

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

November 11, 2018 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 comfortable. **Bold** indicates congregational response.

WE GATHER to WORSHIP

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP Rhonda Tucker

The world is filled with the glory of God, and we say,
Thank you!

The hills and valleys are filled with color, and we say,
Thank you!

The vines and trees are filled with fruit, and we say,
Thank you!

Our tables are overflowing with food, and we say,
Thank you!

Our life is filled with love of family and friends, and we say,
Thank you!

We fill this house of God with our voices, saying,
Thank you!

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts
be acceptable to you, O God, as we enter into this service
of thanksgiving and praise.
Amen.

TOGETHER WE PRAISE GOD

✠ HYMN of PRAISE *We Gather Together* UMH 131

✠ PSALTER *Psalms 126* UMH 847

SUNG RESPONSE

**The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
We were like those who dream.

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
And our tongue with shouts of joy;**

Then they said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

**The Lord has done great things for us;
We are glad.**

SUNG RESPONSE

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
Like the watercourses in the Negeb!

**May those who sow in tears
Reap with shouts of joy!**

Those who go forth weeping,
Bearing the seed for sowing,
**Shall come home with shouts of joy,
Carrying their sheaves.**

SUNG RESPONSE

✠ 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.**

MISSION MOMENT: OPENING DOORS Richard Damberg

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Natalie Cooper

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.*

ANTHEM *Arise, Give Thanks* Chancel Choir

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE Colossians 2:1-7 Pastor Deirdré

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Abounding in Thanksgiving” Pastor Deirdré

WE RESPOND With THANKSGIVING

✠ HYMN of FAITH *Blessed Assurance* UMH 369

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

Ever faithful Lord, ever giving God, ever present Spirit,
for the many gifts you grant us
and the opportunity to enjoy these things;
for your daily provision and for the constant signs
of your healing love; for the hope amidst despair
and the light which always shines;
for all these things, “thank you” seems so inadequate
but it’s all we have.

**We seek to show our gratitude in word, in thought
and in action.**

Generous God, we bring before you our praise and thanksgiving, as
we name aloud our gratitude and joy...

Thank you, Lord.
May our thanks move beyond words to transform us
into a thankful people, a faithful people, a seeing people,
**a people who see a need and see the need to act,
a people who love to live and live to love,
a people who serve you by serving others.**

Help us to be amongst those who include the excluded
and bring in those who are marginalized,
**that when the opportunities come our way
to be healers of division and hurt, to be peacemakers
and restorers, we won’t be found wanting.**

Loving, Holy God,
we bring before you our concerns about people and issues
that are close to us and that occupy our minds at this time ...

Good and gracious God,
we bring before you people and issues from around our world,
including those we may not know personally
but who remain our sisters and brothers in you ...

Transforming, healing God,
help us to make the light shine in dark places,
to make peace known in violent places,
and to bring hope to despondent places.

**Our prayers, spoken and silent we bring to you now,
in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ,
the healer, includer and redeemer, we pray:**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR TITHES & GIFTS to GOD

✠ 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.**

WE TAKE OUR WORSHIP INTO the WORLD

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 *Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart* UMH 160

✠ BLESSING & SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

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.

THANKS LIVING WORSHIP SERIES

How do we turn thanksgiving into thanks-LIVING? Join us in this season of thanksgiving as we learn to live lives of gratitude and joy through a 2-part sermon series November 11 and 18.

TAKE OUT CHICKEN DINNER

If you bought a ticket for a delicious take-out chicken dinner prepared by the Boy Scouts, don't forget to pick up your dinners. They will be ready at 9:30 a.m.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER @ CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN

Have a great meal at California Pizza Kitchen (in Perkins Rowe) and help raise funds for St. John's Youth at the same time. On **Monday, November 12** from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. 20% of your meal ticket will be given back to the Youth. You may eat in, take out, or order for delivery as long as it is delivery by California Pizza Kitchen. Please remember to mention St. John's Youth to your server.

ADVENT STUDY

Our Advent Study this year is going to be *All Earth Is Waiting* by Katie Z. Dawson. If you or your Sunday School class is interested in an Advent study, please let Pastor Deirdre know by **Sunday, November 18**. Books cost \$15 (checks made out to St. John's UMC with Advent Book in memo line).

CHURCH CONFERENCE

We will hold a Church Conference on **Sunday, November 18** in the Sanctuary, immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service to vote on the Trustees' resolution to sell the church's two rental properties. If you want to read the Trustees' proposal prior to the Church Conference copies are in the narthex and on our website at www.stjohnsbr.org/event/church-conference-1.

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Ken Irby, will convene the Church Conference, and all professing members of the church who are present are eligible to vote. We encourage you to come and take part in this important meeting.

HOLIDAY SUPER STORE

Get ready to shop for Christmas gifts and not spend a cent of your money! It's time for Opening Doors' Holiday Super Store. The doors will open at the Target on Siegen at 8 a.m., **Monday, November 19**. You and a partner will be given a wish list from a child at the Charlie Thomas Head Start Center and the dollar amount you can spend. If you are interested in participating, please contact Danielle Blackwood at dblack@lsu.edu by Friday, November 16.

CONVERSATION WITH BISHOP HARVEY

If you are interested in learning more about the report released by The Commission on the Way Forward and the plans that will be considered at the 2019 Special Session of the General Conference in St. Louis, there will be an Information and Listening Session on **Sunday, December 2** from 2-4 p.m. at Broadmoor UMC.

UPCOMING ADVENT EVENTS

Sunday, November 25	Hanging of the Greens - 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Advent Fest - 4 - 6 p.m., FLC
Sunday, December 2	"Let Heaven and Nature Sing" Sermon series begins
Sunday, December 9	Pastors' Open House, 2 - 4 p.m.
Saturday, December 15	Eighth Great Turkey Giveaway, 8:30-10:30 a.m.
Sunday, December 16	Christmas Cantata - 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Youth Christmas Party, 4 - 6:30 p.m.
Friday, December 21	Longest Night Service - 6 p.m.
Monday, December 24	Christmas Eve Services - 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, November 11

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*
4:00 p.m. Youth Group, *FLC*
7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*

Monday, November 12

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
3:00 p.m. Lectionary Ladies Bible Study, *Parlor*
3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, *Library*
5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

Tuesday, November 13

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*
6:00 p.m. Fast Track Bible Study, *Library*
7:00 p.m. UMW Mary Martha Circle, *Parlor*

Wednesday, November 14

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

Thursday, November 15

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting, *Library*
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

Friday, November 16

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

Saturday, November 17

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

FLOWERS on the ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are given by J.R. Madden and Daphne Grady with thankfulness for all service members, veterans, and their families, and in honor of the 243rd birthday of the Marine Corps and the 100th anniversary of the Armistice to end the Great War.

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11 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.