

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

September 8, 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

I Love You, Lord

FWS 2068

**I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice
to worship you, O my soul rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear,
may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.**

Change My Heart, O God

FWS 2152

**Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.
You are the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.**

✠ CALL to WORSHIP

Pastor Lane

Let us rejoice, for morning has dawned. A new day has been born, and we are newly alive to enjoy it.

We see the beauty of God's creation and the wonder of belonging to God's family.

We remember those whose love has shaped our own lives and those whose struggle for justice has been unsleeping even in nighttimes of loneliness.

We gather in this place to worship God, to share our prayers and gifts and to pledge ourselves to God's work in the world.

May God bless us, so that what we do in this time may be honest, sacred, and filled with hope. Amen.

✠ SONG of RESPONSE

His Name Is Wonderful

UMH 174

**His name is wonderful, his name is wonderful,
his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.
He is the mighty King, Master of everything;
his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.
He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, almighty God is he;
bow down before him, love and adore him,
his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.**

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

Jeremiah 18:1-11

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

“In the Potter's Hands”

Pastor Deirdré

RESPONDING to GOD'S GRACE

✠ HYMN of FAITH

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

UMH 382

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

Special Music

✠ 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

*Our sung communion responses are from
The Faith We Sing Hymnal #2257*

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

The Lily of the Valley

FWS 2062

✠ 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 Maxine and Buddy Gossom
in celebration of the birthday of their daughter, Gayle.*

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.

2019 SILENT AUCTION AND PULLED PORK LUNCH

The 2019 Silent Auction will be held **Sunday, September 15** from **8 a.m. to 3 p.m.** in the Family Life Center. (Please note the change in time.) If you have an item for the auction, you may bring them to the church office during the week or to Room B in the FLC on Sundays. Check out the Friday Newsletter for suggested items to donate. For more information contact Beth Forester at 225-405-9324. Tickets are now on sale for a **pulled pork lunch** that will be held in conjunction with the Silent Auction. Tickets are \$8 for a BBQ pulled pork sandwich, cole slaw, potato chips, brownie, and a drink. Make checks to St. John's with pork lunch in memo.

FALL BLOOD DRIVE

Our fall Blood Drive will take place **Sunday, September 15** from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Please consider participating in this very worthy cause. 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.)

OPEN MINDS CLASS - NEW STUDY STARTS TODAY

The Open Minds Sunday School Class is inviting everyone to join them in the Christian Believer Bible study that is being adapted for the Sunday school hour. The class meets in FLC-C at 9:45. If you were a member of the 2007 study you may want to use this as a refresher.

DINNER THEATER: "THE KING OF MERITORIA"

Rehearsals begin for "The King of Meritoria" **THIS AFTERNOON** at 2:30 p.m. in the FLC. The cast has been set, backstage volunteers are busy getting scenery designed, and costumes are being selected. The play still needs props so if you have any of the following to loan, please contact Guy Johnson at 766-7931: 2 small tables, 4 chairs and/or low stools, 2 benches, basket for fruit.

LECTIONARY LADIES RESUMES

The Lectionary Ladies Bible study resumes **Monday, September 9** at 3 p.m. in the parlor. The study group uses the Revised Common Lectionary for 2019. If you are interested in joining the group just come to the parlor with your Bible. All women are invited to attend.

MANNA BAGS

Our youth will be putting together manna bags and are asking for donations of the following: toothbrushes, small tubes of toothpaste, small waters, adult socks, trail mix or nuts, small boxes of raisins, band-aids, face cloths, napkin & plastic silverware, granola bars, fruit cups, little boxes of cereal, small packs of crackers or cookies, etc. There will be blue tubs in the narthex and the admin building for your donations.

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: 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; no slider, please), or cash to purchase fabric. Contact Joyce Perry (978-2206) for more information.

CREATION CELEBRATION & PET BLESSING

There will be a brief meeting on **Saturday, September 14** in the FLC, Room E, at 9 a.m. to begin the planning of "Creation Celebration and Pet Blessing" scheduled for Sunday, October 6, 4 - 6 p.m. We are hoping to plan a wonderful, fun afternoon for our whole church family. If you're willing to help, contact Pastor Deirdre at pastordeirdre@stjohnsbr.org.

GOOD GRIEF!

The "Good Grief" ministry is starting back up very soon! Please come for the initial meet + greet + planning gathering on **Tuesday, September 17** at 5:30 p.m. in the parlor. Together we will shape the future of this help group and provide a healing touch to those who are grieving. Questions? Contact Susan Johnston (225) 773-9563 or sbjohnston@gmail.com.

FALL WORK DAY - SEPTEMBER 28

Trustees have scheduled a fall work day for **Saturday, September 28**, 8 - 10:30 a.m. We will have two teams - one working at the parsonage and one at the church trimming hedges along the back parking lot.

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, September 8

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
2:30 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal, FLC
7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary

Monday, September 9

9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor
10:00 a.m. Fast Track Bible Study, Library
3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, Library
3:00 p.m. Lectionary Ladies Bible Study, Parlor
3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
4:30 p.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor
6:00 p.m. Fast Track Bible Study, Library
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Tuesday, September 10

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
2:00 p.m. Reading Connection, Library
4:30 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, Library
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor
6:00 p.m. Emmaus Board Meeting, FLC-A
6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University, Library
7:00 p.m. UMW Mary Martha Circle, Parlor

Wednesday, September 11

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, September 12

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, Library
6:00 p.m. Opening Doors, Library
6:00 p.m. Lay Leadership Meeting, Parlor
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, September 13

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, September 14

8:30 a.m. Prime Timers Breakfast, Essen Piccadilly
9:00 a.m. Days for Girls, FLC
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

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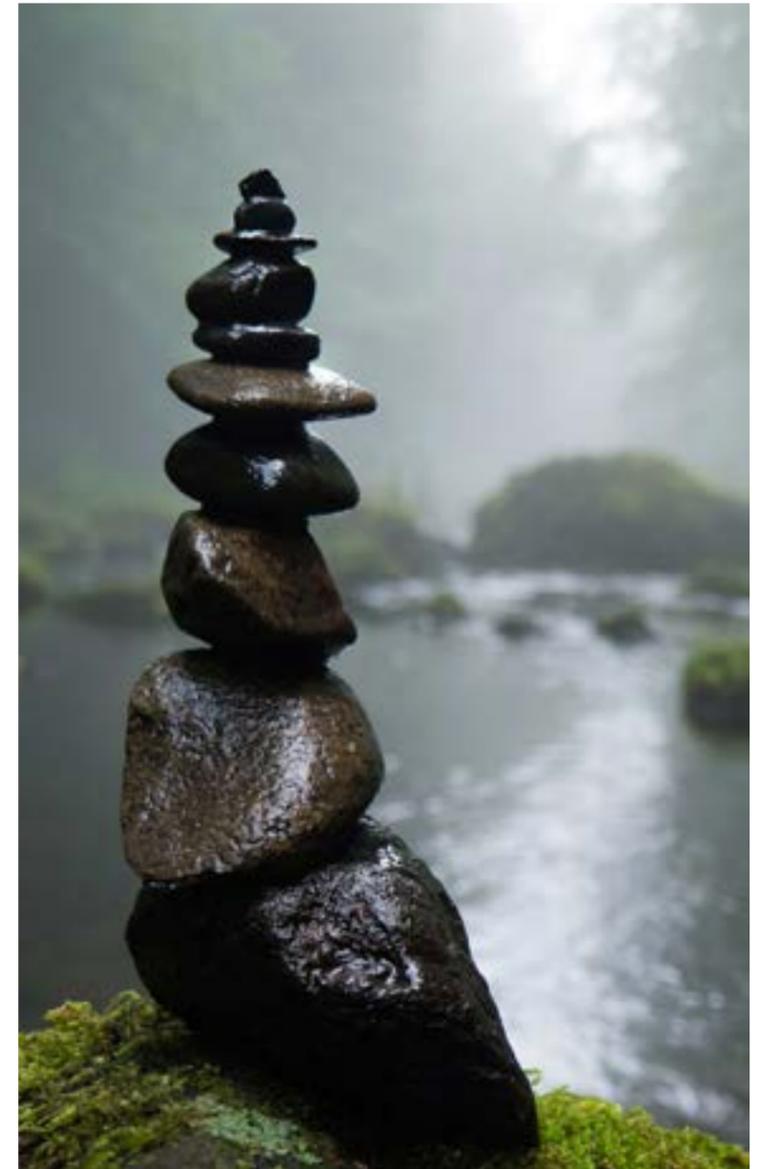
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8:30 a.m. Worship Service

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.