

# The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

JANUARY 20, 2019 at 8:30 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 comfortable. **Bold** indicates congregational response.

## LOOKING UPWARD

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ SONGS of PRAISE

We Are God's People

FWS 2220, vs. 1

**We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,  
born of the Spirit, established by the Word.  
Our cornerstone is Christ alone,  
and strong in Christ we stand;  
O let us live transparently and  
walk heart to heart and hand in hand.**

Praise to the Lord

FWS 2029

**Praise to the Lord, all of you, God's servants.  
Blessed be the name of our God now and ever.  
From the rising of the sun may the Lord be praised.  
Praise to the name of the Lord!**

**There is none like our God in the heavens or on earth,  
who lifts the poor from the dust, seating them with the mighty,  
who stoops to raise the weak and low: may the Lord be praised.  
Praise to the name of the Lord!**

✠ CALL to WORSHIP

Bryan Adams

Come sons and daughters, mothers and fathers,  
sisters and brothers and aunts!

**Come grandmas and grandpas,  
uncles and nephews,  
nieces and neighbors and friends!**

Christ calls us together as parts of one Body,  
for worship and service and praise!

**May our upward worship bring glory to God  
and lead us outward in love.**

Let's worship God together!

**We, who are many, are one body.**

**As God's beloved, we come ready to share our gifts in  
worship and in the world.**

✠ SONG of RESPONSE

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.**

## GROWING INWARD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Lane & Pastor Deirdré

Prayers for our Church Leaders

Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.

Ushers will pass out folders during the Children's Moment. Please register your attendance. If you have any joys or concerns please fill out a prayer card found in the left pocket of the folder and place it in the offering plate.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:3-18

Bryan Adams

The Word of the Lord.  
**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

“Relationship With Others - An Outward Focus”

Pastor Lane

✠ HYMN of FAITH

Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine

UMH 606, vs. 1-3

✠ PRAYER of CONFESSION

Lord, we confess our day to day failure to be truly human.

**Lord, we confess to you.**

Lord, we confess that we often fail to love with all we have and are,  
often because we do not fully understand what loving means,  
often because we are afraid of risking ourselves.

**Lord, we confess to you.**

Lord, we cut ourselves off from each other and we erect  
barriers of division.

**Lord, we confess to you.**

Lord, we confess that by silence and ill-considered word  
**we have built up walls of prejudice.**

Lord, we confess that by selfishness and lack of sympathy  
**we have stifled generosity and left little time for others.**

Holy Spirit, speak to us. Help us listen to your word of forgiveness,  
for we are very deaf.

Come, fill this moment and free us from sin.

*(A time for silent prayer and confession.)*

✠ 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 LOVE and PEACE of CHRIST

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS to GOD

✠ 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!**

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 15

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.**

*The pastor give thanks and remembers God's gift of salvation.*

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we  
praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

**Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

*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:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.  
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and concludes:*

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

**Amen. Amen. Amen.  
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

SHARING the LORD'S SUPPER

- ♦ 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 at the station on the right.
- ♦ You are invited to stay at the chancel for prayer as long as you desire.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world  
in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Amen.**

## REACHING OUTWARD

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

Together We Serve

FWS 2175

✠ BLESSING and SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

*After the service, all are invited to the Family Life Center for refreshments.*

## 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.

Our ushers are happy to assist you in any way. Restrooms are in the Narthex.

*Thank you for being here.*

### THE WESLEY CHALLENGE - SERIES AND STUDY

Today concludes our Wesley Challenge sermon series built around 21 questions that John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, encouraged the first Methodists to ask one another. Through this sermon series, the weekly devotional, which is located at both exits, and the Tuesday night study we are exploring how we can develop the spiritual habits, practices and actions that can lead to a thriving Christian life.

### CENTENARY CHOIR CONCERT - JANUARY 26

Mark your calendar! On **Saturday, January 26** at 7 p.m. the Centenary Choir will be performing at St. John's.

**We are still looking for folks to host the students in their home for that Saturday night** after the concert. Please contact the church office if you are willing to act as a host home: phone (766-4594) or email (office@stjohnsbr.org).

### FAST TRACK BIBLE STUDY

Spring 2019 Fast Track Bible Study will begin on **Tuesday, February 5** at 6 p.m. in the library. If you want to know more about the Bible, want to study in a relaxed, small group atmosphere, want to study with others on their journey through the Bible join us for this 12-week study of **Luke and Acts**. Study books are \$20. There are registration forms in the narthex and the Admin/Education Building. The study will be led by Mike Allen.

### UMW READING PROGRAM

The books in the 2019 UMW Reading Program are now available for checkout from the church library in a special marked area. If you have not started your reading program, now is a great time to begin. While this program is for UMW members to earn a certificate of completion for one of the four reading plans, the books are available for anyone to read.

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SUNDAY

United Methodist Women Sunday will be held at St. John's on **Sunday, January 27**. Tracy Branch from St. Mark UMC will present the message and special Mission Recognition pins will be presented. A reception hosted by the UMW will be held during coffee time in the FLC following the 8:30 a.m. service.

### SAVE THE DATE

On **Sunday, February 10** from 4 - 6 p.m. we will be having a **Hymn Fest and State of the Church Potluck**. We will begin in the Sanctuary with the Chancel Choir, Alleluia Ringers, and Praise Team providing special music, as well as accompanying the congregation in singing some of their favorite hymns. A love offering will be taken in support of the our church's music ministries (Write "Music" on the memo of your check, please). Starting January 27, there will be a form in the bulletin for you to submit your favorite hymns with the highest vote-getters being sung. A potluck will follow in the FLC with a State of the Church address by our church leadership.

### THANK YOU, ST. JOHN'S

Dear St. John's Family, You have shown us what it is like to be part of a real Christian family by your love, support, prayers, and delicious food which you provided for our family during the time of Mother's death (Helen Hargis-Wiltz). She loved this church and all of you. Thank you all so much. With love, Joyce and Bill Perry and the Hargis-Wiltz Families

### OFFICE & PANTRY CLOSED MONDAY

The church office and The Shepherd's Market will be closed **Monday, January 21** in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Both the office and The Shepherd's Market will resume regular hours on Tuesday.

## HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

### Sunday, January 20

8:00 a.m. Praise Team, *Sanctuary*  
8:30 a.m. Worship Service, *Sanctuary*  
9:30 a.m. Coffee Time, *FLC*  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, *Campus Wide*  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service, *Sanctuary*  
3:00 p.m. Youth/Parent Meeting, *FLC*  
4:00 p.m. Youth Group, *FLC*  
7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*

### Monday, January 21

OFFICE CLOSED, THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET CLOSED  
3:00 p.m. Lectionary Ladies Bible Study, *Parlor*  
3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, *Library*  
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

### Tuesday, January 22

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*  
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, *FLC*  
1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting, *Pastor's Office*  
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Library*  
4:30 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, *Parlor*  
6:30 p.m. Wesley Challenge Study, *Library*

### Wednesday, January 23

10:00 a.m. Spanish Refresher, *Library*  
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*  
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice, *Choir Room*  
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, *Sanctuary*

### Thursday, January 24

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

### Friday, January 25

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*  
8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, *FLC*  
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*

### Saturday, January 26

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*  
7:00 p.m. Centenary College Choir, *Sanctuary*

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers: *Donnie and Susan Lambert, Darren and Chris Stubbs*

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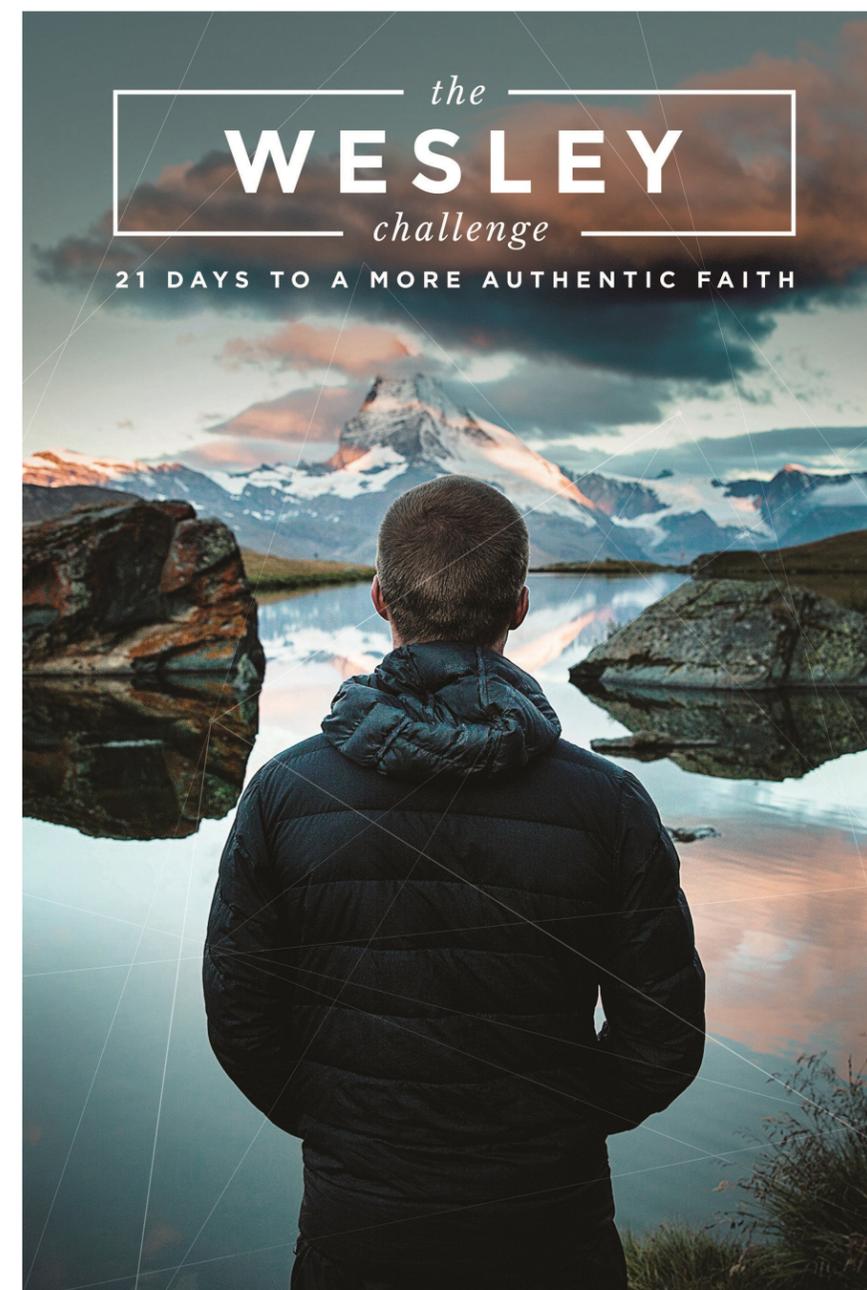
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# ST. JOHN'S

United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



January 20, 2019

8:30 a.m. *Worship Service*

*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.*