

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

January 19, 2020 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.

We GATHER TOGETHER

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

Bind Us Together

FWS 2226

**Bind us together, Lord, bind us together
with cords that cannot be broken.**

**Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord,
bind us together in love.**

**There is only one God, there is only one King;
There is only one body, that is why we sing.**

He Who Began a Good Work In You

FWS 2163

**He who began a good work in you, he who began a good work in you
will be faithful to complete it, will be faithful to complete it.
He who started the work will be faithful to complete it in you.**

✠ 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!

SONG of RESPONSE

Make Me a Servant

FWS 2176

**Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
make me a servant today.**

We WITNESS GOD'S BLESSING

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.

✠ 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

We RESPOND to GOD'S GRACE

✠ HYMN of FAITH

Gather Us In

FWS 2236, vs. 1, 3, 4

PRAYER of CONFESSION

**Faithful God,
you call us to be saints,
but we are more comfortable
with the role of sinner;
you call us to be your servants,
but we worry that we lack the skills
to do your work;
you put a new song of praise in our mouths,
but we stumble on unfamiliar words;
you show us the work to be tackled,
but we turn away defiant,
insisting we have more important things to do.
Put your song on our lips and in our hearts,
and remind us of the joy that awaits us
when we put our trust in you.
Guide us into the light
of your unwavering, never-ending,
and grace-filled love.
Amen.**

WORDS of ASSURANCE and PARDON

Our God fulfills his promises and is true to his word.

We have confessed our sins.

God is faithful to forgive us,
because Christ died for us.

In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

✠ SHARING the PEACE and LOVE of CHRIST

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS to GOD

Praise Team

✠ 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

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Our sung communion responses are from
The Faith We Sing Hymnal #2275*

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

UMH 895

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.**

We DEPART 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

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

FWS 2153, vs. 1-3

✠ 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

*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.

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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STEWARDS SERVING TODAY

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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



January 19, 2020
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.