helped make our visit to Babylon such a wonderful week. We even had to add an extra "Tribe" due to late registrations! But our volunteers persevered and we made it through the whole week teaching the Bible through Daniel's exile in Babylon. You can check out pictures on St. John's Facebook page.

## HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

### Sunday, July 8

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 9

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*  
11:00 a.m. Good Grief, St. Johns!, *Parlor*  
3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, *Library*  
3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*  
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

### Tuesday, July 10

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*  
6:00 p.m. Emmaus Board Meeting, *FLC-A*

### Wednesday, July 11

4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*

### Thursday, July 12

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*  
8:30 p.m. Holy Folders, *Library*  
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee, *Library*  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

### Friday, July 13

OFFICE CLOSED  
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*  
8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, *FLC*

### Saturday, July 14

8:30 a.m. Prime Timers Breakfast, *Essen Piccadilly*  
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Ushers: *Maureen Robertson, Jane Rassi, Carrie de la Fuente, Nico de la Fuente*

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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 8, 2018  
11 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.*