

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

OCTOBER 1, 2017 at 11 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

INTROIT

† CALL *to* WORSHIP

Come! Live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the world, to have a seat around God's table of grace.

Sent out from the table, we are called to act with justice.

We are called to love tenderly.

We are called to serve one another.

We are called to walk humbly with God.

Let us walk united in love.

Today, let us be of one accord.

† HYMN OF PRAISE FWS 2221, vs. 1, 2, 4

In Unity We Lift Our Song

† INVOCATION

God of all nations,

We give You thanks that we are all made

in Your image, with such rich diversity.

On this day we are in solidarity with the faithful

around the world.

As we break bread together, we remember that we

are still one body in You, even though we have

different languages, cultures and traditions,

different ways of worship, praying and praising.

In solidarity we drink the cup together of hope

and new life, knowing that Your will is for Your

people to be one body.

We thank You and praise You for making us all

who we are, individually and collectively.

We each celebrate our own ancestry, culture and

ethnicity, while also celebrating our oneness

through Christ.

In His name we pray, Amen.

† GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen. Amen.

LISTENING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Pastor Lane *and* Pastor Julia

Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.

SCRIPTURE Ben Hartman

Philippians 2:1-11

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

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER *together*

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.

MEDITATION This is Living Series: Pastor Lane

“Living in Unity”

RESPONDING

† HYMN of FAITH (See insert)

We Are Called

SHARING *our* PRAYERS for WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY (See insert)

As prayers are shared and candles are lit, we will hear the voices and languages of our global church family.

† PASSING *the* PEACE of CHRIST

OFFERING GOD'S TITHES *and* GIFTS Alleluia Ringers

Siyahamba (We Are Marching)

† DOXOLOGY UMH 95

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:
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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You have made from one – every nation and people to live on all the face of the earth.

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. 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.

Pastor continues the Thanksgiving.

The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled; the pastor continues:

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

- *During Communion, we will sing I Come with Joy, UMH 617 and One Bread, One Body, UMH 620*
- *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:

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that in the strength of your Spirit we may give ourselves for others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 561, vs. 1, 5, 6

Jesus, United By Thy Grace

During the hymn, we invite you to bring forward The Shepherd's Market grocery bags.

† BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

† POSTLUDE

The flowers on the altar are given in honor of Lynn Cooper for generously sharing her time, talents, gifts, and presence.

Thank you to Joyce Perry for creating our new worship banner in honor of World Communion Sunday

Thank you to everyone who helped lead in worship today.

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

**October 1, 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...
11 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!

VIVO! THIS IS LIVING!

Our worship series, "VIVO: This is Living!", concludes today which is also World Communion Sunday.

NEW WORSHIP SERIES STARTS OCTOBER 8 "DEFYING GRAVITY"

We all want to be generous, but it can be challenging to break free from the demands of our time and resources. Instead of enjoying the freedom to bless others with the best of our lives, we feel held down and held back by forces that seem beyond our control. The key to all of it—and the key to Christian discipleship—is generosity. When we follow Jesus, we develop a spirit of generosity that enables us to soar to new heights through God's vision. You are invited to read the text for the upcoming services of worship and prepare your hearts and minds for a transforming worship experience.

October 8th – Defying Gravity: Breaking Free, Luke 15:11-32

October 15th – Defying Gravity: Tethered to God, 1 Timothy 6:17-19

October 22nd – Defying Gravity: When We Get it Right, Luke 16:10-13 & Matthew 6:19-21

MISSIONS FAIR!

We hope you had the opportunity to visit our Missions Fair earlier today to learn about the many ways St John's is feeding and disciplining this congregation and beyond.

UMW RUTH CIRCLE

The Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, October 3** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Judy Koonce will present a program on Lazarus, Paul, and Luke as well as an overview of the twelve disciples. All women are invited to attend.

OLD FASHIONED HYMN FESTIVAL

Join us on Sunday, October 8 at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary for our Hymn Festival! The Chancel Choir, Alleluia Ringers, and Praise Team will provide special music, as well as accompany the congregation in singing some of their favorite hymns. There will also be some stories of how these hymns came to be. We hope you will join us as we lift our voices in praise of the one true living and loving God!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

We have a lot of exciting events coming up, some of which are: October 2 - Golf Classic, benefiting the Methodist Children's Home; October 8 - Old Fashioned Hymn Fest; October 20-21 - retreat for all laity at the Wesley Center; October 22 - Commitment Sunday and Church-wide lunch; October 28 - Fall Fest; November 2 - Centenary College Choir Concert; and Angola Kairos - November 9-12. Look for more information on each of these events in church communications.

COOKIES FOR KAIROS TIME!

It's that time of year again - cookie baking for Kairos. Larry Norman will be participating in Angola Kairos scheduled for November 9-12. Cookies will need to be brought to church on Sunday, November 5. (We do not have freezer space to keep cookies here prior to that date.) Cookie guides will be available in the church office.

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 1

GROCERY BAG SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Missions Fair, *FLC*

4:00 p.m. Youth-Parent's Meeting, *FLC*

5:00 p.m. Youth, *FLC*

5:00 p.m. Sharing St. John's, *Parlor*

Monday, October 2

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, October 3

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*

6:00 p.m. Cancer Support Group, *Parlor*

6:00 p.m. Nominations Committee, *FLC-A*

6:00 p.m. Disciple Fast Track Bible Study, *Library*

6:00 p.m. Volleyball, *FLC*

Wednesday, October 4

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, October 5

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

8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*

6:00 p.m. Trustees, *Parsonage*

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

Friday, October 6

OFFICE CLOSED

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

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

Saturday, October 7

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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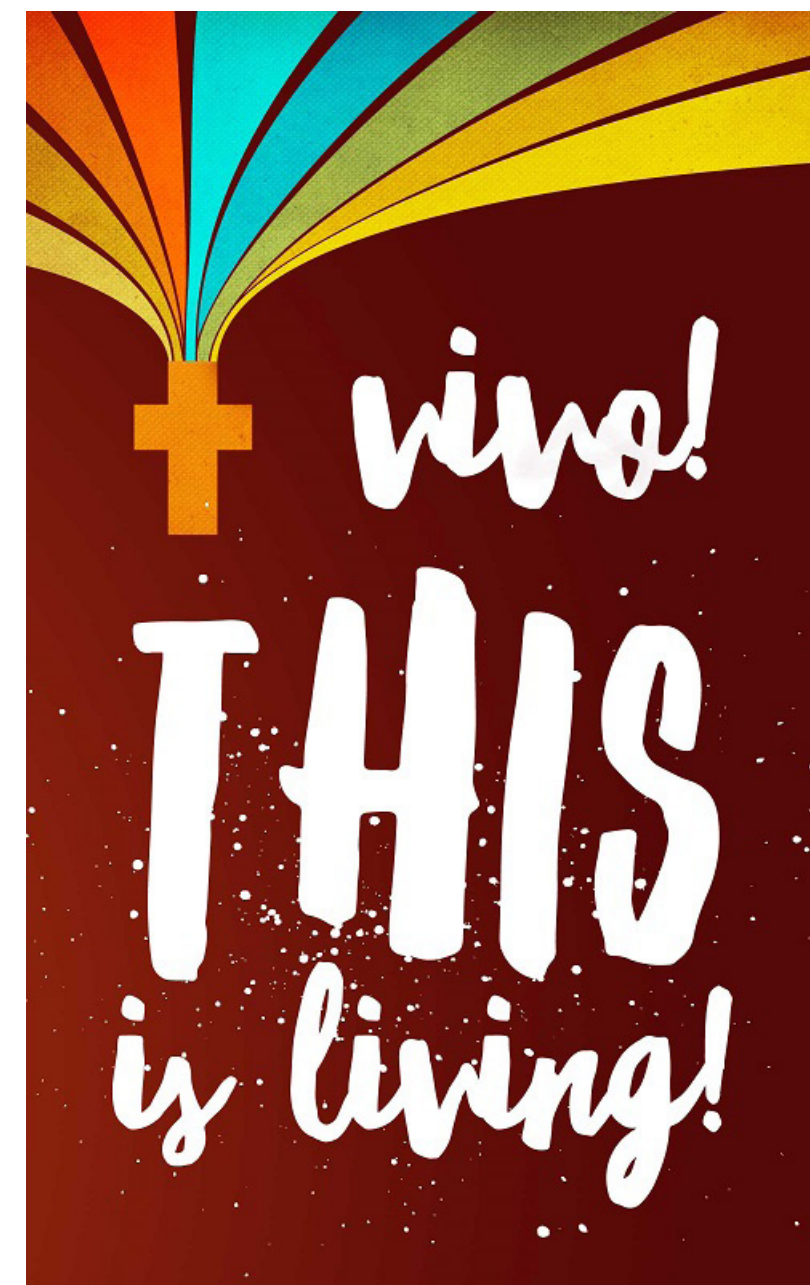
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11 a.m. Worship Service

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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.