

# The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

JUNE 24, 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

✠ SONGS of PRAISE

*I Will Enter His Gates*

FWS 2270

**I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart,  
I will enter his courts with praise.  
I will say, “This is the day that the Lord has made.”  
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.  
He has made me glad, he has made me glad.  
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.  
He has made me glad, he has made me glad.  
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.**

*This Is the Day*

UMH 657

**This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made,  
that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice, let us rejoice  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord hath made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.**

✠ CALL to WORSHIP

Ben Hartman

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.**

✠ SONG of RESPONSE

*Lord, Be Glorified*

FWS 2150, vs. 1 & 2

**In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.  
In our homes, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In our homes, Lord, be glorified today.**

## LET US BE OPEN

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Guy Johnson

*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.*

PSALM 100

*We will sing Response 1*

UMH 821

**Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.**

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

Pastor Lane

✠ HYMN of FAITH

*Let All Things Now Living*

FWS 2008

## 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

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 *and* GIFTS to GOD

✠ 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.*

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 faithfully 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 of DISCIPLESHIP

FWS 2279

*The Trees of the Field*

✠ BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

*After the service, all are invited to stay for refreshments  
in the Family Life Center.*

*The flowers on the altar are given by Bob Hoover  
in celebration for the life of Herman E. Hoover.*

## 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.*

### OUR VISIT TO BABYLON BEGINS TOMORROW



Yes, VBS starts tomorrow at 9 a.m. and continues through Friday, June 29. This year our children will be learning powerful lessons about the prophet Daniel's life while he was in Babylonian captivity and how he stayed faithful to God in every circumstance he was faced with. God's Word comes alive through the children's interaction with Bible history and daily Bible Points that are integrated into each activity. Daily visits to the Market Place will introduce them to the sights and sounds of a Babylonian bazaar. This VBS week in Babylon will be a learning and fun experience they will not soon forget! We welcome all children (ages 4 years to those who finished 5th grade this school year) to join us this week in Babylon.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please consider volunteering for VBS. You can volunteer for one, two days, or all week. A nursery will be available for volunteer's children (under 4 years), breakfast will be provided and snacks will be available all morning in the Oasis.

**Volunteers, please be here by 8 a.m. for a short devotional and instructions for the day.**

### SUMMER PLAYLIST: A SERIES OUT OF PSALMS

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."

Find out the favorite Psalms of St. John's starting today and throughout July as we kick off the series. Take home your "Summer Psalms Reading List" today, too! The series will conclude on July 29 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 fourth week today. We are hoping everyone is enjoying this time to learn about God and have 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.).

### FLOWER CHART

Check out the flower chart on the bulletin board in the Admin Building and see if there is a date that you might put flowers on the altar to honor or remember someone or a memorable date. Heroman's Florist on Staring (769-9898) has a key to the sanctuary and will deliver the flowers on Saturday afternoon. Flowers are needed for: July 8, 22, & 29; August 5 & 12; September 2, 9, 23, & 30; October 7, 14, & 21; November 18 & 25; and December 30.

### YOUTH: REPORT ON ASP MISSION TRIP

Please join the St. John's Youth Group in the FLC on **Sunday, July 8** from 6-7 p.m. for a dessert social to celebrate the work that was done on the ASP trip and to thank those of you who supported us every step of the way. We especially want our sponsors to come so we can thank you personally.

### UMW RUTH CIRCLE

The UMW Ruth Circle will meet Tuesday, July 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. The annual indoor picnic will be held. Refreshments will be provided by several circle members. All women are invited to attend.

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Thank you for faithfully supporting the ministries of St. John's. Revenue in May was \$2,529 better than Budget and Expenses were \$7,249 below Budget for the month of May. Year-to-date Revenue is \$7,250 above Budget and Expenses are \$5,493 lower than Budget. We expect higher expenses in June and July with the increase of activities and missions in the summer months. Please remember your church family even when you are on vacation or away on Sundays. If you have any questions, please contact Troy Prevot, Finance Committee Chair, at tprevot@bellsouth.net.

## HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

### Sunday, June 24

8:00 a.m. Praise Team, *Sanctuary*  
8:30 a.m. Worship Service, *Sanctuary*  
9:30 a.m. Coffee Time, *FLC*  
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, June 25

9:00 a.m. VBS: Daniel's Courage in Babylon  
3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, *Parlor*  
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

### Tuesday, June 26

9:00 a.m. VBS: Daniel's Courage in Babylon  
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*  
4:30 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, *Library*

### Wednesday, June 27

9:00 a.m. VBS: Daniel's Courage in Babylon  
5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*

### Thursday, June 28

9:00 a.m. VBS: Daniel's Courage in Babylon  
1:30 p.m. Holy Folders, *Library*  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

### Friday, June 29

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*  
9:00 a.m. VBS: Daniel's Courage in Babylon

### Saturday, June 30

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

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers: Donnie and Susan Lambert, Darren and Chris Stubbs  
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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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# ST. JOHN'S

United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



June 24, 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.*