

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

April 7, 2019 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.

CENTERING Before GOD

BELL TOLL

The tolling of the bell invites you into a time of centering and stillness.

PRELUDE

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

✠ CALL to WORSHIP

Penny Kemler

Be still!

We come to quiet ourselves in this haven of holiness.

Be still and know . . .

we come to discern the Word, which can set us free.

Be still and know that God is

our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Strength.

In this time of worship, let us still our hearts and minds as we remember this divine promise:

“We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose.”

“I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

-Romans 8:28, 38-39

✠ HYMN of PRAISE

UMH 380, vs. 1-4

There’s Within My Heart a Melody

ENGAGING GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Heather Durham

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

Joshua 10:12-15

Penny Kemler

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

“When the Sun Stands Still”

Pastor Lane

RESPONDING to GOD’S GRACE

✠ HYMN of FAITH

UMH 377

It Is Well

✠ PRAYER of CONFESSION

Latrice Mallard

Lord of hosts,

Quiet our anxious thoughts and help us to be still before you.

We confess that we do not run to you as our refuge and strength, but turn to many other sources of hope and help when our souls are troubled.

We do not pray as we ought.

When it feels like life is falling apart, we are prone to blame you, fear you, turn from you, or feel abandoned by you.

When it feels like life is going well, our prayers become routine, rote, or non-existence.

We are complicit. We are broken.

So we ask for your forgiveness, because you love us more than we can imagine, and you can make us whole beyond our wildest dreams.

(A time for silent prayers of confession.)

✠ WORDS of ASSURANCE and PARDON

Based on Joshua 1:9 and Luke 1:78-79

I hereby command you:

Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Our God is tender and merciful.

In Christ, the bright dawn of salvation rises upon us, giving light to those who sit in darkness and guiding our feet into the way of peace.

In the Name of the Bright Sun of Heaven, Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Glory to God. Amen.

✠ SHARING the LOVE and PEACE of CHRIST

OFFERING OUR TITHES & GIFTS to GOD

featuring Rebecca Babin on harp

By the Mark

✠ DOXOLOGY

**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.**

UMH 95

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 18

During Lent, our communion responses will be from The United Methodist Hymnal, page 19-20, Musical Setting B.

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:

SUNG RESPONSE:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven & earth are full of your glory.

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord,
God of power and might,**

Heaven & earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. **Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna **Hosanna**
in the highest. **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 has died;**

Christ is risen; **Christ is risen;**

Christ will come again. **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. Amen. **Amen. Amen.**

Amen. **Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

UMH 895

SHARING the LORD’S SUPPER

♦ *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 juice.*

♦ *Gluten-free communion is offered to anyone who desires it at the station on the right.*

♦ *You are invited to stay at the chancel for prayer as long as you desire.*

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

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Let us thank God, whom we worship here in the beauty of holiness.

For this place where we may be still and know that you are God,

We thank you, Lord.

For your presence whenever two or three have gathered

together in your name,,

We thank you, Lord.

For setting the sun and moon in the skies and creating us

in your image,

We thank you, Lord.

For calling us to follow you into the world, to feed your people

and grow into the likeness of Christ,

We thank you, Lord. 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

Blessed Assurance

UMH 369

During the hymn, we invite you to bring forward The Shepherd’s Market grocery bags.

✠ BLESSING and 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.

CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN TOMORROW!

Monday, April 8 is the second and final night of the California Pizza Kitchen fundraising competition for St. John's youth. If we have the most sales for March and April, our Youth will win \$5,000. Please help in this important event. You may go anytime between 11 a.m. and 10 p.m. Just tell your server you are with St. John's Youth and 20% of your meal will go to the youth.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Mary Martha Circle will meet on **Tuesday, April 9** at 7 p.m. in the parlor. The program given by Joyce Perry will include the UMW Prayer and Self-Denial offering. All women are invited to attend.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Our Easter Eggstravaganza will be **Saturday, April 13**, 9 - 11 a.m. Bring your family! Tell your neighbors! There will be fun for all ages - not only an Easter egg hunt, but games, crafts, a pancake breakfast, an Easter skit, AND maybe a visit from the Easter Bunny! **WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP:** We are collecting plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy for the Easter egg hunt. There are blue tubs in the narthex and the hallway of the Admin Building for you to put the eggs and candy.

YOUNG WOMEN'S UMW GROUP FORMING

St. John's United Methodist Women is creating a new circle for younger women dedicated to learning about our community's needs and finding ways to serve God's people. We will focus on UMW's current issue priorities: maternal health, climate justice, economic inequality, and mass incarceration. If you are interested in, contact Kristine Isenhower at skisenhower@gmail.com or see her in person by April 14. We will schedule our first meeting in late April or early May once we have input from potential members.

HOLY WEEK CALENDAR

Palm Sunday Worship - April 14 at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Our children and youth will begin our service processing with palms. (Children should arrive 10 minutes prior to worship.)

Holy Thursday - Thursday, April 18 at 6 p.m. Our service remembering the Last Supper will include footwashing/handwashing, and Holy Communion.

Good Friday Tenebrae - Friday, April 19 at 6 p.m. Our choir will present "It Is Finished" - a service of shadows; and the Alleluia Ringers will provide special music.

Easter Sunday - April 21 at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Our services will begin with children processing with flowers and will feature beautiful special music as we celebrate the risen Christ. (Children should arrive 10 minutes prior to worship.)

Easter lily orders are due Monday, April 8.

RESURRECTION STORIES & SONGS

On **Sunday, April 28**, we will share in a Service of Resurrection Stories and Songs at both 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. It will be in the style of "Lessons and Carols," which are popular around Advent and Christmas. We will read together the varied post-Easter resurrection stories of Jesus visiting his disciples and sing some of the most beloved Easter hymns of our faith. These stories in scripture will continue to inspire, as will the joyful music and the other aspects of our worship. (We will not share in Holy Communion this day, but it will be celebrated at both services Sunday, May 5, which is also Youth Sunday and Senior Recognition.)

FEBRUARY 2019 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for your continued generous financial support of St. John's.

- For the month of February revenue was \$52,015 and expenses were \$47,764.
- Please join us in reducing our debt by contributing to the Second Mile Debt Reduction Campaign. Members of the congregation pledged \$131,630 to the campaign for 2019. In January and February St. John's parishioners have contributed \$16,759 towards this total.

Jami Prince, Finance Chair (Questions? Email Jami at the castle2018@gmail.com)

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, April 7

GROCERY BAG SUNDAY
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
3:00 p.m. Writer's Group, Library
4:00 p.m. Youth Group, FLC
7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary

Monday, April 8

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor
11:00 a.m. CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN (11 a.m. - 10 p.m.), Perkins Rowe
3:00 p.m. Lectionary Ladies Bible Study, Parlor
3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, Library
3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
4:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Tuesday, April 9

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
2:00 p.m. Reading Connection, Library
4:30 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, Library
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Library
6:00 p.m. Emmaus Board Meeting, FLC-E
6:00 p.m. Fast Track Bible Study, Library
7:00 p.m. UMW Mary Martha Circle, Parlor

Wednesday, April 10

10:00 a.m. Spanish Class, Library
3:00 p.m. Everybody Reads Training, Library
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, FLC-A
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary

Thursday, April 11

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, Parlor
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, April 12

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Parlor
8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, FLC
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library

Saturday, April 13

8:30 a.m. Prime Timers Breakfast, Essen Piccadilly
9:00 a.m. **EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA**
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

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April 7, 2019

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.