

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

July 15, 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

The Church in the Wildwood

Cokesbury 256

**There's a church in the valley by the wildwood,
No lovelier spot in the dale;
No place is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale.**

REFRAIN: **Come to the church in the wildwood,
Oh, come to the church in the vale;
No spot is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale.**

**From the church in the valley by the wildwood,
When day fades away into night,
I would fain from this spot of my childhood
Wing my way to the mansions of light. (REFRAIN)**

HYMN SING

Selected by the Congregation

Chose 2 from The Cokesbury Hymnal; singing the first and last verses.

✠ CALL to WORSHIP

Pat Cobb

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.

PSALTER

Psalm 139

UMH 854

SUNG RESPONSE

**Search me, O God, and know my heart;
try me and know my thoughts.**

✠ 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

Pastor Deirdré

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

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 139

Morgan Dynes

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

Morgan Dynes

LET US BE HONEST

HYMN SING

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Chose 2 from The Cokesbury Hymnal; singing the first and last verses.

✠ PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

Creator God,

you call us to love and serve you
with body, mind, and spirit
through loving your creation
and our sisters and brothers.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

We pray for leaders of the Church.

May they serve as examples

to those who would come to believe in Christ for eternal life.

May the Church place its hope in you,

O God, and not in human wisdom.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

We pray for the leaders of the nations.

May they show mercy and advocate for the rights of the people.

May they, like Moses, seek the greater good rather than their own interests.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Open our hearts in compassion

and receive these petitions

on behalf of the needs of the church and the world.

We pray especially for those who are sick, those who mourn and those who are afflicted.

We pray for those names we now speak aloud
or in the silence of our hearts.

Holy One,

hear our prayers and make us faithful stewards of all
that you have given us.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.

LET US BE THANKFUL

STEWARDSHIP WITNESS

Russ and Debbie Nolan

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 & GIFTS to GOD

Betty Schroeder, John Toney, &

Carrie Stevens

Our Father

by Anne Trufant

✠ 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

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Chose 2 from The Cokesbury Hymnal; singing the first and last verses.

✠ BLESSING & SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

*The flowers on the altar are given by Pat Cobb
in loving memory of her husband, Earl.*

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."

It's not too late to begin reading the favorite Psalms of St. John's. They are all listed on the Summer Psalms Reading List and have daily readings through 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 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 seventh 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 NEWS

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.

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH

To help defray the cost of Youth Week we are seeking financial support for the week's activities. Your generosity will allow us to fulfill our mission of feeding people spiritually and physically beyond the doors of our church. The sponsor board will be up in the narthex before and after both services today. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Deirdre or Morgan Dynes.

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.

ST. MARKS NEW ORLEANS REVISITED

A second trip to St. Mark's in New Orleans is being planned for **Sunday, August 5, 2018**. Contact Larry Norman (933-1881) if you are interested in going or Kathleen Adams (921-2664) if you are interested in helping prepare and serve the meal. These trips to St. Mark's are a wonderful experience in learning to serve others and excellent for all family members and friends. More specific information will be in future bulletins.

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*

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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 15, 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.