

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

February 23, 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.

GATHERING

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

† CALL to WORSHIP

Darlene Dickson

Let the radiance of Christ be evident among us:
in our songs and our words;
in our deepest thoughts and desires;
in the youthful and the experienced,
the exhausted and the energetic;
in the hungry and the scared.
We are here together.

We gather as witnesses to the transforming power of God.
We join our voices and our hearts in praise.
Gather us in, God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

† HYMN of PRAISE

All Creatures of Our God and King

UMH 62

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

*Maxwell Jeffrey Adams
son of Betsy and Brandon Adams*

*Luka Causey Haneline
son of Sarah and Ian Haneline*

COMMENDATION of LOVE and CARE

Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care Max and Luka whom we this day recognize as members of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that they may grow in the knowledge and love of God, through our Savior Jesus Christ?

With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Max and Luka, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

HYMN of BLESSING

Welcome to the Family

Welcome to the family, we're glad that you have come to share your life with us, as we grow in love, and may we always be to you what God would have us be, a family always there, to be strong and to lean on.

LISTENING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastors

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.

When Jesus came down from the mount of Transfiguration, he began to tell his disciples that he would be betrayed and crucified.

Sometimes we lose our Alleluia.

Jesus did not enter into glory before he stretched out his arms on the hardwood of the cross.

Sometimes we lose our Alleluia.

Jesus told his disciples, "If you want to become my followers, deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow me."

Sometimes we must let go of our Alleluia.

For the days of Lent, we discontinue singing and saying, "Alleluia."
During Lent, we will refrain from Alleluia.

At Easter we will again celebrate the Resurrection and sing "Christ is risen!"

In God's time we will find our Alleluia.

† SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 17:1-9

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

"A Reflection of Glory"

Pastor Lane

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

RESPONDING

† HYMN of FAITH

Christ is the World's Light

UMH 188

MINISTRY MOMENT - LAY SERVANT MINISTRY

Natalie Cooper

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS to GOD

*Shine Like Stars
By Betty Schroeder*

Chancel Choir

† 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!**

UMH 94

RESPONSE to the WORD

**Light of light, true God of true God,
grant us grace to live every moment
changed by your glory —
daring to live with hope and courage and love
and reflecting the life of Jesus, through whom your glory
shines in the most unexpected ways.
As we go forth, may your Word live through us today,
that our world of sorrow
may be transfigured into joy. Amen.**

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

Lift Every Voice and Sing

UMH 519

† BLESSING and SENDING FORTH

† POSTLUDE

Don't forget to pick up a yellow grocery bag for next week's Grocery Bag Sunday.

The flowers on the altar are given by Valerie Burton in memory of the birthday of her mother, Margy 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.

DAYS FOR GIRLS

The last spring work day for Days for Girls will be **Saturday February 29**, 9 a.m. – noon. Sewers and non-sewers are needed. For more information contact Joyce Perry at 763-6613 or joyce.perry@cox.net.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION MEETING TODAY

There will be a Christian Formation meeting following the 11:00 service. We will meet in the parlor and have a working lunch. We will be discussing Easter and summer plans. Everyone is invited.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

On **Wednesday, February 26**, Drive-Thru Ashes will be available from 6:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. in the circle driveway. Our pastors will also offer ashes outside Starbucks (Perkins-Rowe) at 8:30 a.m. and Rouses Supermarket (at Bluebonnet and Perkins) at 11 a.m. Come out for your ashes. **Ash Wednesday worship service** will be at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. **Following worship**, we invite you to join us at California Pizza Kitchen at Perkins Rowe (10001 Perkins Rowe) for dinner and fellowship. 20% of the meal will go to the St. John's Youth for their summer mission trip.

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 form in the Narthex or online at <http://bit.ly/artstjohns>. A nursery will be provided both days upon request.

GARAGE SALE

It's time to clean out those closets, the garage, the attic - the UMW is having a Garage Sale on **Saturday, March 21** from 8 a.m. to noon in the FLC. If you have anything to donate, you may bring your donations to the FLC on Sunday, March 15 between the hours of 8 and 11 a.m. or all day Friday, March 20. Large items can be dropped off beginning Saturday, February 22 by calling Liz McDonald (318-542-9272) or Sherri Artecona (985-320-3018) for a meeting time.

INSIGHTS ON GENERAL CONFERENCE

We will host a two-part information forum about the upcoming United Methodist General Conference on **Sunday March 22** and **Sunday March 29**. Each session will begin with an all-ages potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by insights on General Conference from 6 - 7 p.m. At the first session (March 22), we will have a panel discussion with Rev. Brady Whitton and Rev. Karli Pidgeon, both delegates to the upcoming General Conference. Please plan to attend both sessions, as we will offer follow up from your questions on March 29. A nursery will be provided and youth are encouraged to attend.

AL-ANON MEETINGS TO BE HELD AT ST. JOHN'S

On **Monday, March 9**, at 6 p.m., St. John's will begin offering weekly Al-Anon meetings. If you or anyone you know has a need for such a group, please join us in Room C of the FLC. These will be open meetings. Everyone who needs this support is welcome.

"THE GOD WE CAN KNOW" - LENT WORSHIP AND STUDY SERIES

In the Gospel of John, Jesus gives us the "I Am" sayings, meaningful metaphors such as "I am the bread of life" and "I am the light of the world," to reveal his mission and purpose. One by one, the "I Am" sayings of Jesus not only grab our imagination about Jesus' identity, they also help us to experience God, who spoke the first "I am" to Moses.

Worship: Beginning March 1, our Lent sermon series will be inspired by the "I Am" statements in scripture and a book called *The God We Can Know*, by Rev. Rob Fuquay.

Study: Pastor Deirdre will lead a 7-week study of the book on Wednesdays from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., before choir. Sign up with the insert in the bulletin. Classes and Small Groups are encouraged to use the book and the accompanying DVD and guidebook during Lent to continue the learnings. Contact the office for more information.

Take-home Devotion: Each Sunday during Lent we will offer a new daily devotion for you to take home and use that week. There are Lenten calendars available for pick up today in the Narthex.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, February 23

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
12:00 p.m. Christian Formation, Parlor
6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary

Monday, February 24

THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET CLOSED
9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor
1:00 p.m. Reading Connection, Library
3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, Library
3:00 p.m. Ladies Lectionary Study, Parlor
4:30 p.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Tuesday, February 25

OFFICE CLOSED
THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET CLOSED
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Wednesday, February 26

6:30 a.m. Drive-thru Ashes, Circle Drive
8:30 a.m. Portable Ashes, Starbucks, Perkins-Rowe
10:00 a.m. Spanish Class, Library
11:00 a.m. Portable Ashes, Rouses Supermarket, Bluebonnet & Perkins
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, FLC-A
6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Youth Fundraiser Meal, California Pizza Kitchen, Perkins-Rowe

Thursday, February 27

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

Friday, February 28

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Parlor
8:00 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, FLC
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library

Saturday, February 29

9:00 a.m. Days for Girls, FLC
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

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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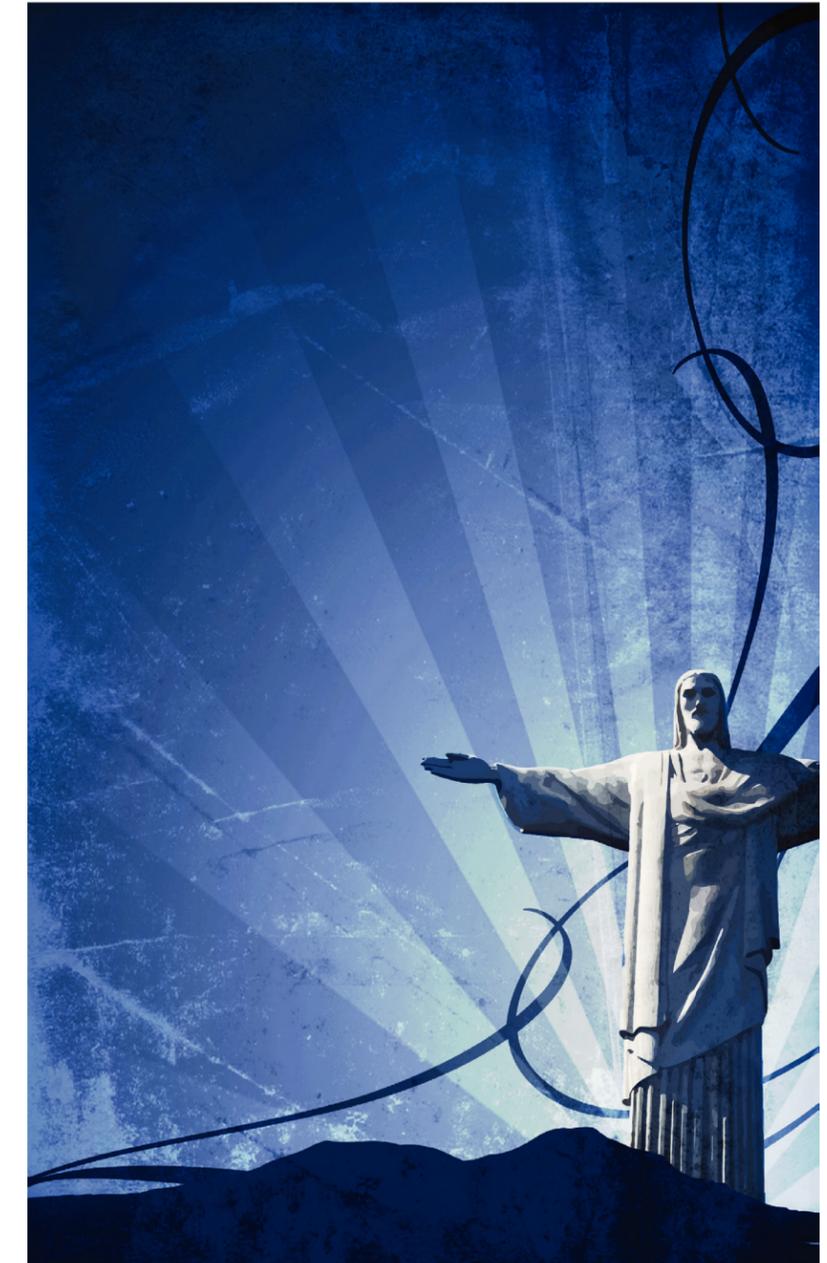
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February 23, 2020

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.