

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

June 9, 2019 at 8:30 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

† SONGS of PRAISE

Shine, Jesus, Shine

FWS 2173, vs. 1 & 2

REFRAIN

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;
flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

**Lord, the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.**

REFRAIN

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.**

REFRAIN

More Like You

FWS 2167

**More like you, Jesus, more like you.
Fill my heart with your desire to make me more like you.
More like you, Jesus, more like you.
Touch my lips with holy fire and make me more like you.
Lord, you are my mercy. Lord, you are my grace.
All my deepest sins have forever been erased.
Draw me in your presence. Lead me in your ways.
I long to bring you glory in righteousness and praise.**

† CALL to WORSHIP

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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.

† SONG of RESPONSE

Where the Spirit of the Lord Is

FWS 2119

**Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace;
where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is love.
There is comfort in life's darkest hour; there is light and life,
there is help and power in the Spirit, in the Spirit of the Lord.**

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.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-21

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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

Spirit Song

UMH 347

† PRAYER of CONFESSION

**Almighty God,
you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples
creating bold tongues, open ears,
and a new community of faith.**

**We confess that we hold back the force
of your Spirit among us.
We don't always listen for your word of grace,
speak the good news of your love,
or live as a people made one in Christ.**

**Have mercy on us, O God.
Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,
and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people,
doing your will for the sake of your kingdom. Amen.**

† WORDS of ASSURANCE and PARDON

Hear the good news!
God's Spirit has been poured out upon all flesh,
and we have been made one.
We are no longer scattered or divided,
but gathered together to build up the kingdom on this earth.
Thanks be to God!

† SHARING the PEACE and LOVE of CHRIST

May the Spirit's peace be always with you,
and also with you.

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS to GOD

† DOXOLOGY

**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!**

UMH 94

† THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 18

*Our sung communion responses are from
The Faith We Sing Hymnal #2275*

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

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.*
- ♦ *Gluten-free communion is offered to anyone who desires it at the station in front of the pulpit.*
- ♦ *You are invited to stay at the chancel for prayer as long as you desire.*

LITANY OF SENDING FORTH

God of wind and fire,
When you send your Spirit, we are created anew.
God of mighty oceans and still waters,
When we receive your baptism, we are born anew.
God of bread and wine,
When we eat at your table, we are nourished anew.
Having been filled with holy food,
**send us out with our hearts and hands open
to sharing your Spirit with all the world. Amen.**

DEPARTING to SERVE

INVITATION to CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*We joyfully welcome all those who wish to become members of St. John's
and invite you to come forward during the singing of the closing hymn.*

† HYMN of DISCIPLESHIP

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

FWS 2241

† BLESSING and SENDING FORTH

† POSTLUDE

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

*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 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*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers: *Phil and Jill Slicker, Paul Ivey, Maureen Robertson*

Host: *Beth Forester*

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June 9, 2019

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.