

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

June 9, 2019 at 11 A.M.

Welcome to All

All are invited 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.

GATHERING *With* GOD

BELL TOLL

The tolling of the bell invites you into a time of centering and stillness.

GREETING *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Spirit of God

Chancel Choir

† CALL *to* WORSHIP

Guy Johnson

O rushing wild spirit of God
pour out the fire of love upon us!
Unfurl your language upon our lips,
unlock our minds to embrace all possibility,
unleash our hearts so Your justice flows freely.

O for a thousand tongues to sing sweet praise!

O rushing wild spirit of God
pour out the fire of love upon us!
May your breeze bring health and wholeness,
may your breath heat our resolve,
may your Spirit storm the earth with mercy and grace.

O for a thousand tongues to sing sweet praise!

O rushing wild spirit of God
pour out the fire of love upon us!
Set us free from self-doubt,
make us listeners as we seek awareness,
shake us awake when we forget our privilege.

O for a thousand tongues to sing sweet praise!

O rushing wild spirit of God
pour out the fire of love upon us!

Amen. Amen. Amen.

† HYMN *of* PRAISE

UMH 500, VS. 1, 3, & 5

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

† AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

UMH 884

A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church

**We believe in the one God,
creator and sustainer of all things,
Father of all nations,
the source of all goodness and beauty,
all truth and love.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
God manifest in the flesh,
our teacher, example and Redeemer,
the Savior of the world.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
God present with us for guidance, for comfort,
and for strength.**

**We believe in the forgiveness of sins,
in the life of love and prayer,
and in grace equal to every need.**

**We believe in the Word of God
contained in the Old and New Testaments
as the sufficient rule
both of faith and of practice.**

**We believe in the church,
those who are united in the living Lord
for the purpose of worship and service.**

**We believe in the reign of God
as the divine will realized in human society,
and in the family of God,
where we are all brothers and sisters.**

**We believe in the final triumph of righteousness
and in 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.**

ENGAGING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Natalie Cooper

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.

ANTHEM

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-21

Guy Johnson

The word of the Lord.
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

Morgan Dynes

RESPONDING *to* GOD'S GRACE

† HYMN *of* FAITH

UMH 347

Spirit Song

PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE

As prayer petitions are shared, we will respond:

Comforting Spirit,
hear our prayers.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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,
forever. 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!**

DEPARTING *to* SERVE

† 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 2241

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

† BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

† POSTLUDE

The flowers on the altar are in celebration of William Halliburton's 21st birthday on June 8 and are given by his family: Ray, Deirdre, Trey, and Andree.

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 in the Narthex.

Our ushers are happy to assist you in any way. Restrooms are in the Narthex.

Thank you for being here.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Louisiana Annual Conference is **June 9 - 12**. Pastor Lane, Pastor Deirdré, John Toney, and Bobbi Marino will represent St. John's in Shreveport; Danielle Blackwood and Mari Walker are serving as district delegates and many of our retired clergy will be attending as well. We celebrate that Pastor Deirdré will be commissioned during the Celebration of Ministry service on Monday, June 10.

We will be celebrating Pastor Deirdre's commissioning as a provisional elder at a reception during coffee time on June 16; everyone is invited! We will also be starting our summer worship series Listen, Love, Leap that day, which invites us to open our hearts and minds to God's surprising Word.

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE UMW

The Mary Martha Circle will meet **Tuesday, June 11** at 7 p.m. in the parlor. All women are invited to attend.

VBS IS COMING SOON!

VBS - Power Up, Raise Your Game - June 24 - 28, 9 a.m. - noon. Registration for VBS has begun. Forms are available on our website (www.stjohnsbr.org), in the narthex, and in the hallway of the Admin Building. Children aged 4 years through those completing 5th grade are eligible to attend. Invite your friends and neighbors also. It's free!

Volunteers Needed. Forms are available in the narthex and on our web site for you to sign up to be a volunteer during Vacation Bible School, **Monday, June 24 - Friday, June 28, 9 a.m. - noon.** You might want to volunteer to help with decorating and set up, be a group leader (two adults per group), our photographer, kitchen helper (making snacks for the kids) or to bring snacks for the volunteer break room, "Stop 'n Go." Please contact Pastor Deirdre if you have any questions.

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

In June and July our children who have completed K - 5th grade will combine into one class. **We are still in need of teacher volunteers for those two months.** Each Sunday requires 3 volunteers. This is an excellent way to "get your feet wet" by testing the waters as a Sunday school teacher, so to speak. You may sign up for one Sunday or multiple Sundays. Bring a friend to join you! The materials we use are very helpful in spelling out just how the lesson is taught. For more information, contact Pastor Deirdré.

SUMMER ONLINE GIVING

Though you may have a different routine during the summer, the ministries of St. John's continue going strong. It's easy to forget about your financial commitments to the church when you are busy or away. One easy way to *not* forget is to *not* have to remember! Setting up recurring scheduled giving is the way to do this. You can set up a weekly or monthly gift, or make a one-time gift and not have to worry if you wrote that check. Online giving can be accessed through our website www.stjohnsbr.org and clicking on Give Now. We accept credit cards and debit cards.

PASTOR LANE'S RENEWAL LEAVE

Pastor Lane will be on renewal leave from June 17 to September 3. During this time she will be stepping back from the day to day operations of the church to rest, refocus, and re-energize. According to the *United Methodist Book of Discipline*, clergy who have been in full-time ministry for at least six years may take a spiritual renewal leave of up to 6 months to model Jesus' rhythm of ministry, where the Lord "withdrew from the crowds" to engage in a deliberate season of prayer and renewal. While she is away, Pastor Deirdre will assume clergy responsibilities, with the support of our Ministry Intern, Morgan Dynes, our capable staff, and occasional guest preachers. Please do all you can to help during this season through your prayers, attendance and support.

SPANISH CLASS

In June and July, the every Wednesday morning Spanish Class will be practicing reading and oral skills. If you know Spanish (poco o mucho) and would like to get a little practice, you are welcome to join them in the library at 10 a.m. every Wednesday. They will be reading from Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's "The Little Prince" (El Principito).

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

- Sunday, June 9**
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. Sunday School, *Campus Wide*
11:00 a.m. Worship Service, *Sanctuary*
4:00 p.m. Youth Group, *FLC*
7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*
- Monday, June 10**
9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group, *Parlor*
3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, *Library*
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*
- Tuesday, June 11**
8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, *FLC*
2:00 p.m. Reading Connection, *Library*
4:30 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, *Library*
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
6:00 p.m. Emmaus Board Meeting, *FLC-A*
7:00 p.m. Mary Martha Circle, *Parlor*
- Wednesday, June 12**
10:00 a.m. Spanish Class, *Library*
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, *Choir Room*
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, *Sanctuary*
- Thursday, June 13**
8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*
- Friday, June 14**
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*
8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, *FLC*
- Saturday, June 15**
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

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June 9, 2019

11:00 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.