

# The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

OCTOBER 1, 2017 at 8:30 A.M.

*Welcome to All*

*All are invited to stay for refreshments after worship,  
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

✝ SONGS of PRAISE

*In Unity We Lift Our Song* FWS 2221, vs. 1, 2, 4

**In unity we lift our song of grateful adoration,  
for brothers brave and sisters strong.**

**What cause for celebration! For those whose faithfulness  
has kept us through distress,  
who've shared with us our plight,  
who've held us in the night, the blessed congregation.**

**For stories told and told again to every generation,  
to give us strength in times of pain, to give us consolation.  
Our spirits to revive to keep our dreams alive,  
when we new are far from home and evil seasons come;  
how firm is our foundation.**

**For God our way, our bread, our rest,  
of all these gifts the Giver.**

**Our strength, our guide, our nurturing breast  
whose hand will yet deliver.**

**Who keeps us till the day when night shall pass away,  
when hate and fear are gone and all our work is done,  
and we shall sing forever.**

*Make Us One, Lord* FWS 2224

**Make us one, Lord, make us one;  
Holy Spirit, make us one.  
Let our love flow so the world will know  
we are one in you.**

✝ 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 take a seat around God's table of grace.**

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.**

✝ SONG of RESPONSE FWS 2007

*Holy Holy*

**¡Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!  
Mi corazón te sabe decir: ¡Santo eres, Dios!**

## LISTENING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Pastor Lane *and* Pastor Julia

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

SCRIPTURE Bobbi Marino

*Philippians 2:1-11*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER *together* *Based on Psalm 19:14*

**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 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

✝ 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:

*Singing together:*

**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.**

*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:

*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 All Who Hunger, FWS 2126.*
- *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 FWS 2279

*The Trees of the Field*

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

✝ BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

✝ POSTLUDE

*All are invited to stay for the Missions Fair and  
refreshments in the Family Life Center.*

*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  
8:30 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!

### VIVO! THIS IS LIVING!

Our worship series, "VIVO: This is Living!", concludes today which is also World Communion Sunday. Don't forget to join us after worship for the Missions Fair. It will be held in the Family Life Center during Coffee Time and through the Sunday School hour.

### 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 TODAY!

Our Missions Fair is an opportunity to learn about the many ways St. John's is feeding and disciplining this congregation and beyond. The Missions Fair will take place in the FLC during coffee time and continue until 10:45 a.m.

### 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

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Ushers: Joyce Robinson, Randy Thayer, Lynn Cooper, Susan Johnston  
Host: Beth Forester

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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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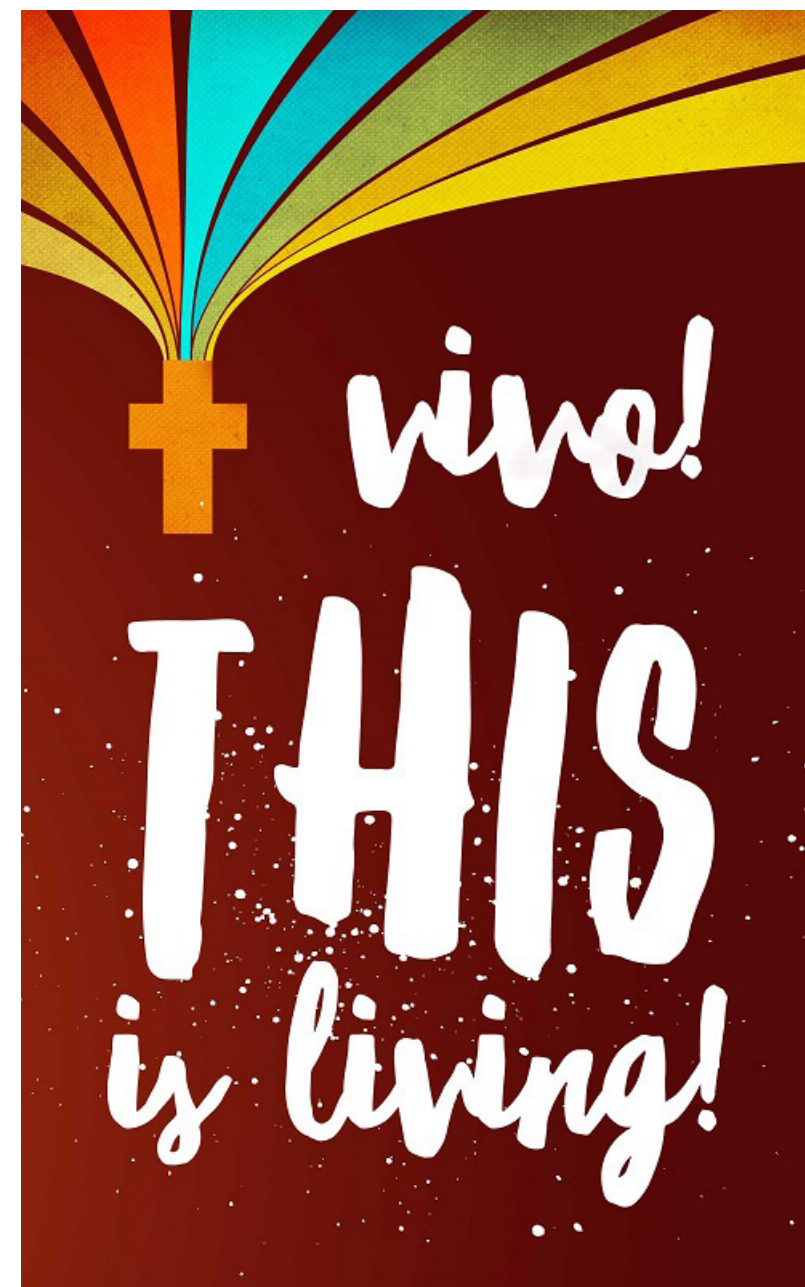
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United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



8:30 a.m. Worship Service

OCTOBER 1, 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.