

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2016  
11 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

INTROIT *Now Thank We All Our God*

CALL TO WORSHIP  
Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty!  
**The Lord Jesus who was and is and is to come.**

You are worthy, our God and our King, to receive glory and honor and power for you created all things,

**And by your will we exist and are created.**

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain,  
**Worthy to receive honor and glory and blessing! Now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN *To God Be the Glory* UMH 98  
To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

PRAYER  
**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known. From you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the fire of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**THE WORD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
*from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossians 1:15-20* UMH 888

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Sarah Prevot

ANTHEM *Thankful for Our Every Blessing* Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE *Luke 23:33-43* Joyce Perry

SERMON *By the Awful Grace of God (and Why Criminal Love Wins)* Pastor Jay

HYMN *Victory in Jesus* UMH 370  
I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory, how he gave his life on Calvary to save a wretch like me; I heard about his groaning, of his precious blood’s atoning, then I repented of my sins and won the victory. O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever! He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood; he loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him; he plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about his healing, of his cleansing power revealing, how he made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see; and then I cried, “Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit,” and somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory. O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever! He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood; he loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him; he plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about a mansion he has built for me in glory, and I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea; about the angels singing and the old redemption story, and some sweet day I’ll sing up there the song of victory. O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever! He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood; he loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him; he plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

TESTIMONY *The Walk* Danielle Blackwood

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

**SENT FORTH IN GOD’S NAME**

HYMN *For the Beauty of the Earth* UMH 92, v. 1, 2, 5, 6  
For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above, offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thy self, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given, for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE ...**

given by Marilyn Crake in appreciation to Pastor Jay and Deirdre Halliburton for their love and support for her friend, Gerri King, with the memorial service they led for her husband, Bob King.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**Ushers** Fran Anderson, Mary Wilder, Carrie de la Fuente, Nico de la Fuente

**Host(s)** Russ and Debbie Nolan

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, November 20**  
10:00 a.m. Pastor’s Class, FLC  
1:30 p.m. Kairos Council, Library  
6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, FLC

**Monday, November 21**  
8:00 a.m. Christmas Super Store, Target on Siegen  
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

**Tuesday, November 22**  
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

**Wednesday, November 23**  
OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON  
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library

**Thursday, November 24**  
OFFICE CLOSED - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

**Friday, November 25**  
OFFICE CLOSED

**Saturday, November 26**  
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

**HOLIDAY SUPER STORE  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21  
8 A.M. - TARGET ON SIEGEN**

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. 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!

**THE CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE**

The Angel Tree will be up for the next two Sundays, **November 20 and November 27** during coffee time. By selecting an angel or two from the tree you will bring joy to children of incarcerated parents/step-parents by purchasing gifts in the inmate’s name. You will be asked to purchase a toy item and a clothing item for each child you select. Gifts need to be returned, wrapped, by Sunday, December 4 so that we can bless them before delivery. We also need volunteers to help deliver the gifts. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to help deliver, contact Beth Forester at 405-9324.

**PRAYER REQUEST FORM**

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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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### TODAY - CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Join us at 5 p.m. in the Family Life Center as we continue our Children's Choir rehearsal. 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 - 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.

### A SERVICE OF LIGHT (AMID A TIME OF SHADOWS)

On **Thursday, December 1** at 7 p.m. in the Family Life Center, St. John's will be holding A Service of Light. Many of us recognize that Christmas can be a bittersweet time of the year. The constant sentiments we hear about getting together with family reminds many of us of loss - loved ones or relationships - or perhaps what we never had. The anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of ill health, the pain of isolation: all these can make us feel very much alone in the midst of the festive season. We need space and time to acknowledge our sadness and concern. We need to know that we are not alone. We need to know God's presence during this season. This service offers us a time for remembering, sharing our hurting places with God, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ. If you feel drawn to this service, we hope you will join us on December 1.

### UMW RUTH CIRCLE

The Ruth Circle UMW will meet **Tuesday, December 6** at 11 a.m. for their annual Christmas party. The party will be held at the home of Judy Koonce, 6990 S. Fieldgate Court. Everyone is to bring a side dish or a dessert. A love offering will be collected for a charity. All women are invited to attend.

### T-SHIRT TIME AGAIN

Plans are underway to order St. John's t-shirts. There will be two styles: long sleeved and short sleeved. The long-sleeved t-shirt will be navy blue with the St. John's logo and will be pre-order only. The short sleeved t-shirt will be ordered in bulk and sold on a first-come, first served basis. Price information will be available soon; be looking for an order form in next week's Sunday bulletin.

### ADVENT FESTIVAL SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 3 P.M. FAMILY LIFE CENTER

It's once again time for our annual Advent Festival. Come and enjoy the season with an afternoon of music, drama, merriment, and fellowship. A special visitor will come for children of all ages. After the program everyone is invited to a cookie reception where there will be lots of homemade cookies with warm cider or cool depending on the weather! Children can decorate a sugar cookie and will also get to make reindeer food for Christmas Eve! If you would like to make cookies for the reception, please bring them to the FLC Sunday morning, marked "Advent Festival" or just prior to the event.

## 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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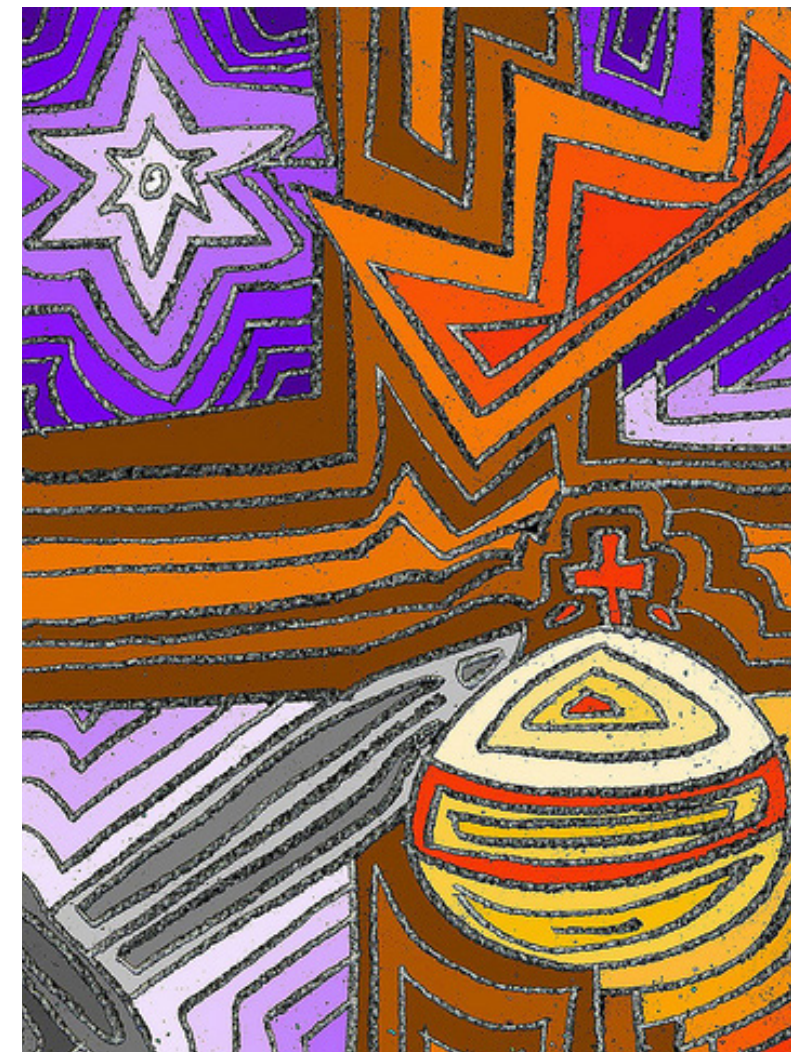


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## Christ the King Sunday

**11 a.m. Worship Service**  
**November 20, 2016**

### 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.