

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2015
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT Angel Tree

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

INTROIT *Light of the World* TFWS 2204

CALL TO WORSHIP
Our God, ever wakeful, ever vigilant,
Your protection and loving care are always with us.
You know each step we take and each word we utter.
We rest our souls in you and have nothing to fear.
Thank you for this unmerited blessing.
Let us praise God’s holy name forever. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* TFWS 2193
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace.
(Repeat)

SONG OF PRAISE *Jesus Be Praised* TFWS 2079
Jesus, we worship you; with our voices filled with praises,
Jesus, we worship you; songs of love we raise.
Jesus, Jesus be praised!
Jesus, Jesus be praised!

PRAYER
Gracious God, your ways are too great for us, your mysteries too beautiful. The less we know, the more we must trust you. Help us to trust your word and to follow your way. We see so many sorrows, so many tragedies in this world. Grant us your comfort - that we might help comfort those who weep and those who cry out. Grant us your peace - that we might share your love with those who endure conflict of all kinds. Pour out your Holy Spirit and make us ministers for your glory. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
The Apostles’ Creed UMH 881

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Lorri McGuire

SCRIPTURE *Mark 13:1-8* Barbara Benton

SERMON *Signs - Ahead of Time* Pastor Jay

HYMN *All I Need Is You* TFWS 2080

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON
God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive us, restore us, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may live in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

(silent confession)

Hear the gospel: God demonstrates his own love for us in this – while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 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 *Come Thou Fount*

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 2257b, 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

HYMN *Standing on the Promises* UMH 374
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BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *Sent Forth by God’s Blessing* UMH 664

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ...

are in celebration of the 240th birthday of the United States Marine Corps and with thankfulness for all veterans and veterans’ families. Given by Daphne Grady and J.R. Madden.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Donnie and Susan Lambert, Darren and Chris Stubbs
Host(s)	Jim and Theresa Sandifer

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

TODAY, Sunday, November 15
9:45 a.m. GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY, Gym
12:15 p.m. Children’s Team, Parlor
5:00 p.m. Youth, Gym

Monday, November 16
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. Puppet Show Team, 206 Admin. Building

Tuesday, November 17
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, Gym
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
6:30 p.m. Disciple IV, Library

Wednesday, November 18
5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Gym-A
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee, Library
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir, Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Communications Team, Parlor
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee, Library
6:00 p.m. Men’s Group, George’s
6:00 p.m. Week Night Group, Parlor
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room

Thursday, November 19
6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor
8:00 a.m. Holy Folders, Library
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
10:00 a.m. Invitation to Genesis, Parlor
6:30 p.m. Church Council, Library
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

Friday, November 20
OFFICE CLOSED
9:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts, Gym-A

Saturday, November 21
YOUTH FALL RETREAT
12 noon AA Meeting, Gym-C

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 21-23 Youth Fall Retreat, Worthy’s Farm
November 23 Shopping for Christmas Super Store
8 a.m., Target on Siegen
November 28 Decorate Sanctuary for Advent
and Christmas, 9 a.m.
November 29 Hanging of the Greens,
Sanctuary, 6 p.m.

REMINDER FROM OUR FINANCIAL OFFICE

When you write your checks to fulfill your pledge to The Walk, please make sure you have the correct notation on the memo line: either “Capital Campaign Pledge” OR “The Walk Pledge.” If you do not make the correct notation we will not know where you intended your money to go in which case it will be placed in the general operating fund.

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: _____
- Children (Names & Ages): _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

ANGELS ON THE ANGEL TREE!

Once again, St. John's is participating in the Angel Tree project and will have 65 angels on the tree during coffee time **TODAY** and **November 29**. Each "angel" you choose will get two presents (as indicated on the cards) each costing between \$15-25. Gifts are due back, wrapped, on December 10 and can be brought to the church office during regular office hours.

BOY SCOUT GUMBO SALE

Tickets will be available for purchase on **Sunday, November 22 and November 29** for the Boy Scout Gumbo Sale on Sunday, December 6. Tickets will be \$8.00 each or \$15 for 2. The menu includes chicken and sausage gumbo with rice, potato salad, roll, and dessert. The take-out-only meals will be available for pickup from 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS SUPER STORE

Christmas shopping for the children of Charlie Thomas Head Start Center will take place **Monday, November 23** at Target on Siegen, beginning at 8 a.m. We also need volunteer sorters at the church around 10:30 a.m. Contact Bobbi Marino (205-5530 or bobbimarino@hotmail.com) by Thursday, November 19 if you can help in either or both ways. If you want to sign up with a partner, please send the two names in together.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOK 2015

Receive the Advent Devotional Book in Your Inbox! Sign up to receive the 2015 St. John's Advent Devotional Book in your email inbox every morning. Advent begins November 29 and ends December 25. Hard copies will also be available, and you can download a PDF of the entire book. Sign up at www.stjohnsbr.org/advent-devotional-signup.

GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION

Gluten-free communion is now offered at all communion services -- every Sunday at 8:30 and the first Sunday of every month at 11:00. Special communion ware will be used and every precaution will be taken to insure that every step of preparation and serving remains totally gluten-free. If you have questions or concerns, contact Pat Lively at 766-2136.

THANKSGIVING HENS

Our thanks go out to the Scott Law Firm which is purchasing 400 hens to be distributed at The Shepherd's Market on Tuesday, November 24, from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. The firm is giving their employees time off to handle the distribution.

NEW PROGRAMS FOR OPENING DOORS

During this year Opening Doors has added several new programs including a math club, a lawnmower repair program, and a project with teachers at Wildwood Elementary: the math club is for children living in the Gardere area and is conducted by an LSU math professor, the lawnmower repair program is being developed to teach youth how to repair mowers so they will be able to earn money mowing lawns, and the project at Wildwood is being developed to help teachers reduce disruptions in the classroom.

SERMON NOTES

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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples

Autumn - Stained Glass Mosaic



by Catherine Van Der Woerd

8:30 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.