

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

August 18, 2019 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 *with* GOD

BELL TOLL

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

GREETING *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ SONGS of PRAISE

O How He Loves You and Me

FWS 2108

O how he loves you and me!
O how he loves you and me!
He gave his life. What more could he give?
O how he loves you; O how he loves me;
O how he loves you and me!
Jesus to Calv'ry did go;
his love for sinners to show.
What he did there brought hope from despair.
O how he loves you; O how he loves me;
O how he loves you and me!

Lord, Be Glorified

FWS 2150, vs. 1 & 4

In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.
In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

✠ CALL to WORSHIP

Sing a new song to the Lord!

Let the whole earth sing to the Lord!

Sing to the Lord; bless God's holy name.

Each day proclaim the good news that God saves.

Publish the glorious deeds among the nations.

Tell everyone about the amazing things God does.

For great is the Lord!

Great is the Lord and worthy of our praise! Amen.

✠ SONG of RESPONSE

Jesus, Name Above All Names

FWS 2071

Jesus, name above all names,
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us
blessed Redeemer, living Word.

LISTENING *to* GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Carrie Poynot

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

Hebrews 11:29- 12:3

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

“Do Not Grow Weary!”

Pastor Deirdré

RESPONDING *to* GOD'S GRACE

✠ HYMN of FAITH

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140

✠ PRAYER of CONFESSION

Lord God,

we have found a home in You; we have found a family in You;

we have found a place to belong; to know and be known,

to love and be loved.

And we are so grateful for this awesome gift.

But, too easily, we forget the benefits it brings;

we have forgotten our place, and doubted Your love;

remind us, and all who feel neglected by You,

that we are engraved on Your hands.

We have forgotten who we are, and have

failed to care for ourselves;

remind us, and all who feel worthless,

that You have called us by name.

We have forgotten our connectedness,

and have divided ourselves;

remind us, and all who would exclude, oppress and

condemn others, that we are all made

in Your image, and we are all one body.

We open our hearts to a time of silent prayer.

For the sake of Jesus, who loved us to the death,

and whose love conquered the grave,

Forgive us, hear our prayer,

And teach us to be one again. Amen.

✠ WORDS of ASSURANCE *and* PARDON

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God. Amen.

✠ SHARING *the* PEACE *and* LOVE of CHRIST

OFFERING OUR TITHES *and* GIFTS to GOD

✠ DOXOLOGY

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

Our sung communion responses are from

The Faith We Sing Hymnal #2275

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

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.*

♦ *Gluten-free communion is offered to anyone who desires it at the station in front of the pulpit.*

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

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your

Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of

Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

DEPARTING *to* SERVE

INVITATION *to* CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

We joyfully welcome all those who wish to become members of St. John's and invite you to come forward during the singing of the closing hymn.

✠ HYMN of DISCIPLESHIP

Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

UMH 671

✠ 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 by Valerie Burton in memory of her brother, Gregg Burton.

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).

FALL BIBLE STUDY

We will be offering two sessions of 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 **Monday, September 9**; you may choose to attend at 10 a.m. or 6 p.m. Please use the registration form in today's bulletin to register.

ONE-DAY MISSION TO ST. MARK'S

St. John's next mission to St. Mark's will be a one-day mission on **Sunday, August 25**. For those of you who could not go on the three-day mission this will be an excellent opportunity to participate. The Meal Preparation Team will be leaving St. John's at 5:30 a.m. in order to get the meal ready to serve after the worship service. Others may join the mission at 9 a.m. to help with worship and serve the meal. For more information on the meal prep contact Kathleen Adams at 921-2664. While there is no cost to participate, ALL VOLUNTEERS **must register** with Rev. Larry Norman at 933-1881.

DINNER THEATER?

TODAY at 3 p.m., there will be an organizational meeting in the parlor to evaluate interest in a Dinner Theater at St. John's. Help make it happen! We will need actors, costumes, set constructors, backstage personnel—all are needed. There are twelve acting parts: six women and six men, ranging in age from youth to middle age.

Scripts and descriptions of the characters will be available. If you have an interest in helping with any part of the play, please come to the meeting; no acting experience is necessary. For additional information contact Pastor Deirdré or Guy Johnson (225-766-7931).

DAYS FOR GIRLS IN SEPTEMBER

The UMW is sponsoring 3 more work days to make 100 additional kits for the Days for Girls project. These kits will contain reusable feminine hygiene products for girls in third world countries who are missing school because of a lack of these personal items. We will meet in the Family Life Center on consecutive Saturdays, **September 14, 21, and 28** from 9 a.m. – noon. Sewers and non-sewers are needed.

Donations needed: hotel or travel-size soap (most needed); new, girls cotton panties size 10, 12, or 14 in dark to medium colors, solids or flowers, no characters or animals; new colored washcloths, gallon freezer Ziploc bags (zipper only), or cash to purchase fabric. Contact Joyce Perry (978-2206) for more information.

REFRESH!

The Board of Discipleship has planned a Youth and Children's Ministry Conference that will be held **September 6 & 7 (or 8)** at the Wesley Center. Refresh! is a conference that will provide new ideas and renewed energy to those who devote so much to ensure the next generation (our children) is nurtured in the Christian faith. If you are involved in St. John's Children's or Youth Ministries and are interested in attending, please contact Pastor Deirdré.

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.

2019 SILENT AUCTION

The 2019 Silent Auction will be held **Sunday, September 15** in the Family Life Center. And it is time for everyone to start bringing their items to the church office during the week or to Room B in the FLC on Sundays. It takes the support of the whole church to make this a successful event; please think about what you might be able to donate. Check out the Friday Newsletter for more information or contact Beth Forester at 225-405-9324.

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, August 18

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. Dinner Theater Organizational Meeting, *Parlor*
4:00 p.m. Youth Group, *FLC*
7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*

Monday, August 19

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*
4:00 p.m. Ladies Covenant Group, *Parlor*
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

Tuesday, August 20

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*
6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University, *Library*

Wednesday, August 21

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, August 22

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
6:00 p.m. Church Council, *Library*
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

Friday, August 23

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

Saturday, August 24

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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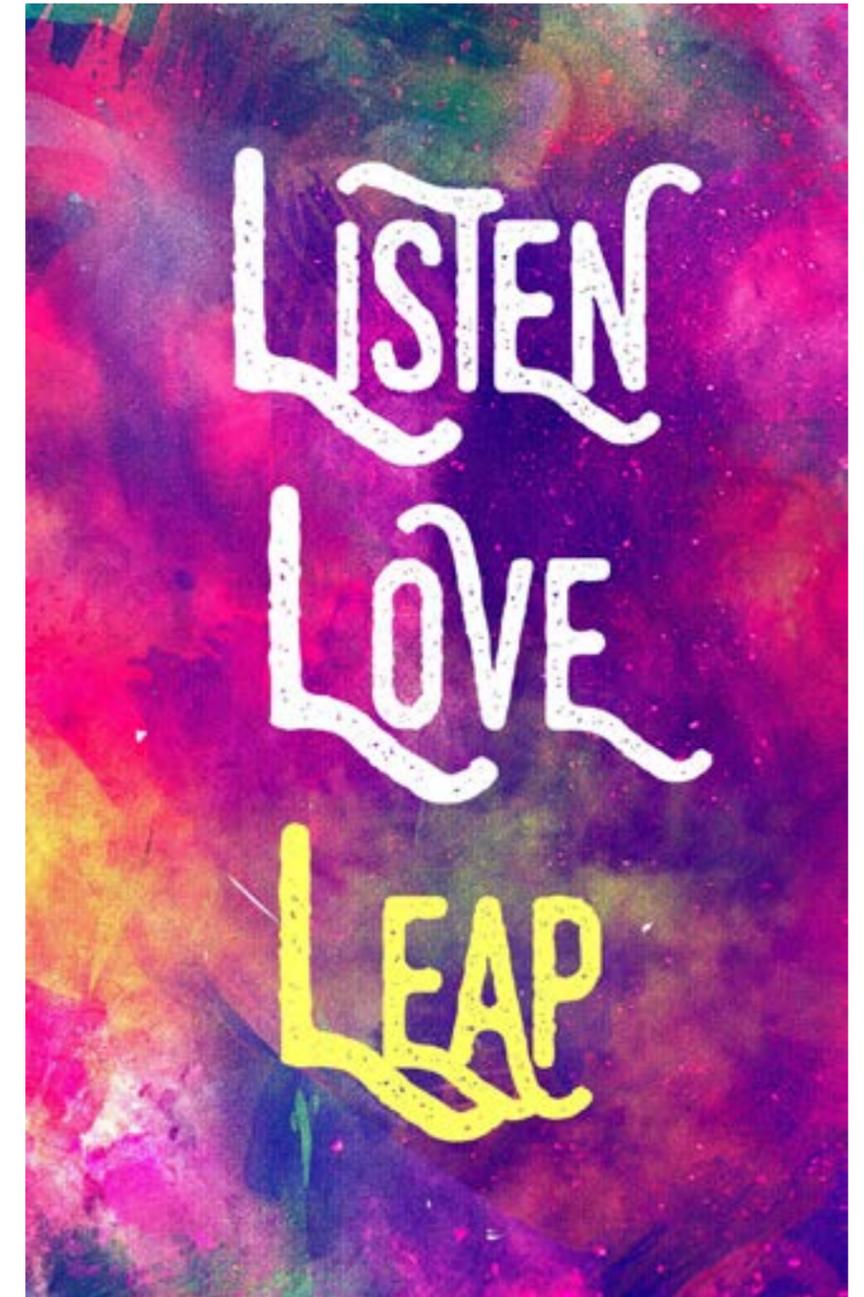
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August 18, 2019

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.