

**SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2015
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

God said “Let the 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!

SONG OF PRAISE *We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise* FWS 2031
We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving;
and we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.

SONG OF PRAISE *Clap Your Hands* FWS 2028
Clap your hands! Clap your hands!
Sing a new song in celebration!
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Clap your hands! Clap your hands!
God is great we praise our God with song!
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PRAYER

Lord we ask for the mind of your son, our savior, Jesus Christ. He believed in people and never lost hope in us. He was disappointed but did not lose heart. He disregarded his own comfort and convenience, putting others’ needs first. He even suffered but did not threaten in return. Help us, O God, to follow the way of Jesus. Urge us, Holy Spirit, to love deeply and live in service to your kingdom on earth. For the glory of your name, we pray. Amen.

THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
The Apostles’ Creed UMH 881

THE PSALTER *Psalms 16:5-11* UMH 748

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE *Ephesians 3:14-21* Troy James

SERMON *In Seven Words or Less* Rev. Dr. Van Stinson

HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH 384
vs 1, 4

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. Strengthen us that through our Savior Jesus Christ, we may abide in your love and serve only your will. In Christ’s name, amen.

(Silent confession)

RESPONSE TO THE PARDON

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. This proves God’s love toward us. 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

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.

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE III UMH 15

COMMUNION RESPONSES FWS 2257 b, c, d

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

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 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* UMH 140
vs 1, 3

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR . . .

are given by Misty Shaw. “This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.” Psalm 118:4

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Chris and Darren Stubbs, Duane Craig, Jim Matthew
Host(s)	Rhonda Tucker

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

TODAY, Sunday, July 26

YOUTH WEEK BEGINS

5:00 p.m. Willie Berman Presentation, Gym
5:00 p.m. Youth, Gym

Monday, July 27

9:00 a.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor
3:00 p.m. Men’s Covenant Group, Parlor
4:00 p.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor
7:00 p.m. Youth: Bowling, Circle Bowl

Tuesday, July 28

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
6:30 p.m. Youth: Trivia Night, Gym

Wednesday, July 29

9:00 a.m. Youth: Hiking, Tunica Hills
5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Gym-A
5:30 p.m. Men’s Group, George’s
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room

Thursday, July 30

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
6:00 p.m. Youth: Picnic, Highland Rd. Park
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

Friday, July 31

OFFICE CLOSED
7:00 p.m. Youth: Lock-in, Gym
9:00 p.m. Youth: Laser Tag

Saturday, August 1

12 noon AA Meeting, Gym-C

WELCOME, LORRI, and an OLD-FASHIONED POUNDING

On **Sunday, August 2**, St. John’s will welcome our new full-time Director of Ministries with Youth and Children, Lorri McGuire, and her husband, Gene. There will be a reception during coffee time to introduce them to everyone.

As part of our welcome, we are going to have an old-fashioned “Pounding.” We are looking for contributions such as food items for their pantry, cleaning supplies, or, maybe, even a frozen meal, all to be delivered to them when they move in. Items can be brought to the church office through **Thursday, July 30** and left in the designated blue buckets in the Receptionist Office. For more information contact the church office (766-4594) or Deirdre Halliburton (939-1425).

GROCERY BAG SUNDAY

The yellow Shepherd’s Market shopping bags will be distributed today in preparation for Grocery Bag Sunday. Please bring the bags back next **Sunday, August 2** with groceries for the food pantry. Your help on Grocery Bag Sunday enables us to provide food to anyone who comes to the pantry for help. Come volunteer -- see how your donations help feed the hungry.

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): _____

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday, August 2 will be our annual Blessing of the Backpacks. All students -- children, youth, adults -- are encouraged to bring their backpacks to either the 8:30 or 11:00 service for this special blessing.

UMW

The Ruth Circle UMW will meet at 9:30 a.m. on **Tuesday, August 4** in the Parlor. All women are invited to attend.

WORSHIP IN THE MARKET

On **Tuesday, August 4**, at 8:15 a.m., we will begin **Worship in the Market** a brief service of scripture, song, and Eucharist. Come join us in the Gym each Tuesday morning preceding the Shepherd's Market. All are invited!

ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The school supply drive to benefit children in the Gardere area ends **August 6**. Bring your donations to the church and leave them in the designated blue buckets on Sunday or during regular office hours Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

BUILDING RENOVATIONS TRIVIA

Want to have some fun while learning more about our upcoming building project? Impress your friends and St. John's family with all the facts you know about renovations to our gym (aka Family Life Center) and a whole new narthex! Join in the fun on **Sunday, August 9**:
Coffee Time & Fellowship: 9:30 - 9:43 a.m., Gym
Building Project Info & Trivia: 9:45, Sanctuary

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES

Philippians. On **Wednesday, August 5** at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor, the small group for parents with young children and expectant parents will begin a weekly Bible Study; the first book to be studied is Philippians. **CHILDCARE WILL BE PROVIDED!** Contact Deacon Sarah if you are interested in participating.

Sexuality and Same Gender Relationships. Pastor Jay will conduct this two-session Bible study on **Sunday, August 9 and 16**, at 6:00 p.m. (room to be announced). RSVP to pastorjay@stjohnsbr.org or 772-3550.

Disciple IV. On, **Tuesday, September 1**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Library, we will begin Disciple IV: Under the Tree of Life, the final study in this four-phase Disciple program. This 32-week study concentrates on the books of the O.T. known as The Writings and the N.T. books of John and Revelation. Cost of the workbook is \$40. Contact the church office to sign up.

Missional Wisdom. This four-week study for Seekers, Servants, and other Students of the Way is being led by Deacon Sarah and Theresa Sandifer. It begins on September 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Have you ever wondered what it really means to live in Christian Community? Do you ponder how to live your Christian discipleship outside the walls of the church in your everyday life? Do you think about how serving others fits into the life of a Disciple? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, this study is for you. Cost of the study book is \$15. Contact the church office to sign up.

SERMON NOTES

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Praying Hands



By Albrecht Durer

8:30 Worship Service
July 26, 2015
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

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.