

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

JULY 15, 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

✠ 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

From the Psalms

Sarah Prevot

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.

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 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.

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

HYMN SING

Selected by the Congregation

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

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 for forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

✠ SHARING *the* LOVE *and* PEACE of CHRIST

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, &

Our Father
by Anne Trufant

Carrie Stevens

✠ 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.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Betty Schroeder & John Toney

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 SING

Selected by the Congregation

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

✠ BLESSING & 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."

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 15**
8:00 a.m. Praise Team, *Sanctuary*
8:30 a.m. Worship Service, *Sanctuary*
9:30 a.m. Coffee Time, *Family Life Center*
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 16**
9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *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 17**
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 18**
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*
- Thursday, July 19**
8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
8:30 p.m. Holy Folders, *Library*
4:00 p.m. Reading Connection, *Library*
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*
- Friday, July 20**
OFFICE CLOSED
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*
- Saturday, July 21**
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

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

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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

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.