

# The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

NOVEMBER 5, 2017 at 11 A.M.

*Welcome to All*

*All are invited to 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 WITH THE SAINTS

GREETING *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL INTROIT NICO DE LA FUENTE

✠ HYMN of PRAISE UMH 711, vs 1, 2, 6

*For All the Saints*

✠ NAMING *and* CANDLE LIGHTING

*As each name is read, a candle is lit and a bell will toll.*

Margaret F. Oswald

*April 3, 1925 - November 15, 2016*

Ellen W. Dragna

*November 17, 1939 - November 20, 2016*

Allen Benedict

*March 1928 - April 25, 2017*

Nell Byars

*November 10, 1926 - June 12, 2017*

Dennis Blum

*March 25, 1950 - June 17, 2017*

Joe S. Watson

*September 24, 1936 - September 12, 2017*

James William “Bill” Adams

*October 12, 1928 - October 23, 2017*

LITANY of REMEMBRANCE

For all the saints who went before us, who have spoken to our hearts and touched us with your love.

**We remember them fondly, and praise you, O God.**

For all the saints who live beside us, whose strengths and frailties are woven with our own.

**We celebrate their presence, and praise you, O God.**

For all the saints who will live beyond us, shining the light of Christ for all the world.

**We praise you, O God, for all the saints, and for your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, now and forevermore. Amen.**

*Sung response:*

**O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## Remembering the Gospel

SCRIPTURE *1 Thessalonians 2:9-13*

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Natalie Cooper

*Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.*

SERMON “The Gift of Remembering” Pastor Julia

## RESPONDING IN HOPE

✠ HYMN of FAITH UMH 545, vs. 1, 2, 5

*The Church’s One Foundation*

✠ PRAYER of CONFESSION

**Merciful God, We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(A time for silent prayer and confession.)*

✠ WORDS of ASSURANCE *and* PARDON

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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

✠ SHARING *the* PEACE of CHRIST

OFFERTORY Chancel Choir

*This Little Light*

*Today’s anthem is sung in honor of our St. John’s Music Ministry Saints:*

*Joan Abbott, Glenn Black, Ruth Black, Martha Burch, Al Edwards, Sarah*

*Holbrook, John Matherne, Bob May, Gordon Morris, Pat Newsom, Dick*

*Reynolds, Raleigh Tozer, Madeline Woodland*

✠ DOXOLOGY UMH 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✠ CALL TO THE TABLE

In our sharing of bread and fruit of the vine, we gather with the saints alive and the saints resurrected.

**Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us worship God with joy!**

In our sharing of bread and fruit of the vine, we gather with Jesus, our incarnated, broken, and risen Lord.

**May we live lives worthy of Christ, who is calling us into his kingdom.**

✠ 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:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
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.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and concludes:*

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

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 723, vs. 1 & 4  
*Shall We Gather At the River*

✠ BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

*The flowers on the altar are in celebration of Jane Walker’s sixth birthday with prayers for speedy healing of her broken arm.  
From mama, daddy and sister, Mari, Shawn and Livia.*

## 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 5, 2017

11 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 worship series, "The Gift of Re-," we look back to Remembering on All Saints Day, to Reviving our Mission and Vision, and to the Joy that comes when we Give Thanks and Rejoice in the Lord! These two small letters: "RE" bring great meaning to our language - and more importantly, to our lives.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL - "WELCOME INN"

There is still time to have your devotional in our book of daily devotions written by our church family for use during the Advent season. We encourage submissions from all ages! For more information or to submit your devotion, contact mariwalker7@gmail.com. Deadline: TODAY, November 5.

COOKIES FOR KAIROS

Have you been baking Cookies for Kairos? Cookies are due here at St. John's TODAY. Larry Norman will have collection boxes in the narthex at both services and the FLC during coffee time.

UMW MEETING

The Ruth Circle will meet Tuesday, November 7 at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Norma Thomason will present the World Thank Offering and the 2018 pledge programs. All women are invited to attend. The Mary Martha Circle will meet Tuesday, November 14 at 7 p.m. in the parlor. Joyce Perry will present our program. All women are invited to attend.

SING WITH THE CHOIR DURING CHRISTMAS SEASON!

If you are interested in singing with the Chancel Choir for our Lessons and Carols, which will be on Sunday, December 10 during both services, please join us on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 for rehearsal in the choir room. Contact Carrie Stephens for more information.

HOLIDAY SUPERSTORE

Christmas shopping for the children of Charlie Thomas Head Start Center, sponsored by Opening Doors, will be done on Monday, November 20 at 8 a.m. at the Target on Siegen Lane. For more information refer to our weekly e-newsletter or contact Bobbi Marino (text: 205-5530 or email: bobbimarino@hotmail.com).

YOUTH RETREAT

If your youth has not signed up for the youth retreat to the Worthy Farm, November 17-19, there is still time to register. Contact Deirdre Halliburton (deirdrehalliburton@stjohnsbr.org or 939-1425) to let her know your youth would like to attend.

MANNA BAGS AVAILABLE

Manna Bags are available for you to take and carry with you in your car. Each Manna Bag has a bottled water and nonperishable, ready-to-eat food and snacks. Feel free to take a few from the blue tub in the hallway of the Admin Building.

VITA TRAINING

St. John's is once again participating in VITA, a program helping low-income families file tax returns at no cost. Volunteers are needed to help prepare returns. For more information about this worthwhile mission, contact Richard Damberg at 938-7748.

Give online: http://bit.ly/sjumcgive

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 5

GROCERY BAG SUNDAY

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Campus Wide

12:15 p.m. Christian Formation, Library

5:00 p.m. Youth, FLC

7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary

Monday, November 6

9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor

10:00 a.m. Let's Geaux Play, Toddler Nursery

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

5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor

6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Tuesday, November 7

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC

8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC

9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle UMW, Parlor

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office

4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor

5:30 p.m. Cancer Survivors, Choir Room

6:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study, Library

Wednesday, November 8

10:00 a.m. Self-taught Spanish Class, Library

5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, FLC-A

6:00 p.m. Heavenly Hash, FLC

6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary

6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, November 9

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC

8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library

5:30 p.m. Communications Team, Library

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, November 10

OFFICE CLOSED

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Parlor

8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, FLC

9:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts, FLC-A

Saturday, November 11

8:30 a.m. Prime Timers Breakfast, Essen Piccadilly

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

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



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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.

The Gift of Remembering



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11 a.m. Worship Service

NOVEMBER 5, 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.