

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2017
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP Nelson Williams

We are here together in the name of Christ Jesus,
in the presence of an awesome and Holy Love.
God reaches out to us offering us abundant life.

We are open to the movement of God’s Spirit.
Thanks be to God for all the wonderful blessings
we have received.

We celebrate God’s joyful love for us and with us! Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE *Into My Heart* FWS 2160

Into my heart, into my heart,
come into my heart, Lord Jesus;
come in today, come in to stay;
come into my heart, Lord Jesus.
Out of my heart, out of my heart,
shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus;
shine out today, shine out always;
shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus.

Lord Be Glorified FWS 2150, vs 1-3
In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.
In our homes, Lord ...
In your church, Lord ...

PRAYER Nelson Williams

Gracious God,
What amazing love You offer us!
Long before we knew You, You knew us, and chose us to be
part of Your family -- sisters and brothers with our Lord,
Jesus Christ.

We long to leave a legacy of love,
one that lifts people and lightens the world.
Open us to your vision. Free us from our fears.
Inspire in us the courage and enthusiasm to be
beacons of your love and grace.

May this time of worship and all that we do in life
bring honor and glory to Your Name, which is Love.
Amen.

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

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.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Morgan Dynes

SCRIPTURE *Genesis 49:1-2, 28*
Deuteronomy 31:1-8

SERMON *Blessing the Future* Pastor Lane

HYMN *The Lily of the Valley* FWS 2062

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God,
You teach us Your ways, and bless us with abundant life, yet
we turn aside to follow other paths.
We take the easy way out, listening to the world’s call, rather
than Your call to love.
We close ourselves off, losing sight of Your vision.
We stifle enthusiasm in others, shutting our hearts from joy
and praise.
Forgive us when we wander from Your love.
Open us to Your grace, that we may grow in faithfulness and
work together to dream dreams and see Your visions for our
future.

(A time for silent prayer)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

God is at work, nurturing our growth and showing us the ways
that lead to life.

God is at work, reconciling us to one another and teaching us the
paths of love.

God is at work, hearing our confessions, forgiving our
disobedience, and blessing us in love.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY *Do Lord, Remember Me*

DOXOLOGY UMH 94

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

The Great Thanksgiving: UMH 15
Communion Responses FWS 2257b, c, & d

The Lord’s Prayer UMH 895

*Giving the Bread and 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.

HYMN *Called As Partners in Christ’s Service*

Called as partners in Christ’s service,
called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment
fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring
to fulfill God’s chosen end.

Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring,
Christ’s clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering,
reconciling folk on earth.

Men and women, richer, poorer,
all God’s people, young and old,
blending human skills together
gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ’s mission,
in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other’s burdens,
breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision,
words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action,
make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow
ways to order human life
that surround each person’s sorrow
with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving
hope and confidence and peace.

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*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.

The flowers on the altar are given by the Blackwoods in celebration
of Barbara Benton’s birthday.

Worship Assistants: Jill Slicker, Lynn Cooper, Grant Schroeck, Fran
Anderson, ushers; Chris Stubbs, host

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 30
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Campus wide
3:30 p.m. Christian Formation, Library
5:00 p.m. Youth: 5th Sunday, Jefferson UMC

Monday, July 31
9:00 a.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor
10:00 a.m. Let’s Geaux Play, Toddler Nursery
3:00 p.m. Youth: Missions at Shepherd’s Market
3:30 p.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC
6:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Tuesday, August 1
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC
8:30 a.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC
9:30 a.m. UMW Ruth Circle, Parlor
5:30 p.m. Youth: Final D&D, Library

Wednesday, August 2
TBA Youth: Girls/Boys Night
4:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor
5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, FLC-A
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary
7:17 p.m. 717 Group, George’s Southside

Thursday, August 3
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library
8:30 a.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC
6:00 p.m. Youth: Walk & Talk, Highland Rd. Park
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, August 4
6:30 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor
9:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts, FLC-A
7:00 p.m. Youth: Lock-In, FLC

Saturday, August 5
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

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): _____

**NEW WORSHIP SERIES BEGINS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 6
BACK TO SCHOOL: BRUSHING UP
ON THE BASICS OF FAITH**

**SHARING ST. JOHN'S
A "LISTENING TOUR" BY OUR NEW PASTORS
COMING TO A NEIGHBORHOOD NEAR YOU!**

Invitations to the next neighborhood gatherings will be going out next week. If we have an email address you will receive an invitation electronically; if we do not have an email address you will be sent an invitation through the mail. If you can't attend your gathering, please contact the church office and we will find you another.

YOUTH WEEK BEGINS!

Youth Week at St. John's starts TODAY! This week is the culmination of our summer events where we come together to bond and have some fun before starting back to school. Check out the scheduled events listed in "Happening This Week" on the reverse of this bulletin.

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Would you like being part of our Children's Ministry? We are looking for Sunday School teachers for the fall/winter. If you can help, contact Deirdre (deirdrehalliburton@stjohnsbr.org) with dates you can help as well as what age group you'd like to help with. Email her no later than the week of August 6. Thank you for your support!

PROMOTION SUNDAY & BLESSING BACKPACKS SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

We want to invite all students, teachers, and school personnel to join us and bring your school bag for the Blessing of the Backpacks during worship at both services on Sunday, August 6. Bibles will be presented to our pre-K, 3rd grade, 6th grade, and 9th grade students.

**HEAVENLY HASH RETURNS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9
6 P.M., FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

**DAYS FOR GIRLS - SUMMER 2017
SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 19, & 26
9 A.M - 12 P.M., FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE CONTINUES THROUGH AUGUST 6

Blue collection bins are in the Administration Building. Some suggested supplies are: loose leaf paper, pencils, blue or black ball-point pens, Elmer's glue, glue sticks, 24-pack of crayons, colored pencils, spiral notebooks (3 subject or more), standard rulers.

UMW RUTH CIRCLE

The Ruth Circle UMW will meet **Tuesday, August 1** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Pat Lively will present the program on the disciples Philip and Bartholomew. All women are invited to attend.

WILDWOOD ELEMENTARY

Help is needed in the mornings Wednesday, August 9 through Friday, August 11 to show parents and students to their classrooms.

If you would like to be a Reading Friend at Wildwood please contact Tara Schoonover (everybodyreads@ebschools.org) to schedule a training session; they are held here at St. John's.

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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8:30 a.m. Worship Service
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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.