

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

SEPTEMBER 23, 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.

GATHERING

GREETING *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ SONGS of PRAISE

Clap Your Hands

FWS 2028

Clap your hands! Clap your hands!
Sing a new song in celebration!
Clap your hands! Clap your hands!
Sing a new song in celebration!
Clap your hands! Clap your hands!
God is great we praise our God with song!
God is great! We praise our God with song!

Halle, Halle, Halleluja

FWS 2026

Halle, Halle, Halleluja!
Halle, Halle, Halleluja!
Halle, Halle, Halleluja!
Halleluja! Halleluja!

✠ CALL to WORSHIP

Theresa Sandifer

The voice of God gathers us in this day;
The presence of God come to us in mystery and silence.
The voice of God brings new life out of destruction;
The presence of God brings hope from despair,
and growth through our difficulties.
We give you thanks that you do not leave us alone,
but seek to make us whole.
Help us to see the unseen work of your presence in the
unfolding of our lives and to heed the gentle guidance
of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your
people. Amen.

✠ SONG of RESPONSE

As the Deer

FWS 2025

As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.

GROWING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Barbara Benton

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

James 3:13-4:8a

Theresa Sandifer

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

Pastor Deirdré

RESPONDING

✠ HYMN of FAITH

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

✠ PRAYER of CONFESSION

Holy and awesome God, we stand in your presence filled
with regret for our many sins and failings.
Though there is greatness in us, and a deep longing for
goodness, we have often denied our better selves
and refused to hear your voice calling us
to rise to the full height of our humanity.
For there is weakness in us, as well as strength.
At times we choose to walk in darkness,
our vision obscured.
We do not care to look within, and we are unwilling
to look beyond at those who need our help.
O God, we are too weak to walk unaided.
Be with us as a strong and wise friend, and teach us
to walk by the light of your truth.

(a time for silent prayers and confession)

✠ WORDS of ASSURANCE & PARDON

The Lord God is merciful and gracious, endlessly patient, loving, and true, showing mercy to thousands, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin, and granting pardon. Amen.

✠ SHARING the LOVE & PEACE of CHRIST

OFFERING OUR TITHES & GIFTS to GOD

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

✠ 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.

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 and 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 after RECEIVING

Bountiful God,
we give you thanks that you have refreshed us
at your table by granting us the presence of Christ.
Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another,
and send us forth into the world in courage and peace,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. 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.

✠ HYMN of DISCIPLESHIP

UMH 462, VS. 1 & 4

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

✠ BLESSING and SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

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

The flowers on the altar are given in celebration of Kathy King's birthday, by her father, George Schneider.

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.

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SERIES

"HOW TO...A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO EVERYDAY LIFE"

The epistle of James is one of the most practical books in the Bible. This short letter takes a no-nonsense approach to life. For James, our faith is to be expressed outwardly and practiced in community. He is straightforward and direct, with a call to put our faith into action. We will wrap up the series next week with a reading from James 5:13-20.

HURRICANE FLORENCE RECOVERY

If you would like to donate to recovery efforts in North and South Carolina, there are a number of ways to do so. You can write a check to St. John's with Hurricane Florence in the memo line, go to our website and click on Give Now, or go to the Louisiana Conference website (www.la-umc.org/Florence). All donations will be sent to the North and South Carolina UMC conferences as they respond and assist those affected by the hurricane and flooding.

Mark Your Calendar

COME MEET OUR NEW YOUTH COORDINATOR

TODAY is Amy Fine's first Sunday at St. John's as our new Coordinator of Youth Ministries. Amy will be at both worship services and at Coffee Time so come say hello. She will also be with our Youth Group from 4 - 6 p.m. with a "Meet and Greet" starting at 5:30 for youth and parents/guardians.

JOINING DAY IS COMING SEPTEMBER 30

If you've been thinking about joining the church, we'd love to welcome you officially to St. John's on Joining Day - September 30! The invitation to join will be given before the final hymn and we invite everyone forward to join together.

That same morning, we will host a "Sharing St. John's" reception in Pastor Lane's office at 10 a.m. for newcomers and those interested in learning more about the church.

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT CHARGE CONFERENCE

The Baton Rouge District district-wide Charge Conference will be held **Sunday, September 30** at 2:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of Broadmoor UMC, 10230 Mollylea Dr. Along with accomplishing the work required of the Charge Conference there will be a service of leader dedication for those who are elected to leadership at this Charge Conference (this includes St. John's clergy and lay leaders for 2019). We encourage everyone to attend this important gathering of our district.

38TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

The 38th Annual Golf Classic, benefiting the Methodist Children's Home of Greater New Orleans, will be held on **Monday, October 1**, at the Beau Chene Country Club in Mandeville. A registration form can be downloaded and printed from our web site www.stjohnsbr.org.

THE WALK CELEBRATION BREAKFAST

A celebratory breakfast, recognizing all of those who have supported The Walk three-year campaign, will be held on **Saturday, October 6** at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center. Invitations went out this past week. Please RSVP by Monday, September 24 to office@stjohnsbr.org or 225-766-4594.

MISSIONS FAIR

Our annual Missions Fair will be **Sunday, October 7**. If you or a group have a mission or outreach that you would like to highlight, please call Susan Johnston at 773-9563.

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.

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, September 23

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*
5:30 p.m. Youth/Parent "Meet & Greet" with Amy, *FLC*
7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*

Monday, September 24

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, September 25

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*
4:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
4:30 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, *Library*
6:00 p.m. Fast Track Bible Study, *Library*

Wednesday, September 26

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

Thursday, September 27

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*
11:00 a.m. VIPs: Everybody Reads Training, *Library*
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

Friday, September 28

OFFICE CLOSED
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*
8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, *FLC*

Saturday, September 29

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) #sjthewalk



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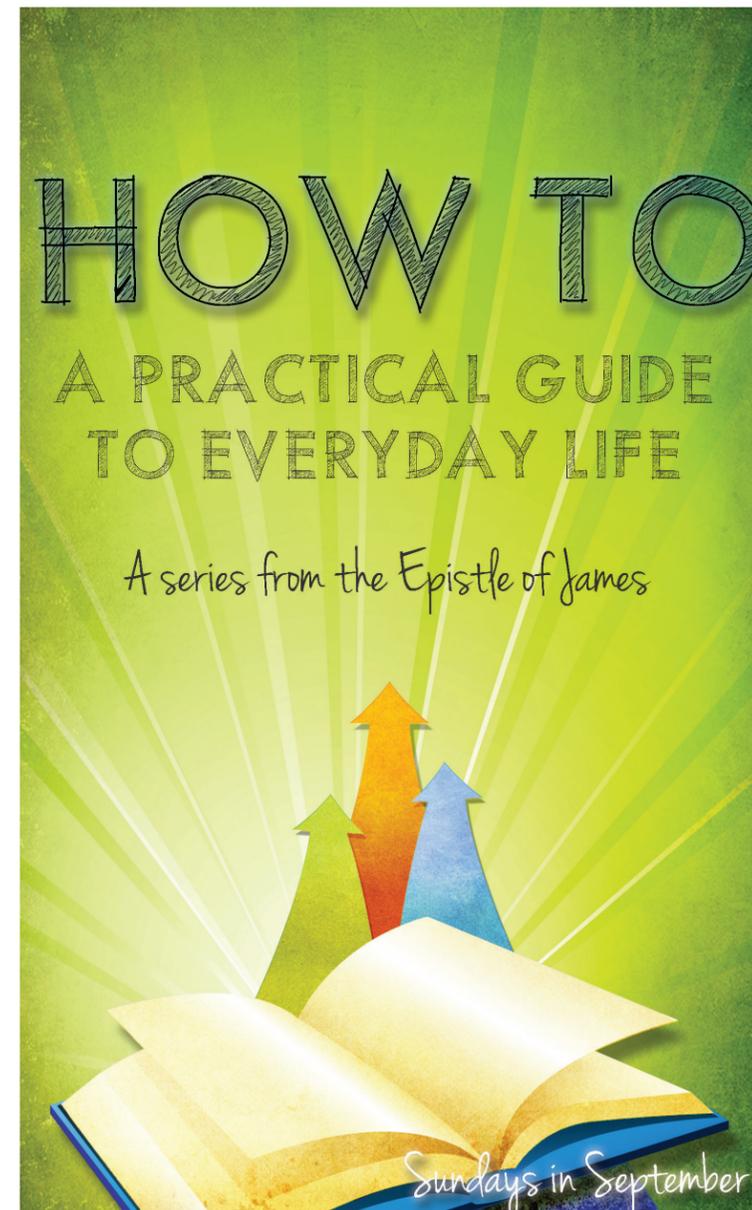
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September 23, 2018

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.