

The CELEBRATION *of the* GOSPEL NOVEMBER 12, 2017 at 8:30 A.M.

Welcome to All

All are invited to to participate in any of our activities, and to become a part of this community of faith and love.

✠ Please stand as you are able. **Bold** indicates congregational response.

GATHERING

GREETING *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ SONGS *of* PRAISE

Halle, Halle, Halleluja *FWS 2026*

Halle, Halle, Halleluja!

Halle, Halle, Halleluja!

Halle, Halle, Halleluja!

Halleluja! Halleluja!

I'm Goin'a Sing *UMH 333*

I'm goin'a sing when the Spirit says sing,

I'm goin'a sing when the Spirit says sing,

I'm goin'a sing when the Spirit says sing,

and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

I'm goin'a pray when the Spirit says pray ...

I'm goin'a moan when the Spirit says moan ...

I'm goin'a shout when the Spirit says shout ...

✠ CALL *to* WORSHIP Andrew Blackwood

We come, for God gathers us here,
with that community called faith:

**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.**

We come, for God welcomes us here
into that home called grace:

**where fellowship, care, mission,
and spiritual growth are at our core.**

We come, for God reunites us here, sisters and
brothers in that family called love:

**where together we are glorifying God,
feeding people spiritually and physically,
and making disciples.**

✠ SONG *of* RESPONSE *FWS 2029, vs. 1*

Praise to the Lord

Praise to the Lord, all of you, God's servants.

Blessed be the name of our God now and ever.

From the rising of the sun may the Lord be praised.

Praise to the name of the Lord!

LISTENING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Barbara Benton

Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.

✠ SCRIPTURE Andrew Blackwood

Matthew 25:31-40

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Reviving Our Mission" Pastor Lane

RESPONDING

✠ HYMN *of* FAITH UMH 384, vs 1, 2, 4

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

✠ PRAYER *of* CONFESSION

Holy God,

We know when we have hurt one another.

**We know when we have acted against your
rule of love.**

**We know when we have neglected to do
something that would help another
person or help the world.**

We know that we sin.

**We also know that you love us, and forgive us,
and call us to forgive others.**

**In all these things, help us,
so that we truly are your partners in
service and fully live into our mission
and your vision for us. Amen.**

(A time for personal prayers and confession.)

✠ WORDS *of* ASSURANCE *and* PARDON

God is not hate, God is not wrath,

God is not apathy.

God is love.

And that means that God forgives,

again and again.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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

✠ SHARING *the* LOVE *and* PEACE *of* CHRIST

STEWARDSHIP WITNESS Barbara Lively

OFFERTORY

Special Music by Mary Hannah Prevot

✠ DOXOLOGY UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

✠ 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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so, with your people on earth and
all the company of heaven we praise your name
and join their unending hymn:

Singing together:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in
the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the
highest. Blest is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The congregation is seated and the institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus
Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a
holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for
us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Singing together:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and concludes:

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Singing together:

**Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

GIVING *the* BREAD *and* CUP

- *All are welcome to partake in Holy Communion.*
- *Communion will be served using the ancient means of "intinction." When broken bread is placed in your hand you may dip it lightly into the cup and thereby receive both elements at the same time.*
- *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.*
- *You are invited to stay at the chancel for prayer as long as you desire.*

PRAYER *after* RECEIVING

**We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed
us through this healing gift; and we pray that through it,
you graciously strengthen us in faith toward you and in
love toward one another; through your Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 FWS 2220, vs 1-3

We Are God's People

✠ BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

All are invited to stay for refreshments in the Family Life Center.

*The flowers on the altar are given by Daphne Grady and J.R. Madden in
honor of the 245th birthday of the United States Marine Corps
and of veterans everywhere*

CONNECT WITH US

Name

Email

Phone

Service Opportunities

I am interested in ...

(check all that apply)

serving as a Reader during worship

serving as a Communion server

serving as an Usher during worship

serving as Welcome Host before
and after worship

PRAYER REQUEST FORM

Joy Concern

Please share with the prayer team

Please share with pastors only

I desire a call

I desire a visit

You may also email a prayer request to:
prayers@stjohnsbr.org.

November 12, 2017
8:30 a.m.
Connections Card

Welcome...
Guests and members, please let us know you are here by filling out this card and placing it in the offering plate. We want to match your face with your name. Thanks for helping us be a better church.

(Please print)

Attended...
8:30 a.m. Worship

I am a:
 First time guest
We are glad you're here! Pick up your Welcome Bag from a Host in the Narthex.

Returning guest

Regular attender
 Interested in becoming a member of St. John's

St. John's member
 Updated information below

Name(s)

Address

City, State & ZIP

Phone

Home Cell Add to text messaging list

Email

Other Email

Other Cell

Children living at home (names, ages/grades):

*Please place in offering plate
(See reverse to connect with us.)*

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. Restrooms are in the Narthex. ALL are welcome!

THE GIFT OF "RE"

The prefix "re-" invites us "to go back to something again." In this worship series, "The Gift of Re-," we look back to Reviving our Mission and Vision, and to the Joy that comes when we Give Thanks and Rejoice in the Lord! These two small letters: "RE" bring great meaning to our language – and more importantly, to our lives.

COOKIES FOR KAIROS!

Thanks to the generosity and hard work of St John's bakers Larry Norman was able to deliver 154 dozen cookies to Angola that will be shared with the residents during the Kairos 63 Retreat.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

All women are invited to the **UMW Annual Meeting** to be held this afternoon at 3 p.m. in the parlor. **The Mary Martha Circle** will meet **Tuesday, November 14** at 7 p.m. in the parlor. Joyce Perry will present our program. All women are invited to attend.

THANKSGIVING CLOSURES

St. John's office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23 in observance of Thanksgiving and will reopen Monday, Nov. 27 at 9 a.m. **The Shepherd's Market** will also be closed Thursday, Nov. 23 and there will be no delivery from the BR Food Bank on Friday, Nov. 24. The pantry will reopen Monday, Nov. 27 at 3 p.m.

SING WITH THE CHOIR DURING CHRISTMAS SEASON!

If you are interested in singing with the Chancel Choir for our Lessons and Carols, which will be on Sunday, December 10 during both services, please join us on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 for rehearsal in the choir room. Contact Carrie Stephens for more information.

HOLIDAY SUPERSTORE

Christmas shopping for the children of Charlie Thomas Head Start Center, sponsored by Opening Doors, will be done on **Monday, November 20** at 8 a.m. at the Target on Siegen Lane. For more information refer to our weekly e-newsletter or contact Bobbi Marino (text: 205-5530 or email: bobbimarino@hotmail.com).

YOUTH RETREAT

If your youth has not signed up for the youth retreat to the Worthy Farm, November 17-19, there is still time to register. Contact Deirdre Halliburton (deirdrehalliburton@stjohnsbr.org or 939-1425) to let her know your youth would like to attend.

VITA TRAINING

St. John's is once again participating in VITA, a program helping low-income families file tax returns at no cost. **Volunteers are needed to help prepare returns.** For more information about this worthwhile mission, contact Richard Damberg at 938-7748.

HEAVENLY HASH HIATUS

We hope to see you at Heavenly Hash on Wednesday, November 15 as this will be where we pause take a break for the remainder of 2017. Heavenly Hash will resume Wednesday, January 10. Hope to see you!



Remember to pray for **The Walk**.
"...for we walk by faith, not by sight." - 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NRSV)
#sjthewalk



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HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 12

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, *Campus Wide*
3:00 p.m. UMW General Meeting, *Parlor*
5:00 p.m. Youth, *FLC*
7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*

Monday, November 13

9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group, *Parlor*
10:00 a.m. Let's Geaux Play, *Toddler Nursery*
11:00 a.m. Grief Sharing, *Parlor*
3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, *Library*
3:00 p.m. Lectionary Ladies, *Parlor*
5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Choir Room*
5:30 p.m. Communications Team, *Parlor*
6:00 p.m. SPRC, *Library*
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

Tuesday, November 14

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, *FLC*
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, *Pastor's Office*
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
5:30 p.m. Cancer Survivors, *Choir Room*
6:00 p.m. Emmaus Board, *FLC-A*
6:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study, *Library*
7:00 p.m. UMW Mary Martha Circle, *Parlor*

Wednesday, November 15

10:00 a.m. Self-taught Spanish Class, *Library*
10:00 a.m. VIPS Reading Training, *Parlor*
5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*
6:00 p.m. Heavenly Hash, *FLC*
6:30 p.m. Finance Committee, *Library*
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, *Sanctuary*
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, *Choir Room*

Thursday, November 16

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

Friday, November 17

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

Saturday, November 18

8:00 a.m. Habitat for Humanity, *914 N. Acadian Thwy*
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

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REVIVING Our Mission



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8:30 a.m. Worship Service
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