

# The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

## SEPTEMBER 30, 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

*Great Is the Lord*

FWS 2022, vs. 1 & 3

**REFRAIN: Great is the Lord, he is holy and just;  
by his power we trust in his love.  
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true;  
by his mercy he proves he is love.**

**Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!  
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise. Great is the Lord;  
now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:  
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!**

**REFRAIN**

**Great are you Lord and worthy of glory!  
Great are you Lord and worthy of praise. Great are you Lord;  
I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:  
Great are you Lord! Great are you Lord!**

† CALL to WORSHIP

Amy Fine

We will walk this day with you, O God, and you will walk with us,  
**gathering us into a community that prays for one another  
in all things.**

We will walk this day with you, O Christ, and you will walk with us,  
**calling us to follow you, helping us to set aside all which  
holds us back.**

We will walk this day with you, O Spirit, and you will walk with us,  
**healing us in our deepest wounds, calling us to pray  
for others.**

We walk this day and all our days together, for we are  
a family of faith,  
**though we may wander, God sends us out, side by side, to  
serve the world with glad hearts.**

† SONG of RESPONSE

*God Is Here Today*

FWS 2049

**God is here today;  
as certain as the air I breathe,  
as certain as the morning sun that rises,  
as certain when I sing you'll hear my song.**

## GROWING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Amy Fine

*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 5:13-20*

Amy Fine

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

“A Faith That Prays”

Pastor Lane

## RESPONDING

† HYMN of FAITH

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

UMH 454

† PRAYER of CONFESSION

**Patient Lord,  
we know that you call us to service, but we often  
feel inadequate.  
We love to make excuses for not doing something  
or for doing something half-heartedly.  
Remind us again of your loving and guiding presence.  
Forgive us when we wander from the trust.  
In your word you teach us how to live,  
and you show us what it means to be  
in Christian community.  
You remind us again and again that a living faith  
includes faithful actions and deeds.  
Turn us again to you, serving joyfully and confidently.  
In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.**

*(a time to offer personal confession to God.)*

† WORDS of ASSURANCE & PARDON

*from James 5*

We have confessed our sins to one another, and to God,  
and we believe that prayer is powerful and effective.  
In that belief, I declare to you, in Jesus Christ we are  
healed and forgiven.

**In Jesus Christ, you are healed and forgiven.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

† SHARING the LOVE & PEACE of CHRIST

OFFERING OUR TITHES & GIFTS to GOD

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

† 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.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*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.**

*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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

SHARING in HOLY COMMUNION & ANOINTING PRAYER

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

UMH 375

- ♦ *All are welcome to partake in Holy Communion and anointing.*
- ♦ *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.*
- ♦ *There will be a station for anointing and laying on of hands during communion.*
- ♦ *You are invited to stay at the chancel for prayer as long as you desire.*

PRAYER after RECEIVING

**Almighty God,  
may the power of your indwelling presence bring us  
comfort in our suffering and make us whole.  
When we are afraid, give us courage.  
When we feel weak, grant us your strength.  
When we are afflicted, increase our hope.  
When we are lost, offer us your guiding light.  
When we are lonely, bring others to our side.  
And when death comes, open your arms  
to receive us into your mercy.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. 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

*Take Time to Be Holy*

UMH 395

† BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

† POSTLUDE

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

*There will be a "Sharing St. John's" reception at 10 a.m. for those  
interested in learning more about the church in Pastor Lane's office.*

*The flowers on the altar are given by Aileen and Henry Pine in loving memory  
of Travis T. Morgan and Tracey T. Morgan.*

## >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.*

### 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.

#### PICK UP GROCERY BAG

Don't forget to pick up a grocery bag to use for next week's Grocery Bag Sunday. We appreciate any and all donations, but the items the pantry is in need of this week are breakfast items, soup, side dishes, and household products. THERE IS ALSO A NEED FOR PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS; PLEASE BRING US YOURS. They can be brought to church Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### 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](http://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.

#### THANK YOU FROM VIM-CUBA

Thank you St. John's! It is with gratitude that we tell you we have exceeded our goal for vitamins, etc., to be brought with us to Cuba. The monetary donations that were received will be used to purchase other medical supplies needed by the visiting nurse.

#### UMW RUTH CIRCLE

The UMW Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, October 2** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Pastor Deirdré Halliburton will present a program "Reflections of the Holy Land." All women are invited to attend.

#### HEAVENLY HASH / FAITH FORMATION

Heavenly Hash will be **Wednesday, October 3** from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the FLC. Immediately following Heavenly Hash, for those who would like to stay, we will have a Faith Formation devotion from 6:30 - 7 p.m. in Classroom C of the FLC.

#### 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 FLC. Today is the last day to RSVP to [office@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:office@stjohnsbr.org) or 225-766-4594.

#### MISSIONS FAIR

Our annual Missions Fair will be **Sunday, October 7** in the FLC beginning with Coffee Time and continuing through the Sunday School Hour (9:30 - 10:45 a.m.). 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.

#### FALL FEST DONATIONS

The 2018 Fall Fest will be held **Saturday October 27** from 4 - 6 p.m. on church grounds. VOLUNTEERS are needed to help set up, run, and take down the games. We also need candy and small party favors for prizes. Donations will be accepted (checks can be made out to St. John's UMC, with fall fest in the memo line). Please contact Pastor Deirdré ([pastordeirdre@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:pastordeirdre@stjohnsbr.org) or 939-1425) if you are able to help in any way.

## HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

### Sunday, September 30

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*  
10:00 a.m. Sharing St. John's, *Pastor Lane's Office*  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service, *Sanctuary*  
4:00 p.m. Youth Group, *FLC*  
7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*

### Monday, October 1

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, October 2

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*  
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, *FLC*  
9:30 a.m. UMW Ruth Circle, *Parlor*  
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*

### Wednesday, October 3

10:00 a.m. Spanish Refresher, *Library*  
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*  
5:30 p.m. Heavenly Hash, *FLC*  
6:30 p.m. Faith Formation, *FLC-C*  
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice, *Choir Room*  
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, *Sanctuary*

### Thursday, October 4

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

### Friday, October 5

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

### Saturday, October 6

9:00 a.m. The Walk Celebratory Breakfast, *FLC*  
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

#### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers: *Phil and Jill Slicker, Paul Ivey, Sandra Kuykendall*  
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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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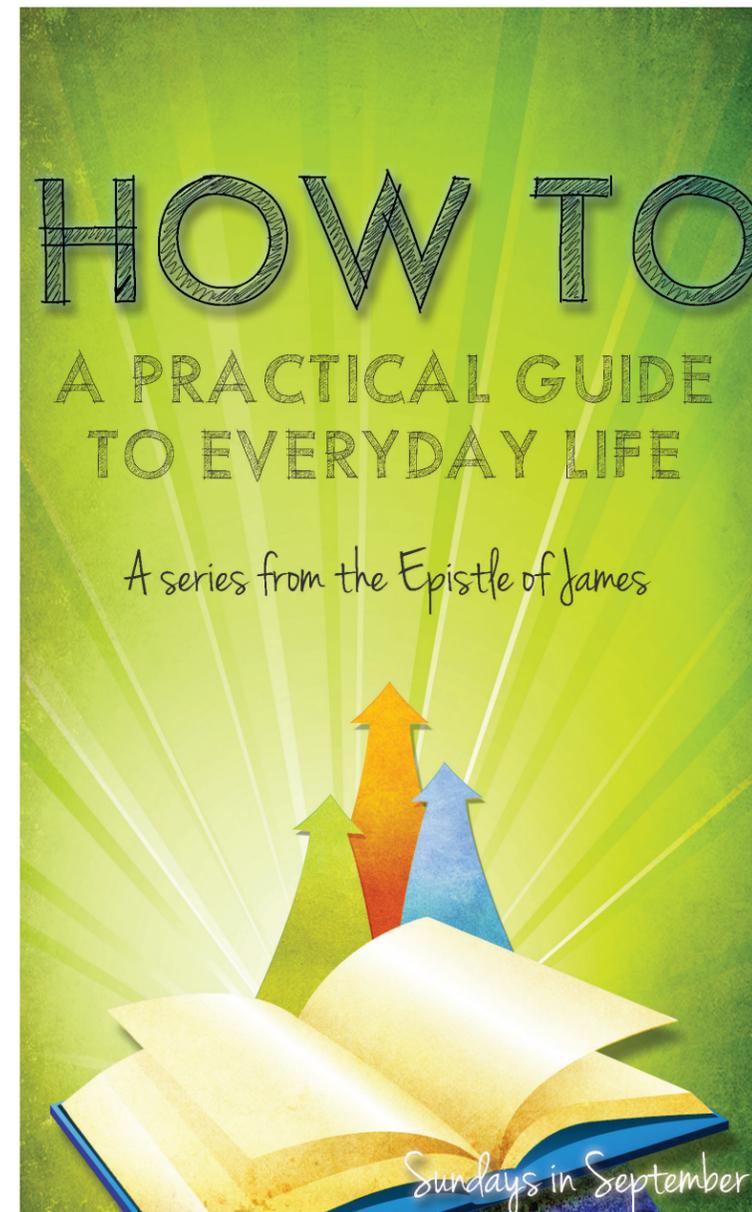
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*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



September 30, 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.*