

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

July 22, 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 Summer Bells

✠ CALL *to* WORSHIP Richard Damberg

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, from where does my help come?

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 *of* PRAISE UMH 367

He Touched Me

✠ AFFIRMING OUR FAITH UMH 881

The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;**

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

Born of the Virgin Mary,

Suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, dead, and buried;

The third day he arose from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

The holy catholic church,

The communion of saints,

The forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body,

And the life everlasting. Amen.

✠ 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

HYMN SING Selected by the Congregation
Chose 2 from The United Methodist Hymnal; singing the first and last verses.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Barbara Benton

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.

PSALTER UMH 854

Psalm 121

(Sung Response 2)

In the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence does my help come?

**My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven
and earth.**

The Lord will not let your foot be moved, the Lord who
keeps you will not slumber.

**Behold, the One who keeps Israel will neither slumber
nor sleep.**

The Lord is your keeper;

The Lord is your shade on your right hand.

The sun shall not smite you by day,

Nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil, and will keep your life.

**The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and for evermore.**

(Sung Response 2)

In the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

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

LET US BE HONEST

HYMN SING Selected by the Congregation
Chose 2 from The United Methodist Hymnal; singing the first and last verses.

✠ PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE *Based on Psalm 121*

**Creator of heaven and earth,
we bring all of our joys and sorrows,
dreams and fears, hopes and anxieties, before you,
knowing that your hands are the best place for all of
these things.**

**We trust that you will not let our feet be moved,
that you will neither slumber nor sleep.**

**You are our Keeper, the shade at our right hand;
you will protect us from the sun by day and
the moon by night.**

**You hold our lives in your hands, and you will keep
our goings out and our comings in from this time on
and forevermore. Amen.**

(A time of centering and silent prayers.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

**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.**

LET US BE THANKFUL

STEWARDSHIP WITNESS - THE WALK Danielle Blackwood

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 Summer Bells

✠ 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 DISCIPLESHP

*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 United Methodist Hymnal; singing the first and last verses.

✠ BLESSING & SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

*The flowers on the altar are given by Beverlye Patterson to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Dallas Patterson and Albert Patterson.*

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

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, bookmarks are available in the Narthex and in the Admin. Building as well as on our website.

OLD-FASHIONED HYMN SING NEXT SUNDAY

You won't want to miss **Sunday, July 29** when we will conclude with an **old-fashioned Hymn Sing** during worship with our hymns coming from all three hymnals. We will also hear testimonies from members of the congregation.

SOUNDS OF SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Sounds of Summer Sunday School" (for all children and youth) is in its eighth 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.). Next Sunday will be high energy and full of surprises for our final session on "Sounds of Community."

YOUTH WEEK EVENTS

Youth Week began **July 20** with a Lock In. **July 23** is Mission Monday selecting gifts for the children attending Grace Camp; **July 24** will be tubing on False River; **July 25** will mean solving clues in order to get out of The Escape Room; **July 26** will be hiking and climbing the hills in Tunica; and **July 27** is a Reverse Progressive Dinner where you begin with dessert and end with appetizers. Grub Sunday will be **August 5** at which time 6th graders are welcomed into the Youth Group and they say goodbye to the graduating seniors. Contact Morgan (morgandynes@stjohnsbr.org) for all the details of this busy and fun-filled week.

CHURCHWIDE MOVIE NIGHT

TONIGHT IS MOVIE NIGHT! We invite you to a family movie night in the FLC starting at 4 p.m. 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 and nachos. We invite you to bring a dessert to share.

ST. MARK'S UMC ONE-DAY MISSION

A one-day mission to St. Mark's in New Orleans is being planned for **Sunday, August 5** to feed the homeless after worship. In order to finish the meal preparation by 10 a.m., the group will need to leave St. John's by 5:30 a.m. Contact Rev. Larry Norman (933-1881) if you are interested in being part of the team. Contact Kathleen Adams (921-2664) if you are interested in helping prepare the meal.

BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS

Don't forget **Sunday, August 5** is Promotion Sunday and Blessing of Backpacks at both worship services. All students are invited to bring their backpacks to be blessed before starting school. This is also Promotion Sunday for our children and youth who might be going into a new Sunday School class. We will also present Bibles to students entering K, 3rd, 6th, and 9th grades.

GARDERE BACK TO SCHOOL EXTRAVAGANZA

The 11th annual Gardere Extravaganza will be held **Saturday, August 4** from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the BREC Hartley-Vey Park, 1702 Gardere Lane. There will be free school supplies (all children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian in order to receive supplies), food, games, & gospel singing. The Shepherd's Market will have an exhibit and is looking for a few folks to come help that morning for as long as possible. Contact Theresa Sandifer (tsandifero829@gmail.com) if you are willing to serve.

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

- Sunday, July 22**
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*
4:00 p.m. FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT, *FLC*
- Monday, July 23**
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*
4:00 p.m. YOUTH WEEK: Mission Monday
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*
- Tuesday, July 24**
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*
10:00 a.m. YOUTH WEEK: Tubing on False River
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
4:30 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, *Library*
- Wednesday, July 25**
12:00 p.m. VIPS Everybody Reads Training, *Library*
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*
5:00 p.m. YOUTH WEEK: Escape Room!
- Thursday, July 26**
8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
8:30 p.m. Holy Folders, *Library*
9:00 a.m. YOUTH WEEK: Hiking, Tunica Hills
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*
- Friday, July 27**
OFFICE CLOSED
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*
8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, *FLC*
4:00 p.m. YOUTH WEEK: Reverse Progressive Dinner
- Saturday, July 28**
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)
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July 22, 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.