

**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 5, 2017
8:30 A.M.**

Come, all ye souls by sin oppressed, ye restless wanderers after rest; ye poor, and maimed, and halt, and blind, in Christ a hearty welcome find.

My message as from God receive; ye all may come to Christ and live. O let his love your hearts constrain, nor suffer him to die in vain.

This is the time, no more delay! This is the Lord's accepted day. Come thou, this moment, at his call, and live for him who died for all.

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON
Lord, you have given birth to our world; you conceive and bear all that lives and breathes. We come to you as your daughters and sons; we confess our aggression and anger, and we admit our drive to dominate and manipulate others. We lay before you our sin - our fractures and our failings. We ask you to forgive us.

By the touch of your Holy Spirit help us to turn again to you, to find a renewed sense of compassion, that we may truly live as your people in service to all.

(silent confession)

Hear the good news: God did not send his Son, Jesus, into the world to condemn 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

OFFERTORY *Working on Me Medley*

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 *Become to Us the Living Bread* UMH 630

Become to us the living bread by which the Christian life is fed, renewed, and greatly comforted: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Become the never-failing wine, the spring of joy that shall incline our hearts to bear the covenant sign: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

May Christians all with one accord unite around the sacred board to praise your holy name, O Lord: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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| Ushers | Joyce Robinson, Randy Thayer, Susan Johnston Lynn Cooper |
| Host(s) | Theresa Sandifer |

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 5
7:50 a.m. Early Bird Choir, Choir Room
3:00 p.m. UMW General Meeting, Parlor
4:00 p.m. Youth Band, Choir Room
5:00 p.m. Youth, 207 Admin Building
5:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study, Library
6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, FLC

Monday, March 6
9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group
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 7
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC
8:30 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle UMW, Parlor
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Library

Wednesday, March 8
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 9
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library
8:30 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
5:30 p.m. Congregational Care Team, Library
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, March 10
OFFICE CLOSED
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Parlor
8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, FLC
9:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts, FLC-A

Saturday, March 11
8:30 a.m. Prime Timers Breakfast, Essen Piccadilly
10:00 a.m. Prayer Walk, St. John's neighborhood
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

THE LENTEN EXPERIENCE AT ST. JOHN'S

This Lenten season please join us as we focus our attention on our faith in Christ and Christ's journey to the cross.

WEDNESDAYS during Lent we will offer two 30-minute worship experiences. Join us in the Family Life Center at **7 a.m.** and **6 p.m.** for communion and vespers services.

SUNDAY evenings in Lent, our entire family of faith has an opportunity to come together in fellowship and spiritual formation. **Beginning TONIGHT, at 5 p.m., in the Family Life Center, we will join together for reflection and a study titled *Fearless: The Courage to Question.*** This study is available to all Sunday school classes as well.

In addition, the Youth Band will be practicing from 4-5 p.m. and from 5-6 p.m., there will be directed children's activities.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Sandra Kuykendall

Rend your hearts, not your clothing.
Return to the Lord, your God,
For God is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger and abounding in love, God relents from punishing.

Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness,
So that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Holy Ground FWS 2272

We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now;
we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

Gather Us In FWS 2236, v. 1 & 3

Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in - the lost and forsaken,
gather us in the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

OPENING PRAYER Sandra Kuykendall

Almighty and glorious God, your Son was led by the Spirit and was tempted by Satan. Come quickly to help us when we are assaulted by many temptations.

You know the weakness of each of us; please inspire our spirits to walk in your way and urge us to live lives worthy of your calling. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Heather Durham

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 4:1-11* Jacob Bynum

SERMON *Liminality or How to Get from One Place to Sacred Space* Pastor Jay

HYMN *Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast* UMH 339
Come, sinners, to the gospel feast; let every soul be Jesus' guest.
Ye need not one be left behind, for God hath bid all humankind.

Sent by my Lord, on you I call; the invitation is to all. Come, all the world! Come, sinner, thou! All things in Christ are ready now.

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): _____

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women of St. John's UMC will hold their general meeting **TODAY, Sunday, March 5** at 3 p.m. in the parlor. Susan Johnston will share her experiences from a mission trip to Cuba. All are invited to attend.

The Ruth Circle UMW will meet **Tuesday, March 7** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Judy Barbay will present a program on the disciple, Andrew. The 2017 prayer and self-denial program will be presented and the collection will be donated to the maternal and child health programs. All women are invited to attend.

WELCOME! WELCOME! WELCOME!

At the 8:30 service on Sunday, February 26, we welcomed into our church family John McWilliams. What a blessing it is to be able to welcome John into our congregation!

IT'S GROCERY BAG SUNDAY!

Today is Grocery Bag Sunday! If you were not able to pick up a yellow bag last Sunday, that's okay. We accept any and all food donations in any and all containers on any and all days!

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!

GREENSEASONS LAWN CARE

St. John's Trustees recently awarded GreenSeasons Lawn Care the contract to take care of the grounds and flower beds on our campus. GreenSeasons is offering a partner program to our congregation and will return 5%, quarterly, to St. John's of whatever amount members spend with GreenSeasons. If you are interested in having them take care of your lawns contact Heather Casselberry (733-5164 or heather@greenseasons.us) and let her know you are a member of St. John's.

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!

COOKIES FOR KAIROS #62 - ANGOLA DUE TODAY, MARCH 5

Larry Norman will be participating in the Kairos #62 team to Angola **March 9 - 12**. As a member of the team, Larry will need 120 dozen cookies!! Baking guides are available in the church office and online at the Kairos Angola web site <https://listenlistenlovelove.com/cookies>.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

The Congregational Care Team will meet on **Thursday, March 9** at 5:30 p.m. in the library. This meeting is open to anyone who is interested in participating in the care of those in our congregation who are in need of some TLC. For example, if you would like to visit with folks, bring flowers to shut-ins, prepare meals for families with new babies or those who have illness or suffered a loss, bring communion to those who are unable to come to church, write notes to those on the prayer list, we have a place for you! Come to the meeting and see what a blessing caring for our congregation can be.

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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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.

The Temptation of Jesus Christ



Matthew 4:11

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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.