

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

NOVEMBER 19, 2017 at 8:30 A.M.

Welcome to All

All are invited 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

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High FWS 2088

Lord, I lift you name of high;
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life;
I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
from the earth to the cross my debt to pay;
from the cross to the grave; from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high.

Give Thanks FWS 2036

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong";
let the poor say, "I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us."
(Repeat both verses)

CALL to WORSHIP

Rev. Marie Williams

Come, let us praise God,
who has so richly blessed us!
Let us celebrate the many ways in which
God has touched our lives.
God is always with us offering healing and hope,
comfort and peace.
Thanks be to the God of hope and salvation.
We rejoice at the wonders of Christ's hands.

SONG of RESPONSE

Thank You, Lord UMH 84

Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord.
Thank you, Lord. I just want to thank you, Lord.

LISTENING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pam Toney

Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.

SCRIPTURE

Rev. Marie Williams

Luke 17:11-19

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Based on Psalm 19:14

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of
my heart be acceptable in thy sight, thou who are my
strength and my redeemer. Amen.

SERMON

"Rejoice!"

Pastor Lane

RESPONDING

HYMN of FAITH

Now, Thank We All Our God

UMH 102

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Patient Lord,

You know how easy it is for us to whine
and complain bitterly about all those
things in our lives that are difficult.
We focus on them as though they were
the only things that ever happened to us.
We forget the many blessings that you have
given to us and the opportunities we have
to say "Thanks."

We feel alienated...you call us beloved.
We feel lost...you seek us.
We feel broken and battered...your love
is a healing balm.

Forgive us when we forget those things.
Help us to always look to you for our healing
and to return thanks to you by praise and
serving others in your name.

(A time for personal prayers and confession.)

WORDS of ASSURANCE and PARDON

Turn again to the Lord, for you are beloved of God
and have been given many blessings.

We rejoice in God's grace and accept
God's forgiveness.

SHARING the LOVE and PEACE of CHRIST

STEWARDSHIP WITNESS-THE WALK

Danielle Blackwood

OFFERTORY

For the Beauty of the Earth

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

UMH 671

Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

BLESSING and SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

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

The flowers on the altar are in honor of Virginia Carradine
on her 92nd birthday with love from her daughters.

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 19, 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 our final Sunday in this worship series we look back to the Joy that comes when we Give Thanks and Rejoice in the Lord! In our scripture reading today from Luke, the leper who was healed turned back to give thanks for the great gift of life he had been given in his miraculous healing. What causes us to turn back and give thanks? When have we been given such an incredible gift that all we could do was rejoice?

TOMORROW! HOLIDAY SUPERSTORE

Christmas shopping for the children of Charlie Thomas Head Start Center, sponsored by Opening Doors, will be done tomorrow, November 20 at 8 a.m. at the Target on Siegen Lane. If you would like to participate, come to Target on Monday at 8 a.m.

WELCOME INN - ADVENT DEVOTIONAL 2017

Our 2017 Advent devotional is complete. We will have a limited number of hard copies available this week and next week. We are asking a love offering donation to cover the cost of printing. You may also sign up to receive an email every day of Advent, from November 26 through Christmas using the form at www.stjohnsbr.org/advent-2017/sign-up.

ADVENT FESTIVAL COMING SOON

One of the many things that will make our Advent Festival (Sunday, December 3) festive will be the decorated tables. Do you like to decorate your dinner tables at home? Would you like to decorate a table for the Advent Festival? The table cloths will be on the tables all you have to do is decorate in a theme of your choice. Contact Deirdre for more information.

HEAVENLY HASH HIATUS

Don't forget - Heavenly Hash is taking a break for the holidays and will resume Wednesday, January 10. Hope to see you then!

TAKING COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Have you ever served communion with the pastors during Sunday service and wanted to do it again? Would you like to visit with someone at their home or facility? Or would you just like to participate in this much appreciated mission of our church? Then come join us THIS AFTERNOON at 4 p.m. in the library for a communion training session lead by Rev. Marie Williams and Pastor Julia. If you have any questions e-mail pastorjulia@stjohnsbr.org.

IT'S ANGEL TREE TIME!

Help make a child's Christmas special this year: our Angel Tree with approximately 40 children's names decorating it will be available at coffee time this Sunday and next. Please come by and choose a name or two. These gifts are for children who have a family member in prison. We also need people/families to help with the delivery on Saturday, December 9.

UMW HOLIDAY SWEETS SALE

St. John's UMW will be holding a bake sale during coffee time on Sunday, December 10. Get your gift list out - there will be lots of goodies that will make wonderful Christmas presents!



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



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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.

TURKEY GIVEAWAY BREAD BAKE

The Seventh Great Turkey Giveaway will be held on Saturday, December 16. Prior to that date Duane Craig is baking 450 loaves of homemade bread and we need to find freezer space to store the result of his act of love and generosity. If you have room in your freezer, even if only for two or three loaves, please call the office or come by on pantry days. All we ask is that you have them back here by Friday, December 15. Thank you!

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 19

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Campus Wide
4:00 p.m. Communion Training, Library
7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary

Monday, November 20

8:00 a.m. HOLIDAY SUPER STORE, Siegen Lane Target
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
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Tuesday, November 21

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
5:30 p.m. Cancer Survivors, Parlor

Wednesday, November 22

8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library

Thursday, November 23

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
OFFICE CLOSED
SHEPHERD'S MARKET CLOSED

Friday, November 24

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, November 25

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

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8:30 a.m. Worship Service

NOVEMBER 19, 2017

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.