

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

SEPTEMBER 3, 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 Zach Isenhower
 Oh give thanks to the Lord;
We will make all God’s deeds known.
 Sing songs of praises to God!
We will sing of God’s wonderful works.
 Seek the Lord and all his strength.
We will seek God’s presence continually.
 Dale Alabanzas a Dios!
Praises be to God!

Adapted from Psalm 105

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE UMH 469
Jesus Is All the World to Me

✠ PRAYER Zach Isenhower
**On this day of rejoicing, O God of our ancestors,
 as we gather to break bread,
 we remember that through the blood of the Lamb
 you redeemed us and made us pass over
 from death to new life.
 Grant that, as we celebrate your mighty deeds,
 we may be one with Jesus in offering you this
 sacrifice of praise. 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

ANTHEM Chancel Choir
My Jesus, I Love Thee

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Deirdre Halliburton
Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.

✠ SCRIPTURE Exodus 14:9-15
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYER *together*
**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.**

Based on Psalm 19:14

MESSAGE “Back to School:
Rule of Life and Sabbath” Pastor Julia

✠ HYMN of FAITH UMH 402
Lord, I Want to be a Christian

RESPONDING

✠ PRAYER of CONFESSION
**Eternal God, from the beginning of time
 you have called your children
 into communion with you.
 Yet we confess that like all the rest,
 we have turned to our own way and
 refused your love and grace.
 Restore us to the joy of knowing you,
 and of recognizing your reign among us,
 through Jesus Christ, messenger
 of your good news. Amen.**

(a time for silent reflection)

✠ WORDS of ASSURANCE *and* PARDON
 Hear the good news:
 Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
 that proves God’s love toward us.
 In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
**In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!
 Glory to God. 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.**

✠ 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.**

Pastor continues the Thanksgiving.

The institution of the Lord’s Supper is recalled; the pastor continues:
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 395
Take Time to be Holy

*During the hymn, we invite you to bring forward
The Shepherd’s Market grocery bags.*

✠ BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

*The flowers on the altar are given by Pat Cobb
in celebration of the birth of her newest great grandchild,
Genevieve Grace Viviano.*

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
- learning how to operate the video camera to film the sermon
- 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

September 3, 2017
11 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!

FLOOD BUCKET BRIGADE

Come help with a very worthy cause - flood recovery! We are putting together Flood Buckets after Heavenly Hash on **September 6**. Join us for a delicious meal and then join our bucket assembly line. We are still collecting the specific items needed for the buckets; please check out our website for a list. There will be blue buckets in the hallway of the Admin. Building.

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR FLOOD RELIEF

Today we will be taking up a special offering for the flood relief efforts. 100% of your gift will be channeled directly to those effected in Texas and southwest Louisiana. If you would like to write a check, make it out to St. John's UMC with Storm Relief in the memo. We are also taking donations for flood bucket items, so indicate Flood Buckets in the memo line if you would like your money to be used for that.

NEWCOMER COFFEE

New to St. John's? Or have you been attending for awhile and simply want to know more about our church family? We invite you to join us for an informal gathering at 10 a.m. on **September 10** in Pastor Lane's office. You'll get better acquainted with the missions and ministries of St. John's and also meet other new friends in the life of the church.

VOLLEYBALL RETURNS TUESDAY NIGHTS!

Have you been anxiously waiting for Tuesday night volleyball to return to St. John's? Come to the FLC on Tuesday nights at 6 p.m. when we will begin weekly coed volleyball - no age limits. Come on out!

SELF-TAUGHT SPANISH LESSONS

If you are interested in learning Spanish, come to the library every Wednesday at 10 a.m. You will need the text, *Spanish Now!* Level 1, eighth ed.; available from Barnes & Noble or Amazon. Contact Judy Barbay at 939-1623 for more information.

CANCER SURVIVORS SUPPORT GROUP

A support group for cancer survivors and their care givers is in the process of being formed. An organizational and interest meeting is being held on Tuesday, September 5 at 6 p.m. in the library. Contact Jim Roberts at 933-0457 for more information.

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 17 - 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 17.

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 3

GROCERY BAG SUNDAY

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

4:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*

Monday, September 4

THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET CLOSED, ST. JOHN'S OFFICE CLOSED

3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, *Library*

6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

Tuesday, September 5

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

8:30 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*

9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle UMW, *Parlor*

6:00 p.m. Volleyball, *FLC*

6:00 p.m. Cancer Survivors Support Group, *Library*

Wednesday, September 6

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. Flood Bucket Assembly, *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 7

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

8:30 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*

10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, *Library*

6:00 p.m. Trustees, *TBA*

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

Friday, September 8

OFFICE CLOSED

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

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

9:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, *FLC*

Saturday, September 9

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

8:30 a.m. Prime Timers Breakfast, *Essen Piccadilly*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

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Remember to pray for **The Walk**.

"...for we walk by faith, not by

sight." - 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NRSV)

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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



11 a.m. Worship Service
SEPTEMBER 3, 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.