

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2016
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

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.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Awesome God FWS 2040
Our God is an awesome God; he reigns from heaven above with wisdom, pow’r, and love. Our God is an awesome God!

You Are Worthy FWS 2063
You are worthy, God almighty, praise and honor to you belong. You are worthy, God almighty, praise and honor to you belong. King all glorious, all victorious, praise and honor are yours alone. King all glorious, all victorious, praise and honor are yours alone.

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

SCRIPTURE *Luke 23:33-43* Barbara Benton

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

HYMN *How Great Thou Art* UMH 77, vs 1 & 2
O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

PRAYER, CONFESSION, 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 good news: God sent his son, Jesus, into the world not to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

THE PEACE

TESTIMONY *The Walk* Danielle Blackwood

OFFERTORY *For the Beauty of the Earth* Praise Team

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 *Alleluia* UMH 186, vs. 1-3
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

He’s my Savior, He’s my Savior, He’s my Savior, He’s my Savior,
He’s my Savior, He’s my Savior, He’s my Savior.

I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him,
I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him.

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*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 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	Joyce Robinson, Randy Thayer, Barbara Benton, Phil Slicker
Host(s)	Kathy King

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

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):

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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Christ the King Sunday

8:30 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.