

**SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2016
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

CALL TO WORSHIP

God said: Let there be light; and there was light.
And God saw that the light was good.
This very day our God has acted! Let us rejoice!
Alleluia! God’s name be praised!

SONGS OF PRAISE

<i>Clap Your Hands</i>	FWS 2028
Clap your hands! Clap your hands!	
Sing a new song in celebration!	
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God is great we praise our God with song!	
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<i>Jesus Be Praised</i>	FWS 2079
Jesus, we worship you; with our voices filled with praises,	
Jesus, we worship you; songs of love we raise.	
Jesus, Jesus be praised! Jesus, Jesus be praised!	

PRAYER

New every morning is your love, great God of light. And all day long you are working for good in the world. Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors and all your creation, and to devote this day to your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE WORD

PSALTER	<i>Psalms 85</i>	UMH 806
GLORIA PATRI		UMH 70
CHILDREN’S MOMENT	Darlene Dickson	
MISSION MOMENT	Alex Martin	
SERMON	<i>Salvation Song</i> <i>(or How to Breathe Underwater)</i>	Pastor Jay
HYMN	<i>Leaning on the Everlasting Arms</i>	UMH 133

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive us, restore us, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

(silent confession)

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY	<i>Come Thou Fount - Longleaf</i>	
DOXOLOGY		UMH 94

THE TABLE

CALL TO THE TABLE
Let us stand well. Let us stand in awe. Let us be attentive, that we may offer this holy offering in peace.
Mercy and peace, our sacrifice of praise.

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE III	UMH 15
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COMMUNION RESPONSES	FWS 2257
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THE LORD’S PRAYER	UMH 895
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*SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Jesus, once and for all you poured out your life for us. Again and again we thank you and receive your body and blood. Send us out to pour ourselves out with such joyous abandon that your love is always known, the Spirit’s power always felt and the Almighty’s will to save never in doubt. Amen.

SENT FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

HYMN	<i>Pass It On</i> vs 1 & 3	UMH 572
BLESSING		
SENDING FORTH		
POSTLUDE	<i>On Eagles Wings</i>	

*Gluten-free communion is offered to anyone who desires it; when you come up to the altar, let the server know you would like to receive the gluten-free elements.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE ...

given by Carlos and Saroj Welch in celebration of their 61st wedding anniversary.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Dawn Staves, Jill Slicker, Belinda Dumas, Betty Sandifer
Host(s)	Jim and Theresa Sandifer

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 24

5:00 p.m. Youth Week: Game Night
5:00 p.m. Now What?, Parlor

Monday, July 25

9:00 a.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor
3:00 p.m. Men’s Covenant Group, Library
4:00 p.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC-Gym
5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor
5:00 p.m. Youth Week: Crud Games, St. Andrews UMC
6:00 p.m. SPRC Meeting, Library

Tuesday, July 26

8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC-Gym
9:00 a.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC-Gym
9:00 a.m. Youth Week: Shepherd’s Market
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, July 27

5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, FLC-A
5:00 p.m. Youth Week: Water and the Word
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee, Library
6:00 p.m. Men’s Group, George’s Southside
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary
7:17 p.m. 717 Group, George’s Southside

Thursday, July 28

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor
7:30 a.m. Youth Week: New Orleans Day Trip
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library
9:00 a.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC-Gym
6:00 p.m. Youth Jam Session, Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Church Council, Library
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, July 29

OFFICE CLOSED
7:30 p.m. Youth Week: Lock In

Saturday, July 30

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS
MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

JULY	24-30	YOUTH WEEK (see Happening This Week)
	31	A Taste of St. John’s
AUG	7	Blessing of Backpacks
	7	Youth: Grub Sunday
	13	Days for Girls Project (and Aug 20)
	14	Promotion Sunday, Presentation of Bibles
	14	Bible 101 (and Aug 21, 28)
SEP	11	St. John’s 101 (and Sep 18, 25)
	25	Blessing of Pets
OCT	2	Fall Blood Drive, UMW Mission Fair
	2	Youth Dinner for Congregation
	16	Stewardship Begins
	30	Commitment Sunday, Church-wide Brunch Trunk or Treat

PRAYER REQUEST FORM

Date _____

Joy Concern

Please share with the prayer team
 Please share with Pastors only
 I desire a call
 I desire a visit

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

You may also email a prayer request to: prayers@stjohnsbr.org

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

Philippians 4:6

WELCOME

If you would like someone to follow up with you please fill out the information below and place in the offering plate.

- I am just visiting today.
- I am new to the area and am looking for a church home.
- I would like more information about the United Methodist Church and St. John's.
- I am interested in Baptism or Confirmation.
- I am interested in Children's Ministries.
- I am interested in Youth Ministries.
- I am interested in College/Young Adult Ministries.
- I would like to receive email communications about church life.
- I would like a call from a pastor.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Children (Names & Ages): _____

NOW WHAT?

Want a safe space to share our hopes and hurts about the last 3 weeks in our hometown? Need some time for conversation, confession, renewal, and reconciliation? Join us this **Sunday, July 24** at 5 p.m. in the parlor.

A TASTE OF ST. JOHN'S 2016!!

Calling all cooks and bakers! We're accepting entries for A Taste of St. John's, our second annual cooking/baking competition, that will be held on **Sunday, July 31** in the Family Life Center. Entries should arrive by 5 p.m. for judging, and everyone is invited for ice cream at 6 p.m. when winners will be announced. Each entry is \$5, or you can sign up to be a judge for a \$5 donation. (Make checks out to St. John's UMC with The Taste in the memo line.) Please submit your entry form by Thursday, July 21.

This year St. John's and United Methodist churches across Louisiana will be raising funds for the Lydia Patterson Institute, a Methodist Christian college-preparatory school located in El Paso. Founded in 1913, it offers programs for Spanish-speaking children, primarily from Juarez, to attend high school in the U.S. and attend an American undergraduate university. The Louisiana Annual Conference Board of Laity voted to join their fundraising for Church Starts with the conference efforts that are supported by our apportionments. For more information go to www.lydiapatterson.org.

UMW RUTH CIRCLE

The UMW Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, August 2** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. The prayer and self-denial program will be presented. A donation collection will be taken. Members are invited to an indoor picnic which will be held at the conclusion of the meeting. Each member should bring their own brown bag lunch; beverages and dessert will be provided. All women are invited to attend.

BIBLE 101: AN INTRODUCTION TO READING SCRIPTURE August 14, 21, and 28

As Christians, we know we're supposed to read our Bibles, but have you ever wondered, "Where do I begin?" Join Pastor Jay and Deacon Sarah, in the library at 5 p.m., for this three-week study that starts at the very beginning. Perfect for adults of all ages who are new to reading scripture on their own or who want a refresher course. Contact the Church Office to sign up.

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

Calling all students! On **Sunday, August 7**, bring your backpack to church! At both services, we will be blessing all backpacks in preparation of the upcoming school year; this includes elementary, middle, and high school, as well as undergrad and graduate students!

ASP PLANNING MEETING

All adults interested in participating in a youth ASP mission trip being planned for the summer of 2017 meet in Lorri's office (202 Admin Building) **Sunday, August 7** at 9:30 a.m. This will be a great way to interact and help our youth gain more experience with mission work!

ASSOCI-EIGHTS COMING IN THE FALL!

Associ-eights is a short-term fellowship opportunity for members and friends of St. John's to gather in small groups for meals and fellowship. It doesn't matter if you've been around St. John's for 30 years or 30 days - come be a part and have fun while getting to know some new people! Look for the sign-up sheets in August.

SERMON NOTES

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

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Psalms of Psummer

8:30 Worship Service July 24, 2016

Mission Statement

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.