

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2016  
11 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

INTROIT *Come, Holy Spirit* Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP  
New every morning is your love, great God of light.  
**And all day long you are working for good in the world.**

Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors and all your creation,  
**To devote each day to your son, our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

HYMN *God Is Here* UMH 660  
vs 1 & 4

PRAYER  
**Lord, we pray not for tranquility, and not that our tribulations may cease; we pray for your Holy Spirit and love that you grant us strength and grace to overcome adversity, to add to your glory, and to build your kingdom in this world through Jesus Christ. Amen.\***

(\*Based on a prayer by Girolamo Savonarola, 15th C.)

**THE WORD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
The Apostles’ Creed UMH 881

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Natalie Cooper

SCRIPTURE *Luke 14:25-33* Paula Cobb

SERMON *The Cost of Discipleship* Deacon Sarah

HYMN *I Have Decided To Follow Jesus* FWS 2129

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON  
**God of grace, you are the author of loving-kindness, and we confess we are reluctant to set aside our failings and fractures - our anger, our pride, our selfishness. Heal us now by your touch of mercy, that we might be cleansed of all unclean thoughts, all schemes of self-centeredness, and all plans that fall short of your glory. Open our eyes to the power of your love, shown to us in the unselfish sacrifice of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(silent confession)

Hear the good news: The Lord God is merciful and gracious, endlessly patient, loving and true, showing mercy to thousands, forgiving our sin, granting great pardon. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.**

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY *Walking By Faith* Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

**THE TABLE**

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.**

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE III UMH 15

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

\*SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

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.**

**SENT FORTH IN GOD’S NAME**

HYMN *Come Let Us Use the Grace Divine* UMH 606  
vs 1 & 2

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

\*Gluten-free communion is offered to anyone who desires it; when you come up to the altar, let the server know you would like to receive the gluten-free elements.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE ...**

given by Maxine and Buddy Gossom in honor of their daughter, Gayle, on her birthday.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**Ushers** Rhonda Tucker, Natalie Cooper, Fred and Kathleen Adams

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**Monday, September 5**  
OFFICE CLOSED  
3:00 p.m. Men’s Covenant Group, Library

**Tuesday, September 6**  
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC-Gym  
9:00 a.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC-Gym  
9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle UMW, Parlor  
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Library  
6:15 p.m. Praise Team, Choir room

**Wednesday, September 7**  
9:00 a.m. VIPS Training, Library  
5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, FLC-A  
6:00 p.m. Men’s Group, George’s Southside  
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 8**  
6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor  
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library  
9:00 a.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC-Gym  
10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, Library  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

**Friday, September 9**  
OFFICE CLOSED  
**Saturday, September 10**  
8:30 a.m. Prime Timers Breakfast, Essen Piccadilly  
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

SEP	11	Presentation of Bibles
	18	Bible 101 (and Sept 25, Oct 2)
	25	Blessing of Pets (4 p.m.)
OCT	2	Fall Blood Drive
	2	UMW Mission Fair
	2	St. John’s 101 (and Oct 9, 16)
	8	Health Fair (St. John’s and community)
	16	Stewardship Begins (through Oct 30)
	29	Church-wide Workday
	30	Commitment Sunday
	30	Church-wide Brunch
	30	Trunk or Treat

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2016  
ONE WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:30  
GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY - 11:30  
CHURCH-WIDE POTLUCK - 12 noon**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

The church office will be closed on **Monday, September 5** in observance of Labor Day. We will resume regular office hours on Tuesday, September 6.

**PRAYER REQUEST FORM**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Joy  Concern

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Please share with the prayer team  
 Please share with Pastors only  
 I desire a call  
 I desire a visit

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

You may also email a prayer request to:  
prayers@stjohnsbr.org

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

Philippians 4:6

## WELCOME

If you would like someone to follow up with you please fill out the information below and place in the offering plate.

- I am just visiting today.
- I am new to the area and am looking for a church home.
- I would like more information about the United Methodist Church and St. John's.
- I am interested in Baptism or Confirmation.
- I am interested in Children's Ministries.
- I am interested in Youth Ministries.
- I am interested in College/Young Adult Ministries.
- I would like to receive email communications about church life.
- I would like a call from a pastor.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Children (Names & Ages): \_\_\_\_\_

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### THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET

**Today** is Grocery Bag Sunday and we hope you remembered to bring your yellow bag filled with items for The Shepherd's Market. Don't forget we are able to accept yellow bag (or not) donations in the office Monday - Thursday.

There will be a delivery from the Food Bank on **Friday, September 9**. If you are able to help stock shelves, please come to the FLC at 8:30 a.m. Many thanks!

### NOAH'S ARK: FLOOD RECOVERY UPDATE

St. John's continues to host Team Rubicon and FEMA Corps, and on Tuesday, 10 young adults arrived from IsraAID, a group committed to provide life-saving disaster relief and long term support all over the world. (For more information go to their website [www.israaid.co.il](http://www.israaid.co.il).)

Our stalwart kitchen crew is fixing a hot breakfast Monday - Friday for all of the teams. If you are an early riser and would like to be in the kitchen at 7 a.m. to help with cleanup and prep for the next morning's breakfast, please contact Fran Anderson (324-5040) to let her know when you can help.

About twice a week we feed teams a hot supper. If you or your group would like to provide a hot meal one evening, please contact Bobbi Marino at 205-5530. Remember this is a meal for approximately 80 people. PLEASE DO NOT BRING FOOD WITHOUT FIRST CONTACTING BOBBI.

### BIBLE 101: AN INTRODUCTION TO READING SCRIPTURE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 18

Join Pastor Jay and Deacon Sarah, in the library at 5 p.m. on **September 18 and 25**, and **October 2** for this three-week study that starts at the very beginning.

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Ruth Circle meets **Tuesday, September 6** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Pat Lively will present the program on hymns performed by popular musicians. All women are invited to attend.

The Mary Martha Circle meets **Tuesday, September 13** at 7 p.m. in the parlor. Janet Hogstrom will present the program on "The Boy Who Offered What He Had." All women are invited to attend.

### COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge is holding their annual Community Prayer Breakfast, **Thursday, September 8**, at 7 a.m. at Boudreaux's on Government St. Call the Federation office (267-5600) to purchase tickets (\$20); the deadline is TODAY.

### MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Daphne Grady will be leading an 8-hour training class on **Friday, September 23**, 5:30-9:30 p.m. and **Saturday, September 24**, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. to teach participants how to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. Class is limited to 15. The registration fee is \$30, checks made out to *NAMI Baton Rouge*, and mailed to Daphne Grady, 7515 Sheringham Ave., Baton Rouge 70808.

### PRIME TIMERS BREAKFAST SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 8:30 A.M. PICCADILLY ON ESSEN

## SERMON NOTES

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Remember to pray for **The Walk**.  
"...for we walk by faith, not by sight."  
- 2 Corinthians 5:7  
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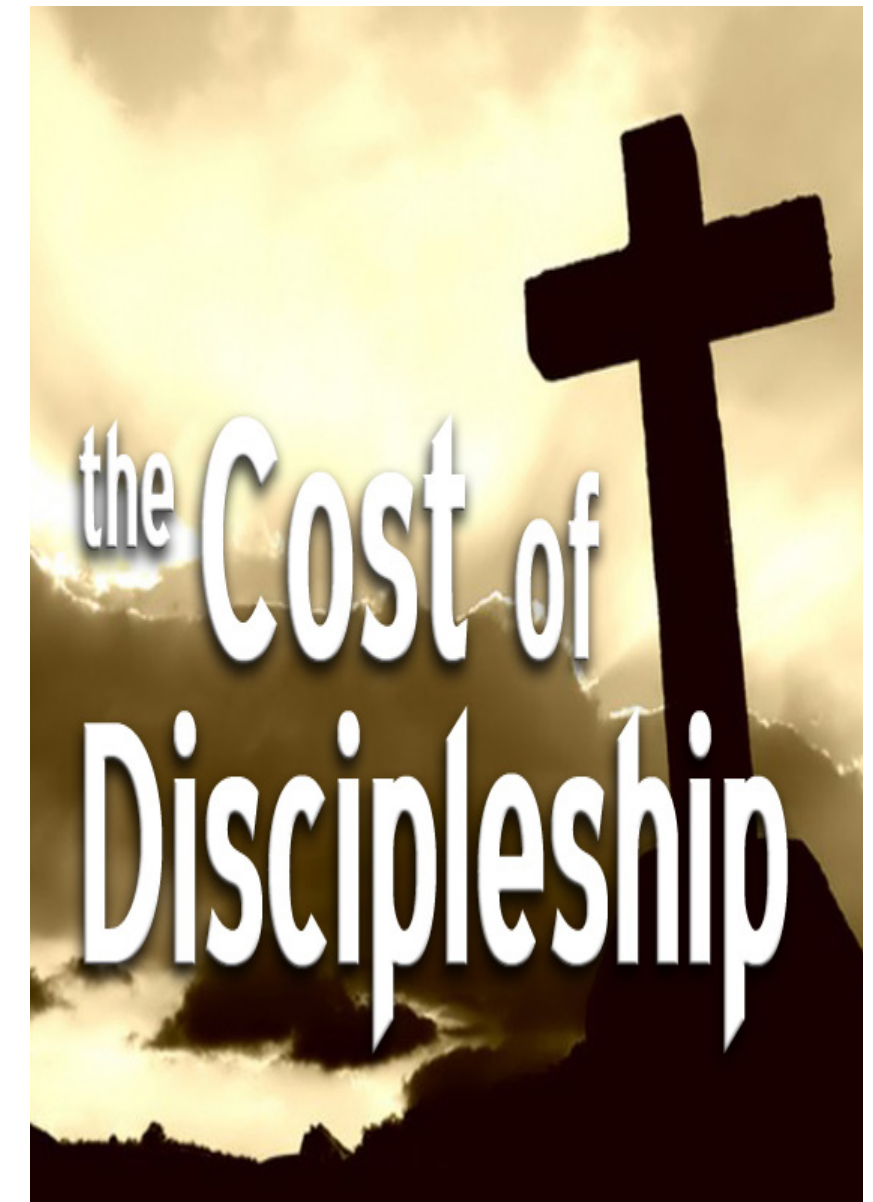


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United Methodist Church

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**11:00 Worship Service**  
**September 4, 2016**

Mission Statement

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.