

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017
8:30 A.M.**

All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion’s love have stood.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON
Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(silent confession)

Hear the good news: God didn’t send his son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

THE PEACE

MINISTRY MOMENT:
MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID Daphne Grady

OFFERTORY *O Rest In the Lord*

DOXOLOGY UMH 94

HOLY COMMUNION
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.

The Great Thanksgiving UMH 15

The Lord’s Prayer UMH 865

Communion Response Carrie Stephens, Terry Byars

*Giving the Bread and 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.

HYMN *May You Run and Not Be Weary* FWS 2281
May you run and not be weary. May your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary. May your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel always lead you home.

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*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.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Donnie and Susan Lambert, Darren and Chris Stubbs
Host(s)	Kathy King

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, Family Life Center
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

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP John Eeds
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)

SONGS OF PRAISE

Christ Beside Me FWS 2166
Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, King of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me - never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me
- shield in the strife;
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising
- light of my life.

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.

OPENING PRAYER John Eeds

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.

GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Natalie Cooper

SCRIPTURE *John 3:1-18* Jay Hogewood

SERMON *An Unfinished Narrative* *Deirdré Halliburton*

HYMN *All Who Hunger* FWS 2126
All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

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): _____

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

8:30 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.