

# The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

OCTOBER 29, 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 Troy Prevot

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.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE UMH 662, vs 1, 4 & 5

*Stand Up and Bless the Lord*

† 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.**

† 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 Rhonda Tucker

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

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

*Special Music*

SCRIPTURE Troy Prevot

*Psalm 118:1-2, 5-9, 14-24*

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the Lord because he is good,  
because his faithful love lasts forever.

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel say it:  
“God's faithful love lasts forever!”

<sup>5</sup>In tight circumstances, I cried out to the Lord.  
The Lord answered me with wide-open spaces.

<sup>6</sup>The Lord is for me—I won't be afraid.  
What can anyone do to me?

<sup>7</sup>The Lord is for me—as my helper.  
I look in victory on those who hate me.

<sup>8</sup>It's far better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust any human.

<sup>9</sup>It's far better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust any human leader.

<sup>14</sup>The Lord was my strength and protection;  
he was my saving help!

<sup>15</sup>The sounds of joyful songs and deliverance  
are heard in the tents of the righteous:

“The Lord's strong hand is victorious!

<sup>16</sup>The Lord's strong hand is ready to strike!  
The Lord's strong hand is victorious!”

<sup>17</sup>I won't die—no, I will live  
and declare what the Lord has done.

<sup>18</sup>Yes, the Lord definitely disciplined me,  
but he didn't hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>Open the gates of righteousness for me  
so I can come in and give thanks to the Lord!

<sup>20</sup>This is the Lord's gate;  
those who are righteous enter through it.

<sup>21</sup>I thank you because you answered me,  
because you were my saving help.

<sup>22</sup>The stone rejected by the builders  
is now the main foundation stone!

<sup>23</sup>This has happened because of the Lord;  
it is astounding in our sight!

<sup>24</sup>This is the day the Lord acted;  
we will rejoice and celebrate in it!

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

† HYMN of FAITH UMH 110

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

† PASTORAL PRAYER *and* THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Reforming God,**

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

**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 pray in Jesus' name,  
who taught us to prayer together:**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy Name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

† SHARING *the* PEACE of CHRIST

OFFERING GOD'S TITHES *and* GIFTS

† 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.**

## 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 658

*This is the Day*

† BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

† POSTLUDE

## 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

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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

11 a.m.

Connections Card

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 (training provided, you don't have to be an accountant) February 1 through April 16, 2018. 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
5:00 p.m. Opening Doors, 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

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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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ST. JOHN'S
United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.

REO
form
remember
revive
rejoice

11 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.

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.)