

# The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

## September 29, 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.*

WORDS of WELCOME

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Guests, friends, members, welcome to worship! We are glad you are here. Please feel free to participate in ways that you feel led and comfortable or just observe, if you prefer. We welcome your presence among us.*

✠ SONGS of PRAISE

*Take Time to Be Holy*

UMH 395, vs. 1 & 2

**Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;  
abide in him always, and feed on his word.  
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,  
forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.  
Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;  
spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.  
By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be;  
thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.**

*Fill My Cup, Lord*

UMH 641

**Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord.  
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.  
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;  
fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.**

✠ CALL to WORSHIP

*Natalie Cooper*

What will God accomplish among us in this *time*?

**We come seeking Sabbath rest and renewal.**

What will God accomplish among us in this *place*?

**Gathered together, we offer our praise and thanksgiving.**

What will God accomplish among us in our *hearts*?

**Open our hearts in love to hear Your voice inviting us  
into deeper relationship with You and each other,  
as You bring healing and wholeness to our lives.**

Confident of God's work among us at all times and in all places,  
let us worship God as one people.

**Free from the clamor of the world, may we find renewal  
through this time of worship. Amen.**

✠ SONG of RESPONSE

*All I Need Is You*

FWS 2080

**All I need is you, Jesus, all I need is you.  
You are the source of all I need. All I need is you.  
All I want is you, Jesus, all I want is you.  
You are the source of all I need. All I want is you.  
My only hope is you, Lord, my only hope is you.  
You are the source of all I need. My only hope is you.**

## LISTENING to GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*Barbara Benton*

*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

*Exodus 20:8-11*

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER for RENEWAL

*by John Winn*

**O God, light the dark corners of our minds.  
Warm the cold places in our hearts.  
Fill the empty chambers of our spirits.  
Heal the brokenness in our lives. Amen.**

SERMON

“Lighten Up”

*Pastor Lane*

## RESPONDING to GOD'S GRACE

PRAYERFUL MEDITATION

*Slow Me Down*

Special Music

CALL to CONFESSION

The pace of our lives may become so fast that the roots of our faith are threatened. Our busyness distracts us from caring for our souls and reaching out to nurture others. Now, in these moments of worship, apart from our everyday distractions, we seek to renew our relationship with God and let the light of Christ shine brightly in our lives once again.

PRAYER of CONFESSION

*alt. Emily Freeman*

**We confess we live distracted lives, and our insides  
often shake with constant activity.  
At times, we feel as if we are perishing under the demands of our day,  
unable to see clearly what is most important.  
We have grown accustomed to ignoring our low-grade anxiety,  
thinking that it's just a normal part of an active life.  
This might be typical, and it might be common.  
But let it not be normal.  
Forgive us, O God, and restore balance in our lives.  
Instead of trying to figure out how to calm the chaos  
and hustle around us, we rejoice with confidence that  
we don't have to find our way back to Jesus,  
because you have already made your way to us.  
We have your spirit living within us,  
which means there's hope for us after all.  
You invite us into each moment, to simply do the next right thing  
in love. Amen.**

GOD'S GIFTS of GRACE and FORGIVENESS

Let go of your fears and hang-ups. Jesus' yoke is light.  
God has forgiven you and offered to you God's healing love.  
Accept this free gift, for it is given for you through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

✠ SHARING *the* PEACE and LOVE of CHRIST

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS to GOD

*He Touched Me*

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!**

✠ WELCOME AROUND *the* TABLE

Welcome, friends, to this table of remembrance and joy,  
**the table where we are fed, the feast we share with many.**  
Christ is present, offering you healing and renewal.  
**By the grace of God, may we be open to receive.**

✠ 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

*During communion the congregation will sing together  
Come and Find the Quiet Center FWS 2128*

- *All are welcome to partake in Holy Communion. Ushers will direct you forward.*
- *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

*Natalie Cooper*

**We thank you once again for this meal, this day,  
and this gift of resurrection.**

**Renewed by Your Spirit, send us out into Your world  
to be the presence of love and hope, to all who despair and fear,  
that all may have life, and life abundant.  
Alleluia, alleluia, 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

*O Lord, May Church and Home Combine*

UMH 695

✠ BLESSING and SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

*Let Us Now Depart In Thy Peace*

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

*After the service, all are invited to the Family Life Center for refreshments.*

## 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.*

### WORSHIP SERIES

Today Pastor Lane concludes her sermon series, "Renewal: Reflections from Pastor Lane's Renewal Leave." She will share some of the insights and blessings she experienced during her renewal leave. Next Sunday, we will begin a new stewardship themed series, "Take Care."

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE MEETING

There will a meeting of the Congregational Care Team **TODAY** at 3 p.m. in the Library. This ministry offers care to all in our church family experiencing a time of need including hospital visits, home communion, writing care notes, and many more. If you have been a part of this important ministry or would like to join, please plan to attend today's meeting. Contact Pastor Deirdré at 225-939-1425 or [pastordeirdre@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:pastordeirdre@stjohnsbr.org) for more information.

### SHEPHERD'S MARKET T-SHIRTS AND HATS

Shepherd's Market t-shirts and hats will be available after worship as long as the supply lasts. Pick them up along with a yellow shopping bag.

### UMW RUTH CIRCLE MEETING

The Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday October 1** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Betty Sandifer will present a program "I Am the Light, Connecting Our Stories." All women are invited to attend.

### DINNER/DESSERT THEATER: "A CROWN FOR A KING"

Join us for two performances of the original play, "A Crown for a King, written by Guy Johnson. The play is great for all ages and features a multi-generational cast from St. John's.

**Friday, October 18:** tickets are \$12 in advance, with a limited number of available for \$15 at the door. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., and curtain will be at 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, October 19:** tickets will be \$10 in advance, with a limited number available for \$12 at the door. Dessert will be served at 2 p.m., and curtain will be at 2:30 p.m.

Contact office@stjohnsbr.org or call 225-766-4594 to purchase tickets. See you at the show!

### NEW "INSIDE" ST. JOHN'S NEWSLETTER COMING

In mid-October, we will launch a new mid-week email that will include prayer requests, birthdays, anniversaries, celebrations, and other St. John's family news. It will be **in addition** to our Friday e-newsletter, and geared towards our active members and friends of St. John's. If you would like to receive this new weekly email, please complete the insert in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

### CHARGE CONFERENCE & MEAL RESERVATION

St. John's will take part in a cluster Charge Conference, along with 13 other Baton Rouge churches, at **Jefferson UMC on Sunday, October 20** at 4 p.m. One new feature for this year's Charge Conference is a catered meal, compliments of the Methodist Children's Home (MCH). During the meal, there will be a presentation about MCH's exciting plans for a state-of-the-art residential facility, currently under construction in our district.

Along with the meal and the business portion, there will be worship, as well as a time for conversation with the District Superintendent. The entire event (including dinner) will last less than 2 hours. A reservation is required for the free dinner hosted by the MCH. If you are able to attend the meal, please RSVP to Lynn Cooper, in the church office by Monday, September 30.

### CREATION CELEBRATION & PET BLESSING

Join us for a Creation Celebration and Pet Blessing on **Sunday October 6** from 4 to 6 p.m. We'll meet near the bell tower to enjoy an outdoor worship experience and fellowship under our beautiful oak trees.

Bring your pets of all types as well as a pet photo for the St. John's Pet Gallery, which will be on display throughout October. We'll have snacks (for people and pets) and activities for kids. Children, those without pets or those who cannot bring their pet, are welcome to bring a stuffed animal. Bring your own lawn chairs if you can. (Animals need to be up to date on shots and on a leash or in a carrier.)

**We're still looking for volunteers to help make this community-wide event a success.**

Donations Needed: We are in need of donations and have set up a Donation Board in the Narthex. If there is an item you can donate, please take it off of the board and return it by October 6. There are blue tubs in the Narthex and the Admin Building. We are also in need of picnic-type food covers; if anyone has any we can borrow please contact Pastor Deirdré at 225-939-1425 or [pastordeirdre@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:pastordeirdre@stjohnsbr.org).

## HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

### Sunday, September 29

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*  
2:00 p.m. Dinner/Dessert Theater Rehearsal, *FLC*  
3:00 p.m. Congregational Care Team, *Library*  
5:00 p.m. Youth Group, *FLC*  
6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*

### Monday, September 30

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, October 1

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*  
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, *FLC*  
9:30 a.m. UMW Ruth Circle, *Parlor*  
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, October 2

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, October 3

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*  
10:30 a.m. FIT Meeting, *Parlor*  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

### Friday, October 4

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

### Saturday, October 5

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

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers: *Donnie and Susan Lambert, Darren and Chris Stubbs*

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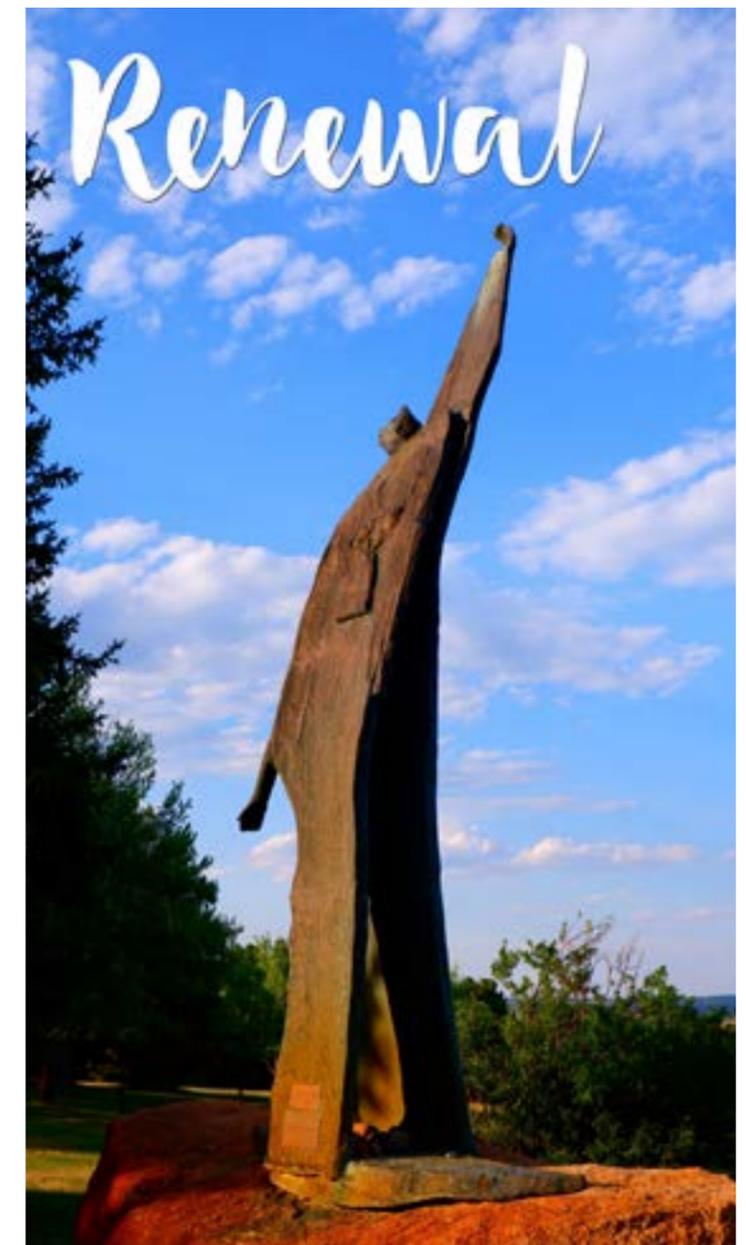
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United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



September 29, 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.*