

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

January 19, 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 *In* GOD'S NAME

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.

INTROIT

✠ CALL to WORSHIP

Hear the good news!
God has given us work to do.
**God has called each of us
before we were even born.**

It was God who named us.
It is God who claims us.

The light of God's love shines in us.
Let's shine God's love into all the world!

✠ HYMN of PRAISE

Blessed Assurance

UMH 369

LISTENING *to* GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Natalie Cooper

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

Psalm 40

UMH 774

SUNG RESPONSE

**O Lord, do not withhold your mercy,
let your steadfast love preserve me.**

I waited patiently for the Lord,
who inclined to me and heard my cry.

**The Lord drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog,
set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.**

The Lord put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.

Many will see and be in awe,
and put their trust in the Lord.

To those who go astray after false gods!

**O Lord my God, you have multiplied your wondrous
deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you!**

Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be numbered.

**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;
but you have given me an open ear.**

Burnt offering and sin offering
You have not required.

**Then I said, "Lo, I come;
in the roll of the book it is written of me;
I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart."**

SUNG RESPONSE

I have told the glad news of deliverance
In the great congregation;

**Lo, I have not restrained my lips,
As you know, O Lord.**

I have not hid your saving help within my heart,
I have spoken of your faithfulness
and your salvation;

**I have not concealed your steadfast love and faithfulness
from the great congregation.**

O Lord, do not withhold

your mercy from me,
**let your steadfast love and faithfulness
ever preserve me!**

✠ GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

ANTHEM

A Joyful Canon

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 49:1-7

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

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

"Called to Serve"

Pastor Deirdré

RESPONDING *to* GOD'S MERCY

✠ HYMN of FAITH

The Voice of God is Calling

UMH 436, vs. 1-3

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

OFFERING OUR TITHES *and* GIFTS *to* GOD

✠ 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 host. 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

Take My Life and Let It Be

UMH 399

✠ BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

2020 Trip to the Holy Land

*Glenn and Judy Barbay, Duane Craig & Janet Anderson, Rick and Teresa
Seward, John and Pam Toney, Pastor Deirdré Halliburton*

✠ 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.

MONDAY CLOSURES

The church office and The Shepherd's Market will be closed **Monday, January 20** in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. On Tuesday the office will reopen at 9 a.m. for regular hours and The Shepherd's Market will open at 8 a.m. for regular shopping hours.

CHURCH ATTIC CLEANING

The Trustees extend an invitation to everyone to help clean out the Admin Building attic on **Saturday, February 1** at 8:30 a.m. John Buckley is bringing his trailer to help haul off items.

DAYS FOR GIRLS IN FEBRUARY

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 projects 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. All are welcome. Sewers and non-sewers are needed. For more information contact Joyce Perry at 763-6613 or joyce.perry@cox.net.

UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

Save the Date: Saturday, February 15, 10 a.m.

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. 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.

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. We invite you to come join us. Your contribution will help all of us to learn and grow. More information and registration will be available on our web site soon.

EXERCISE CLASS NOT STARTING UNTIL FEBRUARY

The pilates/yoga exercise class scheduled to resume in January has been postponed and will begin in February. The new start date will be forthcoming.

JOBS FOR LIFE TRAINING

Opening Doors is supporting the next session of Jobs for Life classes that will be held in the spring. If you are interested in participating as instructors, mentors, and business recruiters, free training will be held at The Dunham School **Friday, January 24 and Saturday, January 25**. Please contact Sandra Kuykendall at 769-3409 if you have any questions.

YOUTH AND PARENT MISSION FAIR

Please join us on **Sunday, January 26** from 4-6 p.m. for a night of Everything Mission! We will meet in the Family Life Center at 4 p.m. and have an informative conversation about our June Mission trip and all that will be happening leading up to it, followed by a dinner! Please contact Amy with any questions you might have prior to the event.

NEW MONTHLY FAMILY MINISTRY COMING IN FEBRUARY

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!

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, January 19

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. Writers' Group, *Parlor*
4:00 p.m. Youth Group, *FLC*
6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*

Monday, January 20

OFFICE CLOSED
THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET CLOSED
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*
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

Tuesday, January 21

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, *FLC*
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, January 22

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, January 23

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, *Library*
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

Friday, January 24

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, January 25

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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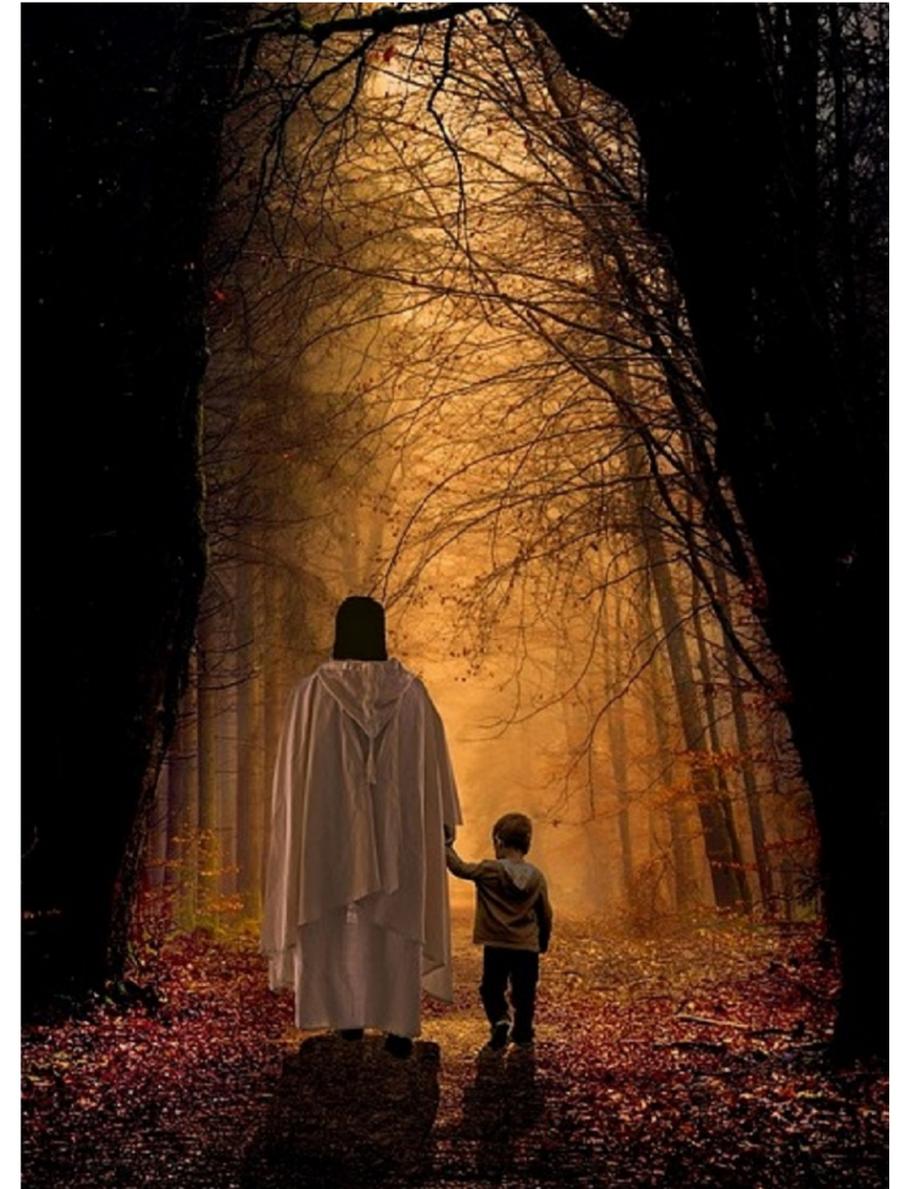
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ST. JOHN'S
United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



January 19, 2020
11 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.

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