

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

March 17, 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.

GATHERING In GOD'S NAME

BELL TOLL

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

PRELUDE

Terry Byars

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

*Alleluia Ringers with
Penny Kemler on flute*

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

† CALL to WORSHIP

Bill Metcalf

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 minds as we receive this divine promise:

“Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks.

Then, the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.”

(from Philippians 4:6-7)

† HYMN of PRAISE

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

UMH 465

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

Joseph Leo Pritchett

Child of Joseph L. Pritchett, IV, and Katie A. Pritchett

COMMENDATION of LOVE and CARE

Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care Joseph Leo, whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that he may grow in the knowledge and love of God, through our Savior Jesus Christ?

With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Joseph Leo, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

HYMN of BLESSING

Welcome to the Family

Welcome to the family,

**we're glad that you have come to share your life with us,
as we grow in love, and may we always be to you
what God would have us be, a family always there,
to be strong and to lean on.**

LISTENING to 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.

ANTHEM

Be Still and Know That I Am God

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:28-39

Bill Metcalf

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

“Knowing and Saying No”

Pastor Lane

RESPONDING to GOD'S GRACE

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

† HYMN of FAITH

Sweet Hour of Prayer

UMH 496

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS to GOD

*Alleluia Ringers with
Penny Kemler on flute*

Shaker Tune

† 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.**

† PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

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 in both the busyness of life and the still places of life,

We thank you, Lord.

For making us your beloved children through our baptism.

For your grace and forgiveness,

We thank you, Lord.

For refreshing us day by day with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,

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

Near to the Heart of God

UMH 472

† BLESSING and SENDING FORTH

† POSTLUDE

The flowers on the altar are given by Kathleen and Jim Matthew in celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary.

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.

LENT WORSHIP SERIES - "BE STILL"

Lent, the 40-day season before Easter, is about taking time to "Be Still," to pray, read the Bible, think, reflect, listen, and to be given hope and power to move in the direction that God intends. Join us for "Be Still," our Lent Worship Series, focused simply on slowing down so there can be lasting change. The daily Lent devotion booklet is in the Narthex and the Admin. Bldg. Next week's scripture is Luke 10:38-42.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our semi-annual blood drive will be **TODAY** from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the large parking lot. If you are planning to donate blood, it is recommended that you eat first. You will also need to bring a picture I.D. (and reading glasses, if you need them). Any healthy person over the age of 17 is eligible (16 with a parent's consent.)

ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UMW is celebrating 150 years in mission this month! The UMW of St. John's is holding a General Meeting **TODAY** at 3 p.m. in the FLC and are inviting all women to join them for the celebration.

RENEE DRIVE HOUSE FOR SALE

There will be an Open House **TODAY** from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. If you or someone you know is interested in making an offer, please contact Susan R. Miller of CJBrown at 931-9175. Final date for receiving offers is Thursday, March 21.

NEW FAMILY MINISTRY

Join us as we discuss family devotions at our first **Faith, Family & Formation** gathering on **Sunday March 24** at 3 p.m. Let's talk about real ways to stay connected to God and each other as family. Pastor Deirdre' will facilitate our discussion, while the children are doing spring-themed crafts. RSVP with number of kids to pastordeirdre@stjohnsbr.org.

DAYS FOR GIRLS

The UMW is announcing a series of spring work days for Days for Girls. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 23, and 30** from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Family Life Center. Remember you do not need to know how to sew in order to participate in this very worthwhile ministry. For more information about this international organization go to www.daysforgirls.org.

MISSION TO ST. MARK'S, NEW ORLEANS

St. John's annual three-day mission to St. Marks UMC in New Orleans will be **April 5-7**. There is still time for you to sign up. The mission fee of \$135 per person includes your lodging and meals and helps defray the costs of preparing the Sunday meal and materials for the construction projects plus and afternoon at the New Orleans Cooking School. Registration forms are in the narthex, church office, and the FLC.

ORIGAMI EASTER PROJECT

Would you be willing to help with an at-home origami project for Easter? Instructions and materials will be provided. You do not need to know how to do origami to take part. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please contact Pastor Lane at pastorlane@stjohnsbr.org or 766-4594.

SAVE THE DATES

CHURCHWIDE CLEAN UP DAY: Saturday, March 30, 8-11 a.m. All ages are invited! We will be working in the flower and vegetable gardens, organizing the storage buildings, power washing, etc. Sunday school classes are encouraged to come and spring clean their classrooms.

EGGSTRAVAGANZA: Saturday, April 13, 9 - 11 a.m.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Monday, June 24 - Friday, June 28

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, March 17

NO YOUTH GROUP (Sr. High Retreat)
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. UMW General Meeting, FLC
7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary

Monday, March 18

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor
10:00 a.m. Everybody Reads Training, Library
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, March 19

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

Wednesday, March 20

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

Thursday, March 21

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, Library
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting, Library
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC
7:15 p.m. Finance Committee, Library

Friday, March 22

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

Saturday, March 23

9:00 a.m. Days for Girls, FLC
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

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ST. JOHN'S
United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



March 17, 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.

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