

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2016
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

INTROIT *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing* Alleluia Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to God’s holy name.

I will lift up your name, my God and King, and bless your name for ever.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Near to the Heart of God UMH 472, v. 1

There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God;
a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.
O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
hold us who wait before thee near to the heart of God.

For the Healing of the Nations UMH 428, v. 1, 4

For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word, (pledge
our word) help us rise and pledge our word.

You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find, (may
find) earth its destiny may find.

PRAYER

O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives. You bring new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, and growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to hold fast to your way of life, Lord Jesus. Inspire us to lay aside our fears and grow deeper in trusting you that we may know the joy you give your people. For the hope of your return, we pray. Amen.

THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed UMH 881

GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Lorri McGuire

SCRIPTURE

Luke 21:5-19

SERMON

Opportunity Knocks Pastor Jay

HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us UMH 381

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care; in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will; blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

PRAYER, CONFESSION, PARDON

God of all nations, we praise you that in Christ the barriers have come down - no longer are we separated by the walls we have made. We are created in your image, Lord God, and saved by your grace in Jesus Christ. Yet we confess we sin against you and each other. We confess we are slow to open our hearts and minds and doors to those of other lands and different tongues. Deliver us from our sins of fear and prejudice and from the fractures we make in relationships. Urge us to turn back to your Way, Lord Jesus, where peace and justice would be our guide. For the sake of your glory, we pray. Amen.

(silent confession)

Hear the good news: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 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 *’Tis a Gift to Be Simple* Alleluia Ringers

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.

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE III UMH 15

COMMUNION RESPONSES FWS 2257

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

*GIVING 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

HYMN *Love Divine All Loves Excelling* UMH 384, v. 1, 4

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *Marching to Zion*

*Gluten-free communion is offered to anyone who desires it; when you come up to the altar, let the server know you would like to receive the gluten-free elements.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE ...

given to the glory of God and in celebration of Deacon Sarah’s birthday from the congregation of St. John’s.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Theresa Sandifer, Lynn Cooper, Betsy Adams, Mason Stubbs
Host(s)	Beth Forester

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 13

10:00 a.m. Pastor’s Class, FLC
3:00 p.m. UMW General Meeting, Parlor
4:00 p.m. Adult Sunday School Leadership, Library
5:00 p.m. Youth, 207 Admin Building
6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, FLC

Monday, November 14

9:00 a.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor
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
6:00 p.m. SPRC, Library
7:00 p.m. BYX Fraternity, FLC

Tuesday, November 15

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
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee, Library

Wednesday, November 16

4:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor
5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, FLC-A
6:00 p.m. Men’s Group, George’s Southside
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, FLC
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room
7:17 p.m. 717 Group, George’s Southside

Thursday, November 17

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library
8:30 a.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC
6:30 p.m. Church Council, Library
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, November 18

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, November 19

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

2017 FLOWER CHART

The Flower Chart for 2017 is now up in the hallway of the Admin Building. The selection is wide open so sign up to add a touch of beauty to our worship service. For your convenience, if you wish to use one, there are two florists who will deliver to the FLC on Saturday: All About Flowers (769-4410) and Heroman’s on Staring (769-9898).

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

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: _____

Minor Children (Names & Ages):

UMW GENERAL MEETING TODAY - 3 P.M. IN THE PARLOR

Did you know that Baton Rouge is one of the 10 worst cities in the U.S. for human trafficking? Hope House, located near Baton Rouge, provides sanctuary and recovery for victims of human trafficking. George Mills, President of Trafficking Hope, will be our guest speaker on this important problem in our city. Everyone is invited to attend and become informed on this topic.

YANKEE CANDLE SALE! TODAY - DEADLINE TO ORDER

All proceeds from the sale are to go to the Youth Mission Fund to raise money for future mission trips. Orders will be in for the holidays. You can also order online direct from the Yankee Candle website: www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and enter our Youth Group number 990102911.

TODAY - CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Join us at 5 p.m. in the Family Life Center for our first Children's Choir rehearsal led by Ms. Carrie and Ms. Heather! We will learn several Christmas songs which we will sing at the Advent Festival Sunday, December 11 at 3 p.m. Rehearsals will be every Sunday evening from 5-5:45 in the Family Life Center and are open to grades K-5.

TODAY - PULLED PORK LUNCH! BOY SCOUT TROOP 505 FUNDRAISER PICK UP IN FRONT OF FAMILY LIFE CENTER

TODAY - ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING

A meeting of Adult Sunday school class representatives will be held at 4 p.m. in the library. This meeting will be to discuss the upcoming Advent season and for our staff to offer any help to classes that need assistance in resources or ideas for study.

TODAY - PASTOR'S CLASS

Want to connect with our church at a deeper level? NOT CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING IN A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS? Have we got an opportunity for you! This class will function as a connecting point for newcomers and new members to learn more about Wesleyan theology and social justice issues. The class will rotate every 12 weeks to offer newcomers an opportunity to join an existing Sunday school class or begin a new small group for fellowship and discipleship. Interested? Join Pastor Jay in the Family Life Center at 10 a.m.

HOLIDAY SUPER STORE

Holiday Superstore is an Opening Doors program that targets the children of the Charlie Thomas Head Start Center located in the Gardere area. The process is simple – parents earn points by following guidelines, these points are translated into a dollar amount, and then we, at St. John's, do the shopping for the gifts. The money is budgeted by Opening Doors so there is no cost to you, the shopper. The shopping this year will be on **Monday, November 21** at the Target on Siegen beginning at 8 a.m. If you can help this year, or if you want more information, contact Bobbi Marino by e-mail (bobbimarino@hotmail.com), text (205-5530), or home phone (454-6330). Thank you for your love of children!

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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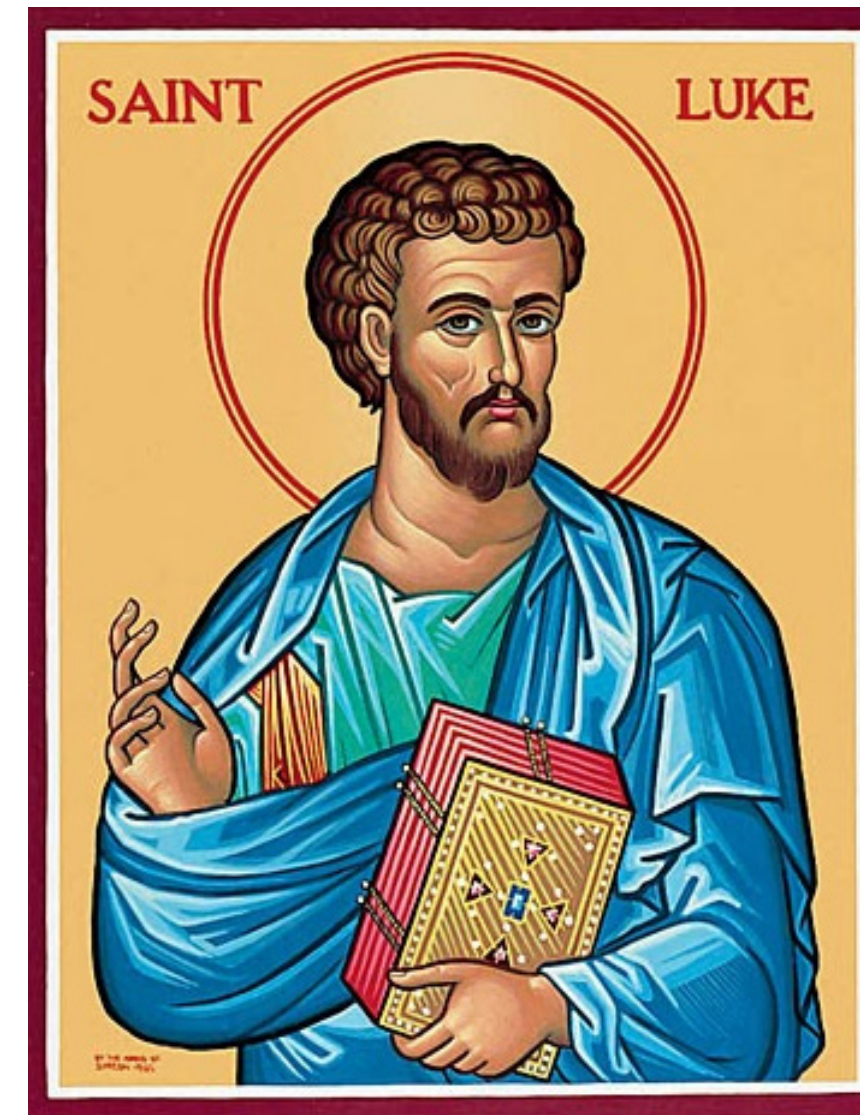


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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



8:30 a.m. Worship Service
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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.