

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL NOVEMBER 11, 2018 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.

WE GATHER to WORSHIP

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ SONGS of PRAISE

He Has Made Me Glad

FWS 2270

**I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart,
I will enter his courts with praise.**

**I will say, “This is the day that the Lord has made.”
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.**

**He has made me glad, he has made me glad.
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.**

**He has made me glad, he has made me glad.
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.**

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

FWS 2195

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!**

Look to God, do not be afraid.

**Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,
lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

TOGETHER WE PRAISE GOD

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Barbara Benton

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.

✠ SONG of RESPONSE

Thank You, Lord

UMH 84

**Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord.
Thank you, Lord. I just want to thank you, Lord.**

MISSION MOMENT: OPENING DOORS

Bobbi Marino

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.

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, vs. 1 & 3

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God,

**Forgive our moments of ingratitude,
the spiritual blindness that prevents us
from appreciating the wonder that is this world,
the endless cycle of nature,
of life and death and rebirth.**

**Forgive us for taking without giving,
reaping without sowing,
Help us to be more thankful.**

**Open our eyes to see, our lips to praise,
our hands to share.**

**May our feet touch lightly on the path we tread,
and our footsteps be worthy of following,
for they lead to you.**

Amen.

(A time for silent prayer and confession)

✠ WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

God is a gracious giver.

God is gracious in forgiveness.

God calls us to new patterns and new life.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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

✠ SHARING THE LOVE AND PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERING OUR TITHES & GIFTS to GOD

We invite you to offer signs of peace to those around you.

✠ DOXOLOGY

**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

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:

**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 BREAD & 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 of THANKSGIVING

**We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed
us through this healing gift; and we pray that through it, you
graciously strengthen us in faith toward you and in love toward
one another; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. 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

Living for Jesus

FWS 2149, vs. 1 & 4

✠ BLESSING & 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.

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 Deirdré 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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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



November 11, 2018

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.