

# The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

January 26, 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 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.*

✠ SONG of PRAISE *What a Mighty God We Serve* FWS 2021, vs. 1 & 2

**What a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve,  
what a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve!**  
**Let us sing and praise the Lord, let us sing and praise the Lord,  
let us sing and praise the Lord, let us sing and praise the Lord!**

WORDS of WELCOME *Kathleen Adams*

✠ CALL to WORSHIP *Beth Forester*

God of mission, you remind us this morning once again  
to seek your kingdom first,  
**God of abundant living, you call us to steep our lives  
in your initiatives.**

God of grace, you summon us back to your kingdom,  
as the goal and purpose of our lives.  
**God of faith, hope, and love, you fit your daughters and sons  
for various activities for the sake of your mission.**

Most holy God, you call us to live out your Gospel through  
word and deed,  
**by public and personal witnessing,  
through acts of charity and works of mercy.**

O God of mystery, we are constantly surprised by the  
working of your Spirit in our midst.  
**O Holy Spirit, continue to guide us, as we offer ourselves to your  
bidding, and commit ourselves to work for the reign of God  
here and afar.**

✠ SONG of RESPONSE *O Church of God, United* UMH 547, vs. 1 & 4

**O church of God, united to serve one common Lord,  
proclaim to all one message, with hearts in glad accord.  
Christ ever goes before us; we follow day by day  
with strong and eager footsteps along the upward way.  
May thy great prayer be answered that we may all be one,  
close bound, by love united in thee, God's blessed Son:  
to bring a single witness, to make the pathway bright,  
that souls which grope in darkness may find the one true light.**

MISSION RECOGNITION PRESENTATION *Pat Lively*

*The Special Mission Recognition Awards are given to honor those who have dedicated time, talent, and service to mission and St. John's. The awards include a pin, a certificate, and a monetary gift to UMW Mission in the honor of each recipient.*

## We WITNESS GOD'S BLESSING

SCRIPTURE READING *Beth Forester*  
*Ephesians 4:4-6*

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.*

✠ GOSPEL READING *Beth Forester*  
*John 10:27-30*

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *Ms. Julia Carnes*

## We RESPOND to GOD'S GRACE

✠ HYMN of FAITH *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love* FWS 2223

PRAYER of CONFESSION *Pastor Lane*

If we have hallowed you as "Our Father in Heaven"  
and have cut ourselves off from you and each other—  
If we have prayed for your kingdom to come  
and have been bogged down by our own concerns—  
**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.**

If we have sought forgiveness for our sins from you  
and have not had the grace to forgive others—  
If we have prayed to overcome temptation  
and have not trusted in the strength in your love—  
**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.**

If we have prayed for deliverance from evil and have not risked an  
unpopular witness to stand against structures of evil and iniquity—  
If we have prayed for your kingdom, power and glory  
and have chosen instead lesser gods we have manufactured—  
**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.**

WORDS of ASSURANCE and PARDON *Based on Hebrews 12:1-2*

God gives strength to the least of God's saints.  
God gives us strength to set aside every weight and sin that  
clings so closely.  
God helps us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,  
looking to Jesus, the pioneer of our faith.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

✠ SHARING the PEACE and LOVE of CHRIST

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS to GOD *prayer by Rev. Janet Hogstrom*

✠ 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!**

✠ 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 *prayer by Betty Schroeder*

**God of goodness and mercy, who creates and holds us together  
with bonds of divine love, you have shown us the path to unity by  
inviting us to you table.  
Shine your eternal and glorious light into our hearts so that our lives  
might reflect your all-encompassing love.  
Unite us in spirit as we prepare to depart.  
Make our hearts burn with love and compassion as we gaze into the  
faces of the poor, the desperate and the marginalized.  
Inflame us with passion to discern and follow your will in all ways.  
Strengthen us to be good stewards of all your creation and of the  
bountiful resources you have entrusted to us.  
Open our ears to the whisperings of the angels and the song of the  
universe as we, the family of humankind, kneel in reverence and  
humility before your goodness and grace. Amen.**

## We DEPART to SERVE

INVITATION to CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP *Pastor Lane*

*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 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* UMH 557

✠ BLESSING and SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

*After the service, all are invited to the Family Life Center for a reception  
hosted by the United Methodist Women.*

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

## 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.*

### CHURCH ATTIC CLEANING ON SATURDAY

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 work days to make 100 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. 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. You were so generous last time; we have some supplies left over. For more information contact Joyce Perry at 763-6613 or joyce.perry@cox.net. All are welcome. Sewers and non-sewers are needed.

### 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 and afterwards to the lunch in th FLC. If you can help, contact Betty Schroeder (939-6981 or drbschroeder@att.net).

### 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.

### YOUTH AND PARENT MISSION FAIR

**Youth and Parents:** Please join us **TODAY, January 26** from 4-6 p.m. for "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! **Youth will begin selling shares of stock next Sunday for their summer mission trip.**

### 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!

### 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. A registration form will be in next week's Sunday bulletin or you can call the office (766-4594) to register.

### 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, January 26

8:00 a.m. Praise Team, *Sanctuary*  
8:30 a.m. Worship Service, *Sanctuary*  
9:30 a.m. UMW Reception, *FLC*  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, *Campus Wide*  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service, *Sanctuary*  
4:00 p.m. Youth Group, *FLC*  
6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*

### Monday, January 27

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, January 28

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 29

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 30

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

### Friday, January 31

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*  
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*  
10:00 a.m. VIPs Reading Training, *Library*

### Saturday, February 1

8:00 a.m. Quilts of Valor, *FLC*  
8:30 a.m. Attic Cleaning, *Admin Building*  
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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### FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

*The flowers on the altar are in memory of and in honor of United Methodist Women past, present, and future.*

### STEWARDS SERVING TODAY

Ushers: *Joyce Perry, Joyce Robinson, Sherri Artecona, Achilla Idikwu*

Greeters: *Sally Allen, Dawn Staves*

Host: *Kathy King*

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United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



**January 26, 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.*