

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

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

INTROIT

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us. As we gather in this place, allow your Holy Spirit to fill our lives and inspire our actions.

**In the spirit of Jesus who came not to be served, but to serve, we gather to worship.**

We must reach out our hands to help others and open our hearts in love.

**Awake in us the desire to seek your way of serving others in our world. Inspire us to share sacrificially and to give joyfully.**

SONG OF PRAISE      *God Is Here Today*      FWS 2049  
 God is here today;  
 as certain as the air I breathe,  
 as certain as the morning sun that rises,  
 as certain when I sing you’ll hear my song.

SONG OF PRAISE      *Shine, Jesus, Shine*      FWS 2173  
 Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory,  
 blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;  
 flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,  
 send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.  
 Lord, the light of your love is shining in the midst of the darkness  
 shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us, set us free by  
 the truth you now bring us.  
 Shine on me, shine on me.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence from the shadows into  
 your radiance; by the blood I may enter your brightness,  
 search me, try me, consume all my darkness.

Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your  
 likeness; ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may  
 our lives tell your story.

Shine on me, shine on me.

PRAYER

**O God, the Parent of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our Parent, you are to us both Father and Mother. We who are your children draw near to worship you. Your compassion is the essence of our life. In our poverty, your goodness is abundant. We see your love in Jesus. Teach us that we belong to you and that you alone belong to us. And you are enough. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray and give praise. Amen.**

**THE WORD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
 A Modern Affirmation      UMH 885

GLORIA PATRI      UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT      Marilyn Damberg

SCRIPTURE      *Mark 12:38-44*      Theresa Sandifer

SERMON      *More*      Pastor Jay

HYMN      *God of Grace and God of Glory*      UMH 577  
 vs 1 & 4

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

**Omerciful God, we confess that we have not acknowledged you as the source of our successes, our substance, our selves. We are far more ready to complain when things go wrong than to praise when all is well. We feed our bodies rich diets while we neglect to feed our souls. Power and wealth assume more importance to us than service and sharing. We allow religious words to substitute for living encounters with our neighbors – people you call us to love.**

**Forgive us, compassionate Savior, and grant us the opportunity to start over again. Keep us from repeating the mistakes of the past. Hold us from new evils that could mislead or destroy.**

**In the name of Christ, we offer our earnest prayers for pardon and deliverance. 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.**

(\*Adapted from The UM Book of Worship, Lavon Bayler, #490)

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY      *Wonderful Merciful Savior*      Men’s Quartet

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      *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*      UMH 557

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

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

are in celebration of Jane’s fourth birthday today (!). Given by her parents, Mari and Shawn Walker.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<b>Ushers</b>	Fran Anderson, Barbara Benton, Joyce Robinson, Jim Matthew
<b>Host(s)</b>	Bobbi Marino

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**TODAY, Sunday, November 8**

5:00 p.m.      Youth, Gym

**Monday, November 9**

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 10**

8:15 a.m.      Worship in the Market, Gym  
 9:00 a.m.      Shepherd’s Market, Gym  
 6:30 p.m.      Disciple IV, Library  
 7:00 p.m.      Mary Martha Circle UMW, Parlor

**Wednesday, November 11**

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.      Men’s Group, George’s  
 6:00 p.m.      Week Night Group, Parlor  
 7:00 p.m.      Choir Practice, Choir Room

**Thursday, November 12**

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.      SPRC, parlor  
 7:00 p.m.      Boy Scouts, Gym

**Friday, November 13**

8:30 a.m.      Food Bank Delivery, Gym  
 9:00 a.m.      Arts & Crafts, Gym-A

**Saturday, November 14**

12 noon      AA Meeting, Gym-C

**FOOD BANK DELIVERY IN GYM**  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO STOCK SHELVES**  
**8:30 A.M., FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

**MARY MARTHA UMW**

The Mary Martha Circle will meet on **Tuesday, November 10**, at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor. Saroj Welch will close our series on Women of the Bible with a very interesting story about Ruth. All women are invited to attend.

**ADVENT SEASON 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](http://www.stjohnsbr.org/advent-devotional-signup).

Join us for a time of music, drama and fun as we celebrate the Advent Season with our Annual Advent Festival. The festival will be **Sunday, December 13** at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Look for more details in the coming weeks.

**PRAYER REQUEST FORM**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Joy     Concern

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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](mailto: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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## 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.

## PRIME TIMERS BREAKFAST

Come have breakfast with the Prime Timers at the Piccadilly on Essen on **Saturday, November 14** at 8:30. Everyone is invited.

## GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION

Beginning **TODAY** at the 8:30 service, and at the 11:00 service on **Sunday, December 6**, St. John's will offer gluten-free communion. There will be 3 stations for communion - two stations with bread and juice in a common cup and one station with gluten-free wafers and individual cups. 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.

## FREE ESL CLASSES OFFERED

English As A Second Language classes are now being offered on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the gym. If you know of anyone who might be interested in participating in these free classes, have them come to Classroom C in the gym. Contact Teegie Hamilton (907-7283) or Carol Young (936-6796) for more information.

## THANK YOU, ST. JOHN'S

I want to thank my St. John's family for being so loving and caring. What a wonderful church we have. The many prayers that have been lifted up for me have been greatly appreciated. During my illness the many other expressions of love (flowers, cards, visits, food, etc.) have been overwhelming. Thank you again for your continued prayers. Judy Barbay

Many thanks to the people of St. John's for continuing to love my mother, Dorothy Bevis, by visiting with her, sending church newsletters and bulletins, and bringing flowers. Barbara Bevis.

Thanks for the birthday cakes, uniforms, student supplies, and teacher back-to-school breakfast. We appreciate your consistent generosity to the students and staff of Wildwood Elementary. Without you, so much couldn't get done. You Rock! Lynelle Dixon.

## YOUTH FALL RETREAT

**ALL YOUTH:** Please remember to get your registration forms in for the Fall Retreat at the Worthy's farm **November 21-23**. See Lorri for a registration form!

## CHECK OUT OUR UPDATED WEBSITE

We are proud to announce the launching of our redesigned and reconsidered website at **www.stjohnsbr.org**. The site is welcoming to new guests while still being useful for current members to get all the information you need. The site is designed to be flexible, includes a much-needed search feature, is more secure, and most importantly looks great on all screen sizes!

## SERMON NOTES

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**ST. JOHN'S**  
United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples*

The Widow's Mite



Porcelain by James C. Christensen

**8:30 Worship Service**  
**November 8, 2015**

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.