

# The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

## February 2, 2020 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.

## WE GATHER TOGETHER

WORDS of GRACE *Rev. Lane Cotton Winn*  
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.*

INTROIT *Chancel Choir*  
*What Does the Lord Require*

✠ CALL to WORSHIP *Pastor Lane*  
O people of God, what does the Lord require of you?  
**ALL: The Lord, our God, does not require very much of us.**

Then what is it? What does the Lord require of you?  
**ALL: To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.**

That seems simple. Is it easy to do this?  
**LEFT SIDE OF SANCTUARY: Sometimes we are called to speak up for what is right.**  
**RIGHT SIDE OF SANCTUARY: Sometimes we can even change the world with God's help.**  
**ALL: It seems easy, but it is often very hard.**

Can you remind me again what it is that God requires of you?  
**ALL: To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.** *based on Micah 6:8*

✠ HYMN of PRAISE *UMH 87*  
*What Gift Can We Bring*

## WE WITNESS GOD'S BLESSING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *Ben Hartman*  
*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.*

PSALTER *Caleb Doan*  
*Psalm 15*  
SUNG RESPONSE - UMH 747  
**Justice alone is the way of the Lord; be just and worship God.**

O Lord, who shall abide in your tent?  
Who shall dwell in your holy hill?  
**The one who walks blamelessly, and does what is right, and speaks truth from the heart;**

who does not slander with the tongue,  
and does no evil to a friend,  
nor takes up a reproach against a neighbor;  
**in whose eyes a reproach is despised, but who honors those who fear the Lord;**  
who does not put out money at interest,  
and does not take a bribe against the innocent.  
**The one who does these things shall never be moved.**

SUNG RESPONSE  
SCRIPTURE *Micah 6:1-8*  
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 *Pastor Lane*  
"Operating Instructions"

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S GRACE

✠ HYMN of FAITH *FWS 2158*  
*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

PRAYER of CONFESSION *Pastor Lane*  
**Patient God, we confess that we have often chosen our limited human wisdom over Your immeasurably generous love. We confess that too often we assume that power and authority are more valuable and more effective change agents than humility and self-restraint. We confess that we seek and value too highly the signs of worldly success, while ignoring the transforming gestures of grace and blessing. Forgive us for choosing to stumble again and again over our own agendas. God, open our lips to speak for justice. Open our hands to engage in kindness. Open our hearts so we may walk humbly with You. In the name of the highest who became servant of all, let it be so.**

*(We continue with a time for personal prayers and confession.)*

WORDS of ASSURANCE and PARDON  
My friends, you are more beloved than you can ever know,  
and God is working in you and in the world beyond our wildest imagining.  
The beginning of all that is forgiveness.  
So know that you are indeed forgiven, and be at peace.  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

✠ SHARING the PEACE and LOVE of CHRIST

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS to GOD *Chanel Choir*  
*A Joyful Canon*

✠ 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.**

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *UMH 18*  
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. Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*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.**

*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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *UMH 895*

SHARING the BREAD and CUP  
♦ *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 *Caleb Doan*  
**Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood that we may walk humbly into the world, faithfully proclaiming the good news of your justice and love, so that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

## WE DEPART 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 *UMH 438*  
*Forth in thy Name, O Lord, I Go*  
*During the singing of the hymn, we invite you to bring forward The Shepherd's Market grocery bags.*

✠ BLESSING and SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

## 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.*

### PRIME TIMERS BREAKFAST

Prime Timers will be enjoying their monthly Dutch-treat buffet breakfast at the Essen Lane Piccadilly **Saturday, February 8** at 8:30 a.m. and hope you will join them.

### DAYS FOR GIRLS BEGINS FEBRUARY 8

The UMW is sponsoring work days to make 100 kits for the Days for Girls project. These kits will contain reusable feminine hygiene items for girls in developing countries who are missing school because of a lack of available products. We will meet in the FLC on the following Saturdays, **February 8, 22, and 29**, from 9 a.m. – noon. We need a few donations: (1) new girls cotton panties (briefs) sizes 10, 12, or 14, solids or flowers, no characters or animals (2) new colored washcloths, (3) Gallon Freezer Ziploc (Brand) Bags, (No sliders), or 4) cash to purchase fabric. For more information contact Joyce Perry at 763-6613 or joyce.perry@cox.net. Sewers and non-sewers are welcome.

### NEW FAMILY MINISTRY BEGINNING FEBRUARY 8

Once a month, on the second Saturday of the month, deepen your faith as a family at "Faith Friends," an engaging and interactive program from 3 - 4:30 p.m. Parents, grandparents, and others helping raise children will take part in a small group led by Pastor Lane on how to bring my faith into the home. You will leave each session with tools, ideas, and helpful hints on how to share meaningful and faith-filled experiences with your family. Children, led by Pastor Deirdre, and Youth, led by Amy Fine, will have their own breakout sessions, too, with spiritual enrichment and age-appropriate fun and fellowship. Mark your calendar for Faith Friends from 3-4:30 p.m. on **February 8** and every second Saturday of each month!

### UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

The children, staff, and families of Charlie Thomas Head Start Center are joining us for a special morning of worship and celebration in the sanctuary on **Saturday, February 15** at 10 a.m. There will be lots of singing, dancing and showcasing talents. Please come and welcome our neighbors! Following the service, the UMW will host a simple lunch in the gym where all can gather for food and fellowship. **Help is needed to hand out programs and direct people to seating in the sanctuary and afterwards to the lunch in the FLC.** If you can help, contact Betty Schroeder (939-6981 or drbschroeder@att.net).

### FAST TRACK BIBLE STUDY

Guy Johnson will be teaching the second session of Disciple Fast Track III, The Letters of Paul, beginning **Monday February 10** at 10 a.m. The study book will cost \$20, scholarships are available. To register, fill out the form in this week's bulletin. If paying by check, write Bible Study in the memo line.

### REDISCOVERING THE ART OF CONVERSATION

**Save the Date: Friday evening, March 6 and Saturday morning, March 7.**

How do we have difficult conversations about things that really matter to us in a way that respects the dignity of others and self, even when we do not agree? This question will set the tone for our time in this learning experience, led by Rev. Dr. Craig Gilliam. Registration fee of \$25 includes a light supper Friday night and breakfast pastries Saturday morning (please put conversation in memo line of check). You may register by using the insert in today's bulletin or online at <http://bit.ly/artstjohns>. A nursery will be provided both days.

### ST MARK'S MISSION

The 2020 dates for the St John's Mission to St Mark's UMC and N. Rampart Street Community Center are **April 17-19** and **September 27**. The three day mission in April will include repairs and maintenance of the community center and Church and two overnight stays, as well as serving the homeless meal on Sunday. The September date is one day at which time we will only prepare and serve the meal on Sunday.

### FAMILIES IN TRANSITION

Families in Transition (FIT), a program of Opening Doors, is accepting applications for its next family. FIT assists families by assigning volunteer mentors to work with them for 6 months to find services in the community or budgeting help to assist with needs identified by each family. The criteria for becoming a FIT family are either be a current member of St John's UMC or reside in either 70808, 70809, 70810, or 70820 zip codes. Contact the church office for a copy of the application.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

### Sunday, February 2

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  
6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary

### Monday, February 3

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

### Tuesday, February 4

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC  
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC  
9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle UMW, 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  
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

### Wednesday, February 5

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, February 6

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

### Friday, February 7

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

### Saturday, February 8

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  
3:30 p.m. Faith Friends, FLC

## CONNECT WITH ST. JOHN'S

**TEXTING:** St. John's sends out timely reminders about church events via text message. Email the office (office@stjohnsbr.org) requesting that you be signed up for the texting service.

**FRIDAY NEWSLETTER:** Our Friday Newsletter keeps you up to date about all the happenings around St. John's, including worship information, special events, and service opportunities.

**INSIDE ST. JOHN'S EMAIL:** This new email is in addition to our Friday e-newsletter, and geared towards our active members and friends. It includes prayer requests, birthdays, anniversaries, celebrations, memorial and funeral announcements, and other St. John's family news.

*This email will **not** be sent to you unless you request it.* If you would like to receive this new weekly email, fill out the form that can be found in the Narthex or the hallway of the Admin Building; you may also contact Lynn in the church office at 225-766-4594 or office@stjohnsbr.org.

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February 2, 2020

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.*