

# The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

March 24, 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.*

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† Please stand as you are comfortable. **Bold** indicates congregational response.

## GATHERING In GOD’S NAME

BELL TOLL

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

PRELUDE

*Terry Byars*

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

† CALL to WORSHIP

*Kathleen Adams  
UMW President*

Be still!

**We come to quiet ourselves in this haven of holiness.**

Be still and know . . .

**we come to discern the Word which can set us free.**

Be still and know that God is . . .

**our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Strength.**

In this time of worship, let us still our minds and remember this divine promise:

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.”

(from Ecclesiastes 3:1)

† HYMN of PRAISE

*Jesus Is All the World to Me*

UMH 469

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

*John Michael Misko  
Child of Daniel and Ashley Misko*

COMMENDATION of LOVE and CARE

Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care John Michael, whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that he may grow in the knowledge and love of God, through our Savior Jesus Christ?

**With God’s help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that John Michael, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

HYMN of BLESSING

*Welcome to the Family*

**Welcome to the family,  
we’re glad that you have come to share your life with us,  
as we grow in love, and may we always be to you  
what God would have us be, a family always there,  
to be strong and to lean on.**

## LISTENING to GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

*Barbara Benton*

*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

*Amazing Grace*

Chancel Choir

† SCRIPTURE

*Luke 10:38-42*

*Pastor Deirdré*

<sup>38</sup> As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!” <sup>41</sup> “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

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

“Dismissing Distractions”

*Pastor Deirdré*

## RESPONDING to GOD’S GRACE

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER

† HYMN of FAITH

*Not So In Haste, My Heart*

UMH 455

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS to GOD

† DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

UMH 95

† PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

Let us thank God, whom we worship here in the beauty of holiness.

For this place where we may be still and know that you are God,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For your presence in both the busyness of life and the still places of life,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For making us your beloved children through our baptism.

For your grace and forgiveness,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For inviting us to dismiss the distractions of life and sit still with you,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For calling us to follow you into the world, to feed your people and grow into the likeness of Christ,

**We thank you, Lord. Amen.**

## 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

*Standing on the Promises*

UMH 374

† BLESSING and SENDING FORTH

† POSTLUDE

## 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.*

### LENT WORSHIP SERIES - "BE STILL"

Lent, the 40-day season before Easter, is about taking time to "Be Still," to pray, read the Bible, think, reflect, listen, and to be given hope and power to move in the direction that God intends. Life is full of distractions and busyness. But Jesus says to stop and listen; kneel at the feet of your Savior, and you will find rest and renewal for your soul. Scripture for next week is Mark 4:35-41

### NEW FAMILY MINISTRY STARTS TODAY

Join us as we discuss family devotions at our first **Faith, Family & Formation** gathering **TODAY** at 3 p.m. We will talk about real ways to stay connected to God and each other as family. Pastor Deirdre will facilitate our discussion, while the children are doing spring-themed crafts. This a time of spiritual growth for all ages and generations.

### DAYS FOR GIRLS

The final work day in this series of Days for Girls is **Saturday, March 30** from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Family Life Center. Remember you do not need to know how to sew in order to participate in this very worthwhile ministry. For more information about this international organization go to [www.daysforgirls.org](http://www.daysforgirls.org).

### MISSION TO ST. MARK'S, NEW ORLEANS

St. John's annual mission to St. Marks UMC in New Orleans will be **April 5-7**. There is still time for you to sign up. The mission fee of \$135 per person includes your lodging and meals and helps defray the costs of preparing the Sunday meal and materials for the construction projects plus an afternoon at the New Orleans Cooking School. Registration forms are in the narthex, church office, and the FLC.

### ORIGAMI EASTER PROJECT

Would you be willing to help with an at-home origami project for Easter? Instructions and materials will be provided. You do not need to know how to do origami to take part. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please contact Pastor Lane at [pastorlane@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:pastorlane@stjohnsbr.org) or 766-4594.

### CHURCHWIDE SPRING WORK DAY

The Board of Trustees (the team responsible for the church property) is inviting our church family to participate in a Spring Work Day on **Saturday, March 30** from 8 - 11 a.m. We will be sprucing up inside and outside and putting a shine on the campus facilities getting it all ready for visitors and for Easter!

### EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Our Easter Eggstravaganza will be **Saturday, April 13**, 9 - 11 a.m. Bring your family, tell your neighbors! There will be fun for all ages - not only an Easter egg hunt, but games, crafts, a pancake breakfast AND maybe a visit from the Easter Bunny! **WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP:** We are now collecting plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy for the Easter egg hunt. There will be blue tubs in the narthex and the hallway of the Admin Building for you to put the eggs and candy.

### HOLY WEEK CALENDAR

**Palm Sunday Worship - April 14 at 8:30 and 11 a.m.** Our children will begin our worship service processing with palms.

**Holy Thursday - Thursday, April 18 at 6 p.m.** Our service remembering the Last Supper will include footwashing, handwashing, and Holy Communion.

**Good Friday - Friday, April 19 at 6 p.m.** Our Chancel Choir will present "It Is Finished" - a service of shadows and the Alleluia Ringers will provide special music.

**Easter Sunday - April 21 at 8:30 and 11 a.m.** Our services will begin with children processing with flowers and will feature beautiful special music as we celebrate the risen Christ.

## HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

### Sunday, March 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. Sunday School, *Campus Wide*  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service, *Sanctuary*  
3:00 p.m. Faith, Family and Formation, *Library*  
4:00 p.m. Youth Group, *FLC*  
7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*

### Monday, March 25

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*  
3:00 p.m. Lectionary Ladies Bible Study, *Parlor*  
3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, *Library*  
3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*  
4:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*  
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

### Tuesday, March 26

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*  
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, *FLC*  
1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting, *Pastor's Office*  
4:30 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, *Library*  
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Library*  
6:00 p.m. Fast Track Bible Study, *Library*

### Wednesday, March 27

10:00 a.m. Spanish Class, *Library*  
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*  
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir, *Choir Room*  
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, *Sanctuary*

### Thursday, March 28

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*  
6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting, *Library*  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

### Friday, March 29

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*  
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*

### Saturday, March 30

8:00 a.m. Trustees Spring Work Day  
9:00 a.m. Days for Girls, *FLC*  
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

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Ushers: Zach and Kristine Isenhower, Bill and Jane Metcalf

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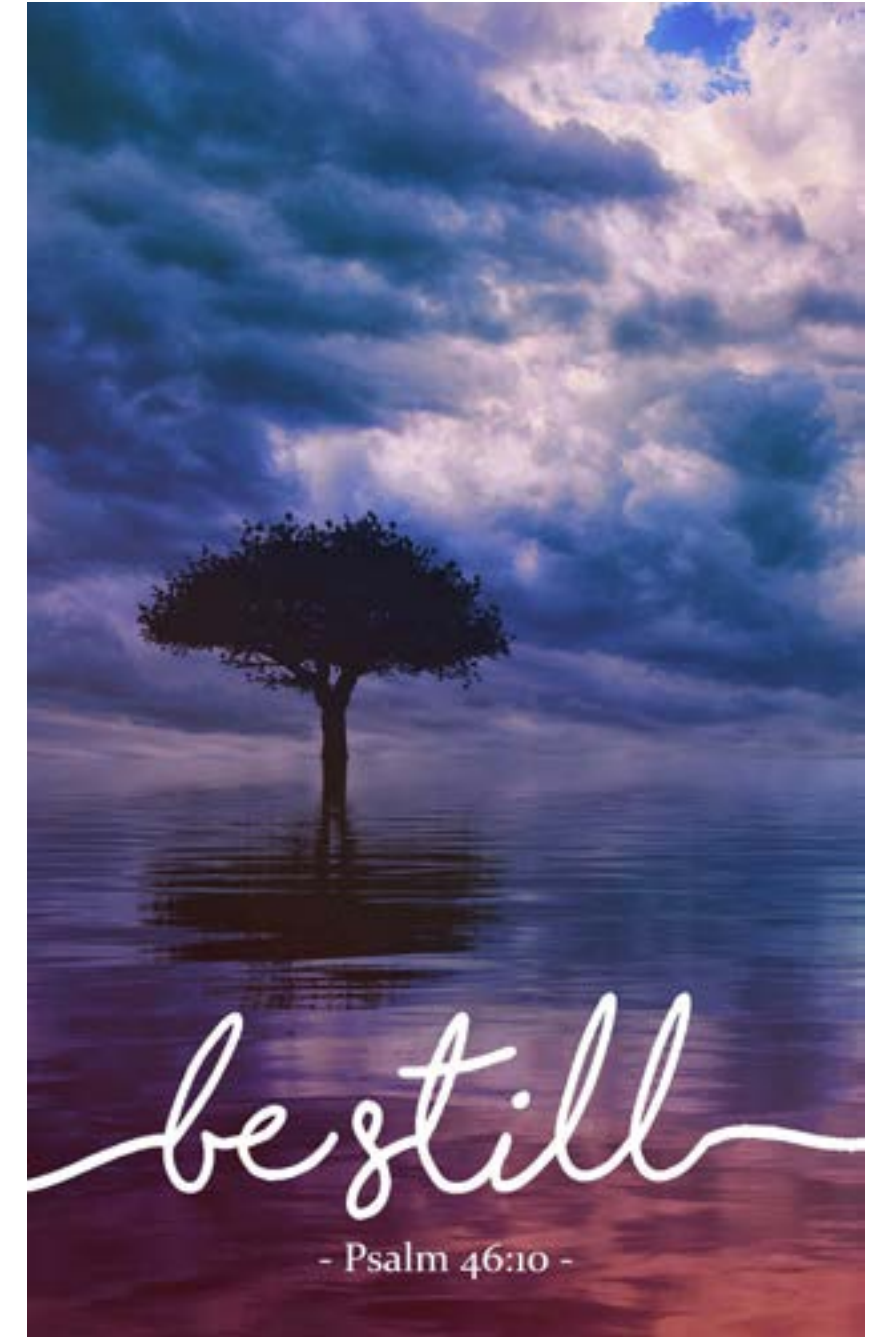
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*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



**March 24, 2019**  
*11 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.*