# The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL October 14, 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.

# **GATHERING WITH GOD**

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Introit

Alleluia Ringers

† CALL to WORSHIP

Bill Perry

Come, let us enter this space of hope and community – with all our sorrows, our joys, our passion and compassion.

It Is Well

We come into this space with the stories of our ancestors, for their strength and wisdom beats in our hearts.

We gather to sing praises, offer prayers, share gifts, and receive blessings.

We come into this space, present to the beloved companions who walk beside us.

God calls us to keep our vision growing and equips us to journey onward.

We come into this space, mindful that together we are providing a future for generations to come.

Come into this space and let us worship.

Amen.

† HYMN of PRAISE

Seek Ye First

LISTENING IN FAITH

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Sarah Prevot

UMH 405

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.

PSALTER

**UMH** 780

Psalm 46

**SUNG RESPONSE** 

"Be still, and know that I am God." The Lord of Hosts is with us.

God is our refuge and strength,

A very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

Though its waters roar and foam,

Though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, The holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city which shall not be moved; God will help it at the dawn of the day.

The nations rages, the kingdoms totter; God's voice resounds, the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us;

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

SUNG RESPONSE

Come, behold the works of the Lord, Who has wrought desolations in the earth;

Who makes wars cease to the end of the earth, Breaks the bow, shatters the spear, And burns the shields with fire!

"Be still, and know that I am God.
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth!"
The Lord of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge.

**SUNG RESPONSE** 

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Based on Psalm 19:14

1 Peter 4:1-11

**UMH 206** 

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 Pastor Deirdré

"Growing Through Grace"

Scripture

# **RESPONDING WITH THANKS**

♥ HYMN of FAITH

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

STEWARDSHIP WITNESS Darlene Dickson

OFFERING OUR TITHES & GIFTS to GOD Alleluia Ringers

♣ 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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

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.

## **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.

Freely, Freely

† HYMN of DISCIPLESHIP

**UMH 389** 

♦ Blessing & Sending Forth

**†** Postlude

The flowers on the altar are given by Lisa Westfall to the glory of God.

## 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.

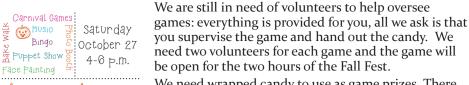
Our ushers are happy to assist you in any way. Restrooms are in the Narthex.

Thank you for being here.

#### **FALL BLOOD DRIVE**

St. John's is holding a blood drive on **Sunday October 21**, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The OLOL Bloodmobile will be in the parking lot on the side of the Family Life Center. Please consider participating if you are able to donate.

#### **FALL FEST**



Food! W Fun! W Free!

We need wrapped candy to use as game prizes. There will be a pink collection tub in the narthex on Sunday and in the hallway of the Admin Building.

We are also requesting monetary donations to help defray the cost of food and paper goods (checks can be made out to St. John's UMC, with Fall Fest in the memo line). This is a convenient way to help if you are unable to attend the Fall Fest.

PLEASE HELP! Contact Pastor Deirdre by email or phone (939-1425), if you have any questions or if you are willing to help.

#### **BOY SCOUT CHICKEN DINNER TICKET SALE**

Boy Scout Troop 505 will begin selling tickets on Sunday, October 14, 21, and 28 for their Chicken Dinner Takeout as well as taking pre-orders for Christmas greenery. They will be selling before and after both worship services.

#### THE GRATITUDE TREE

A wonderful way to express your gratitude for someone or something and help St. John's reduce it's debt, is to place an engraved leaf on The Gratitude Tree. If you would like to have a leaf put on The Gratitude Tree, you may use the insert in this bulletin, get a form in the Narthex or the hallway of the Admin Building. We would like all of the leaves to be on the tree by Thanksgiving, so please have your order in by Sunday, October 21.

### OCTOBER STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN & SERMON SERIES "KEEP OUR VISION GROWING"

God's vision for St. John's is that we be known as a center for feeding people spiritually and physically in our community. We live that out by sharing our gifts through worship, witness and service so that others will know God and become disciples of Jesus Christ. Our October worship series, "Keep Our Vision Growing," will take a look at three ways we grow our vision - through gratitude, grace, and generosity. Join us Sundays in October as we "Keep Our Vision Growing," by honoring the past, serving the present, and providing for the future.

This year's campaign is a two-pronged effort: We will consider how we will support our church's operating budget for 2019, which enables our ministries, programs, and missions to thrive, and we are also invigted idnto a one-year commitment to debt-reduction over and above our regular tithe.

#### **COMMITMENT SUNDAY / CELEBRATION LUNCHEON**

On **Sunday**, **October 28**, we will mark the culmination of our 2019 Stewardship Campaign with Commitment Sunday at which time we will bring our pledge cards to the 8:30 or the 11:00 worship service.

After 11:00 worship, everyone is invited to a celebration luncheon in the Family Life Center. We hope you can come and enjoy the fellowship and a meal provided by the Stewardship Committee.

## HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, October 14

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

Monday, October 15

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

Tuesday, October 16

The Shepherd's Market, FLC 8:00 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC 8:15 a.m. Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office 9:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Library 4:30 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, Parlor 6:00 p.m. Fast Track Bible Study, *Library* 

Wednesday, October 17

Spanish Refresher, Library 10:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, FLC-A Cup of Our Life Prayer Study, Parlor 6;30 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room Alpha Bells, Sanctuary 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 18

The Shepherd's Market, FLC 8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library* Companions in Christ, Library 10:00 a.m.. Church Council, *Library* Boy Scouts, FLC 7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 19 OFFICE CLOSED

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

Saturday, October 20

UMW District Officers Training, FLC 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

#### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

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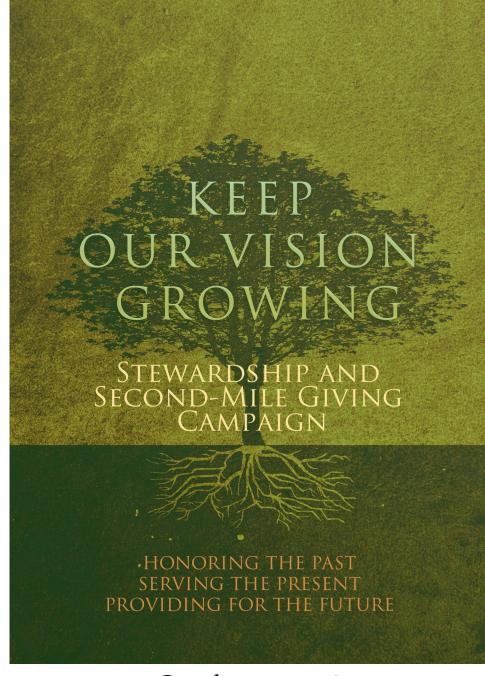


Remember to pray for **The Walk**. ...for we walk by faith, not by sight." - 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NRSV)

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October 14, 2018 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.