

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL SEPTEMBER 17, 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

Bind Us Together FWS 2226

**Bind us together, Lord, bind us together
with cords that cannot be broken.**

**Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord,
bind us together in love.**

**There is only one God, there is only one King;
There is only one body, that is why we sing.**

Gather Us In FWS 2236, vs. 1 & 4

**Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.**

**Gather us in - the lost and forsaken,
gather us in the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven , light-years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in - all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

✝ CALL to WORSHIP Rev. Larry Norman

We come together to be in community,
**a family of faith striving to grow closer to God
and closer to each other.**

We were created to be agents of God's love, justice,
and mercy.

We are partners in God's mission to the world.

We all belong in the vision God sees before us.

We are The Body. We are The Church.

Help and empower us in this calling to relationship, O God.

May we walk with courage on our journey together.

✝ SONG of RESPONSE FWS 2015

Bless His Holy Name

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.**

**He has done great things, he has done great things,
he has done great things, bless his holy name.**

LISTENING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Heather Durham

Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.

SCRIPTURE *Philippians 1:1-11*

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.**

MESSAGE "VIVO: This is Living - Living in Partnership" Pastor Lane

RESPONDING

✝ HYMN of FAITH *Help Us Accept Each Other* UMH 560

✝ PRAYER of CONFESSION

**Under the burden of what imprisons us,
we forget that you, O God,
began a good work in your creation of us.
We overlook your intention to carry that good
work to completion.**

Remind us of the fullness of your grace.

**Teach us to hold one another in our hearts,
and the significance of having partners
in the journey of faith.**

**We pray this in the name of Christ,
our Redeemer and friend. Amen.**

(a time for silent prayer and confession)

✝ WORDS of ASSURANCE *and* PARDON

Friends, I am confident of this:

The One who began a good work in us
will bring it to completion.

Grateful for the promise of joy and of peace,
let us share that peace with one another.

Peace be with you!

And also with you.

✝ SHARING *the* PEACE of CHRIST

OFFERING GOD'S TITHES *and* GIFTS Medley
Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

✝ 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 671

Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

✝ BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

✝ POSTLUDE

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

*The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Jack Brook,
given by Mary Jo and the Brook girls.*

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.

September 17, 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):

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

Today we 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.

UMW FALL NON-GARAGE SALE

This is the final day to drop off items in the FLC for the Non Garage Sale. All items will be picked up by Here Today Gone Tomorrow early Monday morning. All proceeds from HTGT will go to missions of the UMW. Thank you for your donations.

"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.

MISSIONS FAIR

Our annual Missions Fair is Sunday October 1. This is an opportunity to learn about the many ways St John's is feeding and disciplining this congregation and beyond. If you have a mission or a ministry that you would like to highlight at the fair, please contact Tina Henson (henson.tina@yahoo.com or 985-705-4228) to reserve a table. The Missions Fair will take place in the FLC during coffee time and continue until 10:45 a.m. Sunday School classes are offered the option to enjoy our fair in lieu of class time.

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 1 - World Communion Sunday as well as our final Sharing St. John's; October 2 - Golf Classic, benefiting the Methodist Children's Home; 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.

DEEPENING FAITH/IGNITING MINISTRY

A retreat for all laity is being held at the Wesley Center in Woodworth Friday, October 20 and Saturday, October 21. It will give you an opportunity to explore your spiritual journey and reflect on your life in Christ. The event is free, all materials will be provided (bring your Bible), but if you want to spend the night Friday, you will have to make a reservation; payment for lodging and meals will be made directly to The Wesley Center. For more information see our Friday Newsletter or contact Rhonda Whitley (346-1646) or Cherri Johnson (383-4777).

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 17

UMW NON GARAGE SALE

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Campus wide
4:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Youth, FLC

Monday, September 18

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, September 19

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
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor
6:00 p.m. Volleyball, FLC
6:00 p.m. Disciple Fast Track Bible Study, Library

Wednesday, September 20

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

Thursday, September 21

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. Church Council, Library
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, September 22

OFFICE CLOSED
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Parlor
8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, FLC
9:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts, FLC-A

Saturday, September 23

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Ushers: Mike and Sally Allen, Beth Forester, Carol Gordon
Host: Chris Stubbs

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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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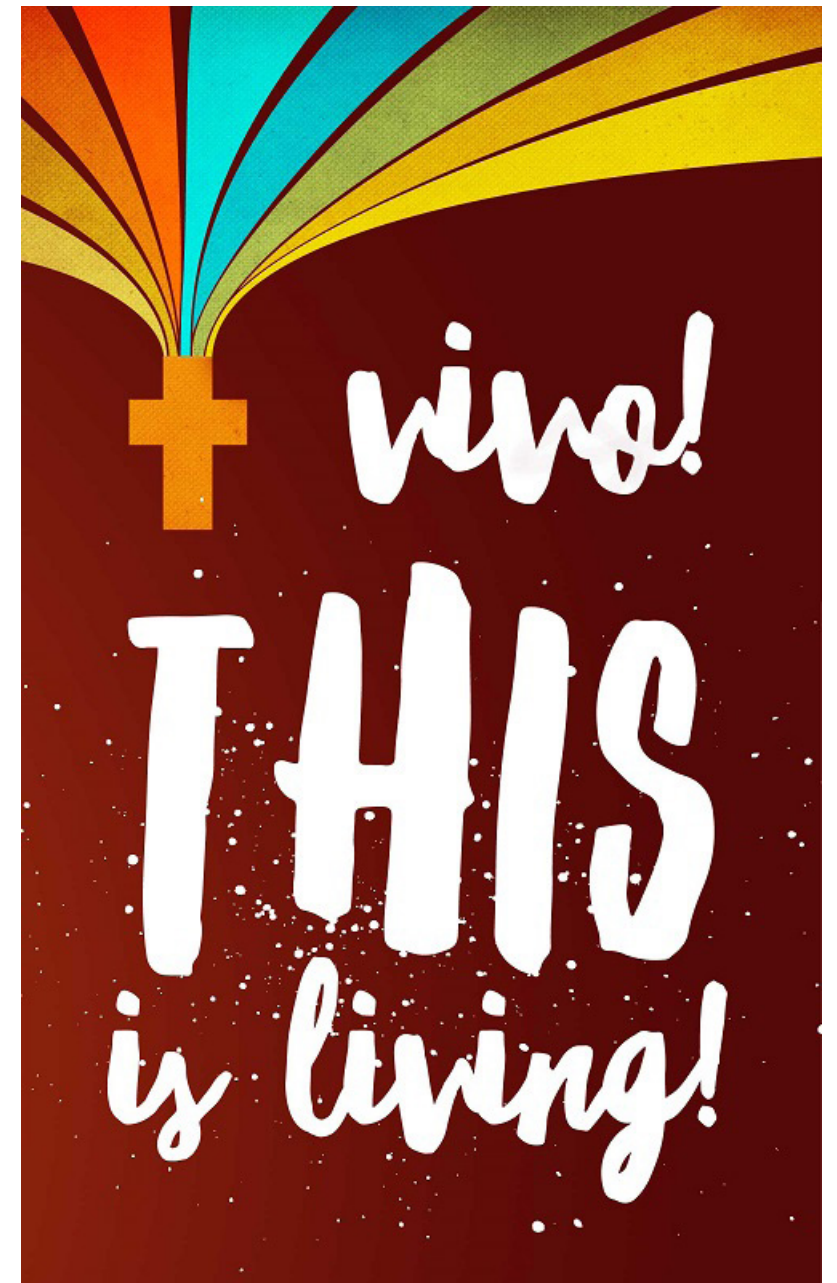
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United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



8:30 a.m. Worship Service

SEPTEMBER 17, 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.)