

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2016
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let all things their Creator bless

And worship him with humbleness

O praise ye! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son.

And praise the Spirit, three in one!

Let us now praise the Lord in spirit and truth...

SONGS OF PRAISE

All Creatures of Our God and King UMH 62

All creatures of our God and King,

lift up your voice and with us sing

O praise ye! Alleluia! O brother sun with golden beam,

O sister moon with silver gleam! O praise ye! O praise ye!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He Is Exalted FWS 2070

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise him.

He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise his name!

He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign;

heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

PRAYER

Glorious God, you are the source of all good gifts.

You are the source of joy and hope.

Grant now that what we believe in our hearts

we may practice in our lives

that being doers of the Word and not hearers only

we may receive everlasting life

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE WORD

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Deacon Sarah

SCRIPTURE *2 Corinthians 8:7-15* Natalie Cooper

SERMON *To Each According to What Is Their Due (Justice Giving or How We Share Comes before What Amount We Share)* Pastor Jay

HYMN *Give Thanks* FWS 2036

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,

give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong”; let the poor say, “I am rich

because of what the Lord has done for us.”

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give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong”; let the poor say, “I am rich

because of what the Lord has done for us.” Give thanks!

PRAYER, CONFESSION, PARDON

All merciful, all powerful God - you have given birth to our world. You conceive and bear all that lives and breathes. We come to you as your daughters and sons to confess our sin. Make us more aware of our aggression and anger, our drive to dominate and manipulate others.

We admit we act in selfish ways. We admit we need your grace to change our lives. We ask you to forgive us - help us to find a renewed sense of compassion that we may truly live as your people in service to all. For the sake of Christ’s kingdom we pray. Amen.

(silent confession)

Hear the good news: God did not send his Son into the world 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 OF GOD’S ABUNDANCE

OFFERTORY *Blest Are They* 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 *Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing* UMH 671

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;

let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for thy gospel’s joyful sound.

May the fruits of thy salvation in our hearts and lives abound;

ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found.

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *Praise the Name of Jesus*

*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 ...

in memory of Dorothy Damberg,
given by Richard and Marilyn Damberg

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers Fran Anderson, Guy Johnson, Lynn Cooper,
Bill Putzig

Host(s) Jim and Theresa Sandifer

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 23

9:45 a.m. St. John’s 101, FLC-Gym

5:00 p.m. Youth, 207 Admin Bldg.

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6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, FLC-Gym

Monday, October 24

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-Gym

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

Tuesday, October 25

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

8:30 a.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC-Gym

12:30 p.m. VIPS Training, Library

Wednesday, October 26

4:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor

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

6:00 p.m. Men’s Group, George’s Southside

6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, FLC-Gym

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

7:17 p.m. 717 Group, George’s Southside

Thursday, October 27

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor

8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library

8:30 a.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC-Gym

6:30 p.m. Church Council, Library

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, October 28

OFFICE CLOSED

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

Saturday, October 29

9:00 a.m. Days for Girls, FLC-Gym

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

CELEBRATING DEACON SARAH!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2016

9:45 - 10 A.M., FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Deacon Sarah’s last day with us is Sunday, November 6.

Let’s send her off with love and affirmation.

During coffee time, come say good-bye and Godspeed to

Sarah, Brian, Elizabeth, and John Brian.

DAYS FOR GIRLS CONTINUES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 - 9 A.M.

Days for Girls will be held on **Saturday, October 29** in the Family Life Center-Gym from 9 a.m. - noon. Everyone is welcome. Sewers and non-sewers are needed to cut fabric, iron, sew, serge, apply snaps, insert drawstrings, and assemble kits. No supplies are needed for the last two sessions. For more information contact Joyce Perry, 763-6613 or joyce.perry@cox.net.

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):

**THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET
FOOD BANK DELIVERY
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28 - 8:30 A.M. - FLC**

**OPERATION NOAH'S ARK
LAST CALL TO PICK UP FOOD CONTAINERS**

There is a table set up in the hallway of the Family Life Center with baking and serving items and containers that were left after the shelter closed and the second responders were no longer in the FLC. Any items not picked up will be brought to Here Today, Gone Tomorrow.

**YANKEE CANDLE SALE!
GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

The Youth will again be taking pre-paid orders for Yankee Candles **TODAY** during coffee time. All proceeds from the sale are to go to the Youth Mission Fund to raise money for future mission trips. Orders will be in for the holidays. You can also order online direct from the Yankee Candle website: www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and enter our Youth Group number 990102911. Online orders will be delivered to you in 2-4 weeks from receipt of order.

TRUNK OR TREAT!!

Sunday, October 30 from 4 - 6 p.m. St. John's trunks will be decorated and open for treats! Bring your kids and grandchildren; invite your neighbors and their kids and grandchildren! This is a family-friendly, safe environment, fun time for all - and to have MORE fun, come in costume!! **NOTE: If you would like to decorate your trunk - and we have had some clever ones in the past - contact Lorri (lorrimcguire@stjohnsbr.org) to sign up.**

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, November 1** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Norma Thomason will present the World Thank Offering. All women are invited to attend.

St. John's UMW will hold their General Meeting on **Sunday, November 13** at 3 p.m. in the parlor. George Mills, president of Trafficking Hope will speak on human trafficking in our area. All women are invited to attend.

ADVENT FAITH STORIES SERIES

This Advent we hope to publish Faith Stories related to the Advent theme "Stay Awake." Do you have a story you could write and share? Submit your Advent Faith Stories to Kathy King (brcking10@gmail.com) or Mari Walker (mariwalker7@gmail.com) by November 14.

THANKS, ST. JOHN'S

On behalf of Team Rubicon, I would like to thank you for your generous contribution to support our relief efforts in Louisiana. . . At Team Rubicon, disasters are our business and veterans are our passion. Your gift empowers our veteran volunteers by providing them the opportunity to continue their service to communities affected by disaster. . . Sincerely, Jake Wood, CEO and Co-founder.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Join us on **Sunday, November 13** at 5 p.m. in the Family Life Center for our first Children's Choir rehearsal led by Ms. Carrie and Ms. Heather! 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. Encourage your children to participate in this fun aspect of music and family life at St. John's

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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SEASON OF PLENTY

**8:30 a.m. Worship Service
October 23, 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.