

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2015**  
**8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God,

**For God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.**

Let us worship the Lord in spirit and in truth.

**The Lord alone is worthy to be praised.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

*I Will Enter His Gates* FWS 2270

I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart,

I will enter his courts with praise.

I will say, “This is the day that the Lord has made.”

I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

He has made me glad, he has made me glad.

I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

He has made me glad, he has made me glad.

I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

*Clap Your Hands* FWS 2028

Clap your hands! Clap your hands!

Sing a new song in celebration!

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God is great we praise our God with song!

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PRAYER

**Lord you are compassionate and you are holy. Your grace saves us from ourselves -- our sin, our failings, our fractures. We need your help. Please lead us away from pride and self-centered plans. Urge us to think first with your ways of love and justice on our hearts. Move us to act toward others that your name might be glorified, that our neighbors will know your power and mercy flowing through our words and actions. For the glory of Christ we pray. Amen.**

**THE WORD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed UMH 881

PSALTER

*Psalms 19:7-14* UMH 751

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE

*Mark 11:15-19*

SERMON *Holy Fit, Wholly Prophetic (Orthopraxy Gone Mad)*

Pastor Jay

HYMN

*Thy Word is a Lamp* UMH 601

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Guy William Leonard, V*  
*son of Billy and Erin Meeks Leonard*

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your name.**

Almighty God have mercy on us. Strengthen us in all goodness, O Lord, and by the power of the Holy Spirit urges us to holy living.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

RESPONSE TO THE PARDON

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

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY UMH 94

**THE TABLE**

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.**

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE III UMH 15

COMMUNION RESPONSES FWS 2257 b, c, d

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE 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.**

**SENT FORTH IN GOD’S NAME**

CLOSING HYMN *Shine, Jesus, Shine* FWS 2173

*Refrain & vs 1*

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers on the altar are in memory of my late husband, Billy D. Nelson; given by Wanda Nelson.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<b>Reader</b>	Bobbi Marino
<b>Ushers</b>	Jim Matthew, Lynn Cooper, Mike and Sally Allen
<b>Host(s)</b>	Bobbi Marino

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S**

**TODAY**, March 8

5:00 p.m. Youth, Gym

5:00 p.m. Lenten Study, Library

5:00 p.m. Children’s Choir, Choir Room

7:00 p.m. Bell Choir, Sanctuary

**Monday**, March 9

9:00 a.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor

3:00 p.m. Men’s Covenant Group, Library

4:00 p.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor

6:30 p.m. Covenant Bible Study, Library

**Tuesday**, March 10

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

5:00 p.m. VITA Tax Assistance, Gym-A

6:00 p.m. Tutoring, Gym Classrooms

6:30 p.m. Disciple III, Library

7:00 p.m. Mary Martha Circle, Parlor

**Wednesday**, March 11

7:00 a.m. Lenten Worship Service

5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Gym-A

6:00 p.m. Visitation Team, Library

6:00 p.m. Tutoring, Gym Classrooms

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room

7:00 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary

**Thursday**, March 12

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

5:00 p.m. VITA Tax Assistance, Gym-A

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

**Friday**, March 13

9:00 a.m. Arts and Crafts, Gym-A

9:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, Gym

**Saturday**, March 14

8:00 a.m. CHURCHWIDE WORK DAY

9:00 a.m. VITA Tax Assistance, Gym-A

12 noon AA meeting, Gym-C

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WEDNESDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

Lenten worship services continue **every Wednesday** at 7:00 a.m. through April 1. This half-hour service is a quiet time for reflection, prayer, worship, and sharing in the Eucharist. The Sanctuary will remain open until 8 a.m. for those who wish to remain a while longer.

**COVENANT BIBLE STUDY**

Carlos Welch is facilitating an 8-week Bible study titled “Trusting the Covenant” at 6:30 p.m. in the Library beginning **Monday, March 9**. If you are interested in joining this study, please call the church office or Carlos at 767-3077. Participant books are \$24.25; checks can be made out to St. John’s with Covenant Study in the memo line.

**PRAYER REQUEST FORM**

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Joy  Concern

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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

“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: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

**TODAY** rehearsals begin at 5:00 in the choir room for all children interested in singing in the children's choir on **Palm Sunday, March 29**. They will sing at both the 8:30 and the 11:00 service. If your child, or any child, would like to sing, please come to the choir room today at 5:00. For more information contact Lindsey Roy, music director.

## CHURCHWIDE WORKDAY

Trustees have scheduled a Churchwide Workday on **Saturday, March 14** from 8 a.m. - 12 noon. The sign-up board is on the hallway bulletin board in the Admin/Education Building.

## PRIME TIMERS BREAKFAST

It's time for the Prime Timers to meet at the Piccadilly on Essen on **Saturday, March 14** at 8:30 to enjoy each others company and the good food on the buffet line. You can also special order omelets, waffles, or pancakes!

## EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA!

Join us for a pancake breakfast, crafts, and an Easter egg hunt on **Saturday, March 28** at 9:00 a.m. in the gym. Invite your neighbors and friends! **NOTE:** We are collecting plastic Easter eggs and wrapped candy for our Easter Eggstravaganza. Please bring plastic eggs and candy to the church office by **Sunday, March 15**, or leave them in the blue collection bin in the hallway. Contact Deacon Sarah for more information.

## LENTEN STUDY

Pastor Jay and Deacon Sarah are leading a 4-week study during Lent titled "How Is It With Your Soul?". The study takes place at 5:00 p.m. in the Library and will continue through March 15. Please contact Pastor Jay if you would like to participate.

## UMW "NON-GARAGE" SALE

St. John's UMW is changing their traditional Garage Sale into a "Non-Garage" Sale. People are to bring their "treasures" to the back of the gym beginning **March 19 through March 22** for pickup by Here Today, Gone Tomorrow. The UMW will receive a percentage of sales from our items sold by the store.

## SILENT AUCTION & CRAWFISH BOIL

Our annual Silent Auction will take place in the gym on **Sunday, April 12**. All members of the church are asked to participate by providing items, services, food, and gift certificates! All proceeds go to support missions of St. John's. For more information contact Beth Forester (handtalker@cox.net or 769-6584) or Richard Damberg (dambergs@icloud.com or 938-7748). A crawfish boil is also being planned for **Sunday, April 12**. Information on cost of tickets will be published at a later date.

## WILDWOOD ELEMENTARY

Volunteers are needed for several different upcoming events at Wildwood Elementary beginning with help setting up their art show which takes place April 22. Contact Buffle Grayson (978-2621 or francesgrayson@cox.net) for more information.

## SALSA AVAILABLE!

If you would like to buy salsa, there is a small supply left from the salsa sale. Contact Brycen Daniels for more information.

## UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONALS

March/April Upper Room Daily Devotionals are now available in the Sanctuary and the Admin/Education Building.

## SERMON NOTES

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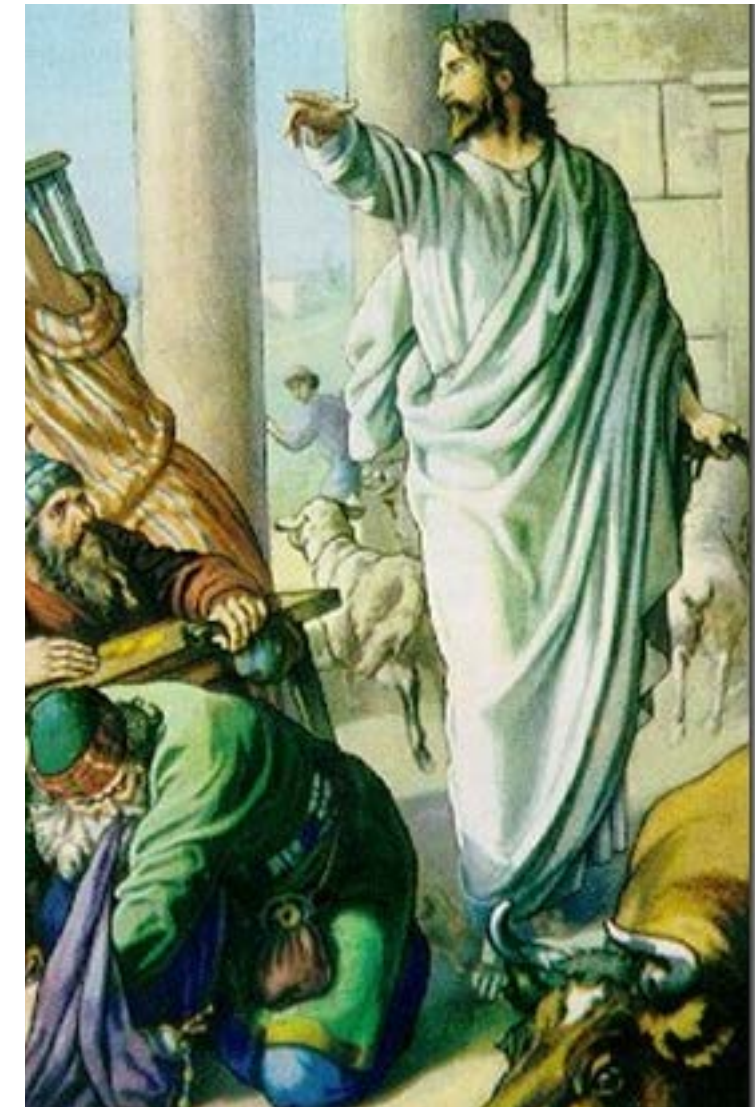
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**ST. JOHN'S**  
United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



Mark 11:15

**8:30 Worship Service**  
**Sunday, March 8, 2015**  
**Third Sunday in Lent**

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.