

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL SEPTEMBER 10, 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

Cry of My Heart FWS 2165

**Teach me your holy ways, O Lord,
so I can walk in your truth.
Teach me your holy ways, O Lord,
and make me wholly devoted to you.**

***Refrain:* It is the cry of my heart to follow you.
It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.
It is the cry of my heart to follow
all of the days of my life.**

**Open my eyes so I can see
the wonderful things that you do.
Open my heart up more and more,
and make me wholly devoted to you. *Refrain.***

Lord, Be Glorified FWS 2150, vs. 1 & 4
**In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.**

**In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.**

✠ CALL to WORSHIP Bryan Adams

It is by God's grace that we are who we are:
**People who are called by Jesus,
yet fearful to follow.**

It is with Christ's guidance that we can witness
to the world:

**People who respond to Christ's call with
courage and conviction.**

It is through the presence of the Holy Spirit
that we become who we are called to be:

**People who step out in faith,
sharing the good news generously.**

✠ SONG of RESPONSE FWS 2193

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

LISTENING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Marilyn Damberg
Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.

✠ SCRIPTURE *Matthew 28:16-20*

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.**

MESSAGE "Back to School: Pastor Lane
Can I Get a Witness?"

✠ HYMN of FAITH *I Love to Tell the Story* UMH 156, vs. 1 & 4

RESPONDING

✠ PRAYER of CONFESSION

If we say we are completely put together,
the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our distractions,
our errors, and our anxieties,
God will meet us and renew us.**

The truth will set us free. Therefore, let us
share our confessions with God:

**Before God and God's people, I confess
that I have been reluctant to speak out
clearly, naming the injustice I see and
declaring God's vision.**

**Before God and one another, I confess
my reluctance to receive my calling
as one of your child, chosen as a witness
to God's dream of justice and joy,
mercy and love.**

**Remind me, God, that you have made me
for your service, and renew me with
your Loving Spirit. Grant me courage
to live out Christ's way of peace and
grace. I ask it in Jesus' name, Amen.**

(a time for silent reflection)

✠ WORDS of ASSURANCE *and* PARDON

God has promised that whenever we repent
and seek a new union with God,
forgiveness is ours.

That promise comes true now.

Sisters and brothers, know that

in Christ Jesus, you are forgiven.

**In Christ Jesus, you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

✠ SHARING *the* PEACE of CHRIST

MISSION MOMENT Pastor Robin McCollough-Bade
Executive Director, Interfaith Federation

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!**

✠ 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.

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

- 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

**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.**

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 571, vs. 1, 3, 4
Go, Make of All Disciples

✠ BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

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

*The flowers on the altar are given by Bob and Vanessa Ayres
in celebration of their wedding anniversary
and the birth of their grandson, Ernest Sawyer Lawson*

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

enrolling in Disciple Fast Track
Bible Study
(begins Tuesday, September 12)

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.

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):

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!

NEW WORSHIP SERIES BEGINS NEXT WEEK

On September 17, Pastor Lane and Pastor Julia will begin a worship series titled "VIVO: This is Living!" How you see life defines how you face life. By taking a closer look at Paul's writings in Philippians, our "VIVO: This is Living!" Worship Series will inspire us to fully live into this thing called Life that we've been given. Worship with us for this three-week series, which concludes on October 1, which is World Communion Sunday. Join us for the Missions Fair during Coffee Time and Sunday School that morning in the Family Life Center.

NEWCOMER COFFEE

If you are unable to attend the Newcomer Coffee this morning at 10 a.m. in Pastor Lane's office, she would still like to visit with you. Contact her at pastorlane@stjohnsbr.org or 766-4594.

LECTIONARY LADIES

This new group will meet on Mondays beginning September 11 from 3-4 p.m. in the parlor to read and discuss the weekly scriptures. There is no need to sign up, if you are interested just meet in the parlor.

DISCIPLE FAST TRACK BIBLE STUDY

A 12-week Bible study of the Old Testament will begin on Tuesday, September 12 from 6 - 8 p.m. in the library. Mike Allen will be the facilitator. Cost of the study manual is \$20 (checks made out to St. John's UMC with Bible study in the memo line). You may register for the class on the Connections Card or call Mike Allen (278-6850) or Deirdre Halliburton (939-1425).

UMW FALL NON-GARAGE SALE

The UMW is once again helping us to de-clutter our homes. The Fall Non-Garage Sale will be Thursday, September 14 - Sunday, September 17. There will be a designated area in the FLC for drop off. PLEASE don't bring items to the FLC before Thursday September 14.

MARY MARTHA UMW CIRCLE

The Mary Martha UMW Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 12 at 7 p.m. in the parlor. Janet Hogstrom will present "A Community United by Giving." Join us for refreshments, fellowship, and a pledge service program. All women are invited to attend. A special invitation is going out to those who have been unable to attend for some time.

"LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR" YARD SIGNS

Let's be a beacon of welcome to all of our neighbors. If you would like a "Love Your Neighbor" yard sign they will be available in the narthex after each worship service. A donation of \$20 is requested.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

We have a lot of exciting events coming up, some of which are: October 1 - Mission Fair/World Communion Sunday; October 2 - Golf Classic, benefiting the Methodist Children's Home; October 8 - An Old Fashioned Hymn Fest; October 22 - Commitment Sunday and Church-wide lunch; October 28 - Fall Fest; and November 2 - Centenary College Choir Concert. Be watching for more information on each of these events in church communications.

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 10

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Campus wide
4:00 p.m. Nominations Committee, Parlor
4:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Sharing St. John's, Adams Residence

Monday, September 11

9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor
10:00 a.m. Let's Geaux Play, Toddler Nursery
11:00 a.m. Grief Sharing, Parlor
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
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Tuesday, September 12

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC
3:30 p.m. VIPS-Everybody Reads, Library
6:00 p.m. Volleyball, FLC
6:00 p.m. Disciple Fast Track Bible Study, Library
7:00 p.m. Mary Martha UMW Circle, Parlor
7:00 p.m. Sharing St. John's, King Residence

Wednesday, September 13

10:00 a.m. Self-taught Spanish Class, Library
4:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor
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
7:17 p.m. 717 Group, George's Southside

Thursday, September 14

UMW NON-GARAGE SALE
8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library
10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, Library
6:00 p.m. Trustees, Library
6:00 p.m. Sharing St. John's, Prevot Residence
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, September 15

OFFICE CLOSED - UMW NON-GARAGE SALE
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Parlor
9:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts, FLC-A

Saturday, September 16

UMW NON-GARAGE SALE
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

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Host: Sandra Kuykendall

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United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



8:30 a.m. Worship Service

SEPTEMBER 10, 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.

Please place in offering plate

(See reverse to connect with us.)

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