

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

OCTOBER 29, 2017 at 8:30 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

GREETING *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ SONGS of PRAISE

This Is The Day UMH 658

**This is the day the Lord hath made;
he calls the hours his own.**

**Let heaven rejoice, let earth be glad,
and praise surround the throne.**

I Will Enter His Gates FWS 2270

**I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart,
I will enter his courts with praise.**

**I will say, “This is the day that the Lord has made.”
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.**

**He has made me glad, he has made me glad.
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.**

**He has made me glad, he has made me glad.
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.**

✠ CALL to WORSHIP Natalie Cooper

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God’s steadfast love endures forever.

All have sinned and fallen short of God’s glory,
but by the grace of God we are redeemed.

Let us worship God together now.

**Here we stand, ready to glorify You, O God,
our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.**

✠ SONG of RESPONSE FWS 2157

Come and Fill Our Hearts

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.**

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace,
Alleluia!**

LISTENING

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Rhonda Tucker

Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.

SCRIPTURE Natalie Cooper

Psalms 118:1-2, 5-9, 14-24

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION *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.**

SERMON “The Gift of Re-form” Pastor Lane

RESPONDING

✠ AFFIRMING OUR FAITH UMH 881

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
The third day he arose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

✠ HYMN of FAITH UMH 110

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

✠ PRAYER of CONFESSION Pastor Julia

**Reforming God,
We pray for ourselves and your church
throughout the world.
Fill us with a spirit of openness to your Spirit,
to hear and receive your promises
and to keep our covenant with you.**

Where we are corrupt, purify us.

Where we are in error, direct us.

Where we are in need, provide for us.

Where we are divided, reunite us.

**And where we are close-minded,
reform us and make us new.**

**We give you thanks for your forgiveness
and your blessing.**

In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

(A time for silent prayer and confession.)

✠ WORDS of ASSURANCE *and* PARDON
In Christ, we receive forgiveness and
reconciliation, and we are strengthened
for a faithful and common witness
in our time.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

✠ SHARING *the* PEACE of CHRIST

OFFERING GOD’S TITHES *and* GIFTS

✠ 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!**

✠ 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:

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.

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

- *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 FWS 2166, vs. 1 & 2

Christ Beside Me

✠ BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

All are invited to stay for refreshments in the Family Life Center.

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 29, 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!

THE GIFT OF "RE-" BEGINS TODAY

The prefix "re-" invites us "to go back to something again." In this worship series, "The Gift of Re-", we look back to the Gift of the Reformation, which celebrates its 500th anniversary this year, the Gift of Remembering on All Saints Day, the Gift of Reviving our Mission and Vision, and the Gift of 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"

This year, we are once again publishing a 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: November 5.**

CENTENARY COLLEGE CHOIR CONCERT

The Centenary College Choir will be at St. John's in concert on **Thursday, November 2** at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Host homes (2 students per home) are needed for Thursday night. Please contact Pastor Julia at pastorjulia@stjohnsbr.org or Julie LeBlanc at 1-225-252-2262 for more information or if you are willing to be a host home.

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.

COOKIES FOR KAIROS

Have you been baking Cookies for Kairos? Larry Norman will be participating in the next Kairos at Angola and we all need 120 dozen cookies. Guides on cookie sizes and how to pack them are available on the website <https://listenlistenlovelove.com/cookies>. Cookies are due here at St. John's by **Sunday, November 5.** If you bake cookies before that date, please freeze them at your home as we don't have the facilities to do so here at church.

UMW MEETING

The Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, November 7** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Norma Thomason will present the Workd Thank Offering and the 2018 pledge programs. All women are invited to attend.

DISTRICT -WIDE CHARGE CONFERENCE

The annual charge conference for United Methodist Churches in the Baton Rouge District will be held this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. at Broadmoor UMC. **All members of St. John's are invited to attend.**

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.

'STEWARDSHIP 2018

Thanks to everyone who turned in their 2018 annual giving commitment card last Sunday and joined us for our potluck. If you have not turned in your 2018 pledge we encourage you to do so. You may put them in the collection plate, mail them to the church, or bring them by the office during regular office hours.

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 29

YELLOW BAG SUNDAY

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

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

7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*

Monday, October 30

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 31

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

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

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

3:30 p.m. VIPS: Everybody Reads, *Library*

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 1

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 2

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

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

5:30 p.m. Trustees, *Library*

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

7:00 p.m. Centenary College Choir, *Sanctuary*

Friday, November 3

OFFICE CLOSED

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

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

Saturday, November 4

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Ushers: *Beth Forester, Carol Gordon, Mike and Sally Allen*

Hosts: *Jim and Theresa Sandifer*

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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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United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.

REO
form
remember
revive
rejoice

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

OCTOBER 29, 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.