

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 12, 2017  
11:00 A.M.**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Madeline Blackwood  
 Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,  
 Jesus, the Son of God,  
**Let us hold fast to our confession.**  
 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize  
 with our weaknesses,  
**We have one in every respect has been tested as we are,  
 yet without sin.**  
 Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness,  
**So that we may receive mercy  
 and find grace to help in time of need.**  
 (Hebrews 4:14-16)

HYMN *We Gather Together* UMH 131  
 We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing;  
 he chastens and hastens his will to make known.  
 The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
 Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
 ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
 so from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
 thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
 and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.  
 Let thy congregation escape tribulation;  
 thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

OPENING PRAYER Madeline Blackwood  
**Lord, your glory is always to have mercy.  
 Be gracious to us who have strayed from your ways.  
 Please bring us back, make our hearts repentant and our faith  
 strong.  
 Help us to embrace and hold on to the unchangeable truth of  
 your Word, Jesus Christ your Son,  
 who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,  
 one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Modern Affirmation* UMH 885  
 Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic  
 and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

**We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love,  
 Whose mercy is over all his works, And whose will is ever directed  
 to his children’s good.  
 We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift  
 of the Father’s unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the  
 promise of our deliverance from sin and death.  
 We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives,  
 whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of  
 Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.  
 We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of  
 love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end  
 that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Natalie Cooper

SCRIPTURE *John 3:1-18* Jay Hogewood

SERMON *An Unfinished Narrative* Deirdré Halliburton

HYMN *Love Diving, All Loves Excelling* UMH 384  
 Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
 fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!  
 Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
 visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!  
 Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.  
 Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
 end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
 suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
 Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
 pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.  
 Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;  
 changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
 till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

MINISTRY MOMENT:  
 MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID Daphne Grady

OFFERTORY *O Rest In the Lord* Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

HYMN *We Are God’s People* FWS 2220, v. 1-3  
 We are God’s people, the chosen of the Lord,  
 born of the Spirit, established by the Word.  
 Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Christ we stand;  
 O let us live transparently  
 and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God’s loved ones the Bride of Christ, our Lord,  
 for we have known it, the love of God outpoured.  
 Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given;  
 O let us share each joy and care  
 and live with a zeal that pleases heaven.

We are the body of which the Lord is Head,  
 called to obey Christ, now risen from the dead.  
 God wills us be a family diverse, yet truly one;  
 O let us give our gifts to God  
 and so shall God’s work on earth be done.

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**

are given to the Glory of God by Fred and Kathleen Adams.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<b>Ushers</b>	Maureen Robertson, Will Halliburton, Carrie de la Fuente, Nico de la Fuente
<b>Host(s)</b>	Russ and Debbie Nolan

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, March 12**  
 7:50 a.m. Early Bird Choir, Choir Room  
 4:00 p.m. Youth Band, Choir Room  
 5:00 p.m. Youth, 207 Admin Building  
 5:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study, Library  
 5:00 p.m. Children’s Choir, Choir Room  
 5:30 p.m. Children’s Activities, Admin Building  
 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, FLC

**Monday, March 13**  
 9:00 a.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group  
 11:00 a.m. Good Grief, St. John’s!, Library  
 12:00 p.m. VIPS Training, Library  
 3:00 p.m. Men’s Covenant Group, Library  
 3:30 p.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC  
 5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor  
 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

**Tuesday, March 14**  
 8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC  
 8:30 a.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC  
 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor  
 7:00 p.m. Mary Martha UMW, Parlor

**Wednesday, March 15**  
**7:00 a.m. Lenten Wednesday A.M. Service, FLC**  
 4:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor  
 5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, FLC-A  
**6:00 p.m. Lenten Wednesday P.M. Service, FLC**  
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room  
 6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, FLC  
 7:17 p.m. 717 Group, George’s Southside

**Thursday, March 16**  
 8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library  
 8:30 a.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC  
 6:30 p.m. Church Council, FLC  
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

**Friday, March 17**  
 OFFICE CLOSED  
 6:30 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor  
 9:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts, FLC-A

**Saturday, March 18**  
 9:00 a.m. UMW Climate Study, FLC  
 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

**LENTEN STUDY AND SERVICES**

Join us on Sunday evenings at 5 p.m. in the Family Life Center as we  
 continue our study *Fearless: The Courage to Question*. At the same time  
 the adults are in the study, the children are practicing their songs for  
 Easter in the choir room and 5:30 p.m. they have fun and games. There  
 is also a nursery for the little ones.

Don’t forget the mini services on Wednesdays during Lent. For your  
 convenience, there is one at 7 a.m. and one at 6 p.m. There is a short  
 worship service with communion that will have you on your way to work  
 in the a.m. and home in time for supper in the p.m.

**PRAYER REQUEST FORM**

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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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Children (Names & Ages): \_\_\_\_\_

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### LAGNIAPPE CAMPAIGN

St. John's, after the narthex is completed and renovations to the sanctuary are done, there will be four additional needs still to be addressed in order to put the finishing touches on this beautiful area of our campus. After many discussions, the Trustees have listed them in priority order: (1) Repair/replace the windows in the sanctuary, (2) construct an entrance to our property by the white house, (3) furnish the Narthex, and (4) landscape the area around the Narthex. If you are interested in giving some extra (Lagniappe) toward this campaign, please be sure to indicate it is Lagniappe.

### UMW CLIMATE JUSTICE STUDY

*Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action* invites you to seek climate justice, which means setting right our relationships with each other and the earth. St. John's UMW is presenting a two-day workshop, on consecutive Saturday's, **March 18 and 25**, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., in the Family Life Center. Please register by calling or emailing the church office (registration is recommended, but not required). There will be coffee and donuts in the morning and a light lunch at the end of the workshop.

### CHURCH WIDE WORK DAY

It's time to spruce up St. John's - it's time for spring cleaning!! The Trustees have designated **Saturday, March 25** as our church-wide work day from 8 a.m. to noon. The following is a list of some of the things that need to be taken care of: painting, pressure washing, cleaning out storage sheds, cleaning exterior windows, cleaning out gutters, picking up limbs, and weeding and planting flower beds. If you have any tools that will help get these jobs done, please bring them with you. There is a sign-up board in the Family Life Center.

### MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Daphne Grady will be leading an eight-hour training class on Friday, March 31 (5:30 - 9:30 p.m.) and Saturday, April 1 (9 a.m. - 2 p.m.) to teach participants how to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. Class is limited to 15. The registration is \$30, checks made out to NAMI Baton Rouge and mailed to Daphne Grady, 7515 Sheringham Ave., BR 70808.

### THANKS, ST. JOHN'S

Larry Norman says thanks to the St. John's bakers who baked cookies for the Kairos Angola #62 weekend; he received 133 dozen homemade cookies!

### ART FOR BULLETIN COVERS

Do you have any photos, paintings, or images that you have created that might be appropriate for use as a graphic for our Sunday bulletins? We would love to feature your work and highlight the talent that St. John's has! If so, please send it to Lynn (office@stjohnsbr.org) and we will try to incorporate these images in worship!

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Mary Martha Circle UMW will meet **Tuesday, March 14** at 7 p.m. in the parlor. Dawn Staves will speak on "Women Empowered for Economic Justice." All women are invited to attend.

### EGGSTRAVAGANZA IS COMING!

YES! The Eggstravaganza is coming (**April 9**) and for the Easter egg hunt we need plenty of plastic eggs and individually wrapped candies. There is a blue tub in the hallway of the Admin Building for you to put your donations. THANK YOU!

## 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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**Second Sunday in Lent**  
**March 12, 2017**

**11 a.m. Worship Service**

#### 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.*