

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

July 28, 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 With GOD

BELL TOLL

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

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

✠ CALL to WORSHIP

Holy God, light of the world, come to our lives and reveal to us your truth.

Holy God, hope of the despairing, come to our lives and grant us your peace.

Jesus Christ, bread of life, nourish us to true and eternal life.

Jesus Christ, gentle shepherd, come and lead us to springs of living water.

Living Savior, just and gentle judge, come and reveal us to ourselves.

Living Savior, healer of the wounded, come and make us whole. Show us the way to new life.

Holy God we come to worship you this day. May we offer ourselves to you, in Spirit and in truth. Renew our spirits, and strengthen us to be your people, through the indwelling power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

✠ HYMN of PRAISE

His Name Is Wonderful

UMH 174

LISTENING to GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:1-13

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pam Toney

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

1 Peter 2:4-10

Pastor Deirdré

⁴As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—⁵you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame.”

⁷Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

⁸and,

“A stone that causes people to stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

“Love Yourself”

Morgan Dynes

RESPONDING to GOD'S GRACE

✠ HYMN of FAITH

My Hope Is Built

UMH 368, vs. 1-3

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

Accept our thanks, dear God, for your gift of life. For all that you gave us in our birth; for all that you give us in the richness of our journeys, we give you thanks; and all of this we bring to you our God,
from our life to your life, O God.

Accept our hopes and our promises: all of our hopes that life may yet be filled with purpose - and its purposes fulfilled; all of our promises we make to ourselves, to one another, and most certainly and inwardly to you; all of these we bring to you, our God,

from our life to your life, O God.

All that we have been and done we bring. All that we have achieved, in which we take some childlike pride; all that we have failed to do, bringing our uncompleted lessons to you, the Teacher, to learn the answers; all arts by which we have tried and partly succeeded in fashioning sculptures of the eternal beauty; all these we bring to you, our God,
from our life to your life, O God.

We offer our prayer as persons who often feel less than whole; and we bring to you the burdens of our hearts, our anxieties, our worries, and our dreams; these also we bring to you, our God,
from our life to your life, O God.

Forgive us and enable us to enjoy the fullness of your love. Strengthen us and inspire us to whole-hearted devotion. We pray with voices united in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray ...

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS to GOD

How Great Thou Art

Molly Means

✠ 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

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

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

UMH 559, vs. 1, 2, & 4

✠ BLESSING and SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

Don't forget to pick up a yellow grocery bag on your way out and bring it back next week for Grocery Bag Sunday.

The flowers on the altar are given by Pat Cobb in memory of her husband, Earl Cobb.

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.



The journey to a deeper faith life can be summed up in three words: Listen, Love, Leap! God is constantly speaking to people, but too often we struggle to hear and discern the message. Our summer series calls us to quiet our thoughts and hearts and listen to what God has to say. Our obedience to this simple discipline opens our hearts to LOVE God and neighbors in deeper and more holy ways. Join us as we continue to open our hearts and minds to God's surprising Word, as we Love (Sundays in July) and Leap (Sundays in August).

YOUTH WEEK: JULY 28 - AUGUST 4

Youth Week begins today, and our coordinator, Amy Fine, has exciting and fun activities planned including a service day helping in The Shepherd's Market. The week ends on Sunday, August 4 with the ever popular GRUB SUNDAY at which time those going into the 6th grade are welcomed into *The Youth Group!*

SECOND QUARTER GIVING STATEMENTS

The 2019 Second Quarter Giving Report and the second quarter giving statements (as of June 30) were mailed out last week. If you have any questions about your statement, please contact LeAnn Davis at leannDavis@stjohnsbr.org or 766-4594.

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS & PROMOTION SUNDAY

Sunday, August 4 is Promotion Sunday and Blessing of Backpacks at both worship services. All students are invited to bring their backpacks to be blessed before starting school - this includes undergrad and graduate students. This is also Promotion Sunday for our children and youth who will be going into a new Sunday School class.

RUTH CIRCLE UMW

The Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday August 6 at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. All women are invited to attend.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

It won't be long before school bells are ringing and this means its time for Opening Doors to begin collecting school supplies for students in the Gardere area. Your donations are much appreciated. Deadline is **Monday August 12**.

Suggested supplies are loose leaf paper, pencils, pens (black or blue), Elmer's glue, glue sticks, 24-pack of crayons, colored pencils, spiral notebooks (3 subject or more), standard rulers, folders with clasps and pockets, scissors, boxes of Kleenex, rolls of paper towels, Clorox wipes, hand wipes, dry erase markers, kid scissors, construction paper, copy/computer paper. There are blue tubs in the Narthex and in the Admin Building for your donations.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Opening Doors is sponsoring Dave Ramsey's 9-week course *Financial Peace University*. The class will begin on **Tuesday, August 20** in the library from 6:30 - 8 p.m. If you are interested in participating, you may register by going online to www.fpu.com/1091639. The cost of the course is \$59; checks should be made out to St. John's UMC, with FPU in the memo line. For more information contact Amy Richardson at amyrichardson318@yahoo.com or 225-773-7417.

If you will not be participating in the course but would like to donate toward a scholarship to allow someone else to attend, put FPU scholarship in the memo line of your check. Thank you so much.

SOLES 4 SOULS

The Soles 4 Souls mission project (collecting new and gently worn shoes in all sizes) is in full swing! There are blue tubs in the narthex and in the hallway of the Admin Building to place your donations. Please have all donated shoes at the church by **August 31**, when our shoe drive will end.

FALL BIBLE STUDY

We will be offering a Disciple Fast Track Bible study this fall on "The Prophets." This 12-week study includes sessions on the Old Testament Major and Minor Prophets (except Daniel). The study will begin on **Tuesday, September 10** at 6 p.m., location to be decided. Look for a registration form in future communications.

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

- Sunday, July 28**
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 Week: Marshmallow Roast
7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary
- Monday, July 29**
9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor
3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, Library
3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
3:00 p.m. Youth Week: The Shepherd's Market
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E
- Tuesday, July 30**
7:00 a.m. Youth Week: Fishing
8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office
4:30 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, Library
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor
- Wednesday, July 31**
10:00 a.m. Spanish Class, Library
12:00 p.m. Youth Week: Painting with Amy
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, FLC-A
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary
- Thursday, August 1**
8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
11:00 a.m. Bible Study on Depression, Library
1:00 p.m. Youth Week: Kayaking, Paddle Boarding
6:00 p.m. Bible Study on Depression, Library
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC
- Friday, August 2**
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Parlor
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library
6:00 p.m. Youth Week: District Lock Out
- Saturday, August 4**
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

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July 28, 2019

11:00 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.