

# The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

November 10, 2019 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

*Open Our Eyes*

FWS 2086

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,  
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.  
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

*Change My Heart, O God*

FWS 2152

**Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.  
You are the Potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.**

### ✠ CALL to WORSHIP

*Valerie Burton*

Now this is what the Lord Almighty says:  
“Give careful thought to your ways.”

**We will offer love and care in our thoughts, words, and actions.**

How shall we live in the love of God?

**We will treat one another with fairness and dignity.**

**We will listen without judgment and with hearts of compassion.**

How shall we witness God’s forgiving love?

**We will reach out to others in grace, mercy and tenderness.**

Come, let us worship God, who has and will always love us.

**Let our worship of God be reflected in our lives of hope  
and peace.**

### SONG of RESPONSE

*Guide My Feet*

FWS 2208, v. 1

**Guide my feet while I run this race. Yes, my Lord!  
Guide my feet while I run this race. Yes, my Lord!  
Guide my feet while I run this race,  
for I don’t want to run this race in vain!**

## We WITNESS GOD’S BLESSING

### CHILDREN’S MOMENT

*Guy Johnson*

*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

Haggai 1:3-7, 2:1-9

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

“Care-Full Ways”

*Pastor Deirdré*

## We RESPOND to GOD’S GRACE

### ✠ HYMN of FAITH

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

UMH 402

### PRAYER of CONFESSION

The Lord Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways,”  
but there are chasms in our lives,  
deep valleys that separate us from one another and from God.

**We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow.**

**We have not given one another the benefit of the doubt.**

**You call us to be one in your Spirit, but we foster division in  
Christ’s body. You call us to a reconciled life, to healed  
relationships, to wholeness with each other and with You,  
yet we complain rather than work towards resolution.**

**As you forgive us, help us be forgiving to one another.**

**Show us the way of merciful living and how to engage life with  
compassion, that we may extend to others the love and  
mercy you have given to us.**

*(A time for silent prayer and confession)*

### WORDS of ASSURANCE and PARDON

*Based on Haggai 2:9*

“In this place I will grant peace,” declares the Lord Almighty.  
Through Christ, God restores us back to wholeness.  
Be at peace and know that you are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### ✠ SHARING the PEACE and LOVE of CHRIST

### OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS to GOD

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

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 #2257*

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.**

*The pastors give thanks and remember God’s gift of salvation.*

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

### 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

**We thank you, gracious God, for this holy mystery in which you have  
given yourself to us, and united us in the communion of your  
Holy Spirit.**

**May our unity in the Spirit carry us into the day and week ahead,  
so that we are able to offer care and compassion to all those  
we meet as we give ourselves to others, through 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

*For the Healing of the Nations*

UMH 428

### ✠ BLESSING and SENDING FORTH

### ✠ POSTLUDE

*After the service, all are invited to  
the Family Life Center for refreshments.*

*The flowers on the altar are given by Daphne Grady and J.R. Madden  
in honor of the 244th birthday of the United States Marine Corps  
and in thankfulness for all veterans and their families.*

## 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.

### NEW WORSHIP SERIES - CARE-FULL ENCOUNTERS



Our worship series, "Care-Full Encounters," started today and will continue through Sunday, November 24. It is often difficult to have rational conversations with those with whom we disagree or those who chafe at our religious beliefs or political views. In this series, we will look at how we are called to be in care-full conversation and actions with our families, church and community. Join us each week as we consider how scripture and Jesus speaks to how we are to care and love one another. Our scripture for next Sunday will be Matthew 18:12-20.

### PLEDGES UPDATE



As we near the end of our Take Care Stewardship Campaign, we want to say Thank You to those who have pledged to help "Take Care" of the mission and ministries of St. John's in 2020. If you did not receive your "Thank you" gift, a St. John's wooden spoon, you may pick one up in the Narthex.

So far, we have received 107 pledges, totaling \$430,984. In comparison, that is \$52,801 behind the pledges received for 2019, but commitment cards are still arriving daily. If you have not turned in your pledge card

yet, cards can be placed in the offering plate, returned to the church office, or emailed to LeAnn Davis ([leanndavis@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:leanndavis@stjohnsbr.org)).

### UMW MARY MARTHA CIRCLE

The UMW Mary Martha Circle will meet **Tuesday, November 12** at 7 p.m. in the parlor. All women are invited to attend.

### YOUTH DINNER SCHEDULE

Would you be willing to serve the youth by providing youth dinners on Sunday nights? The rotation is typically 8-9 weeks depending on how many folks sign up. You will need to prepare a meal for approximately 15 people. It should consist of an entree, a side, a dessert, and drinks. We have the paper products and plastic ware. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. so plan to arrive at 5 p.m. to prep. The youth will help you clean up. If you would like to volunteer contact Amy Fine at [amyfine@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:amyfine@stjohnsbr.org) or 788-2543.

### GOOD GRIEF! SUPPORT GROUP

The Good Grief! Support Group will be meeting on **Thursday, November 14** at 5:30 p.m. in the Parlor. If you are someone struggling to find direction and hope in loss, you are invited to join us as we seek healing in community. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Johnston at 225-773-9563 or [sbjohnston@gmail.com](mailto:sbjohnston@gmail.com).

### WE NEED YOUR FREEZER SPACE!

Duane Craig is once again baking bread for the Great Turkey Giveaway. He will bake 530 loaves of bread by the end of the month and we need to find freezer space for them. If you have space to take one, two, or more loaves of bread, Duane will have a buggy full of bread in the Narthex on Sunday. All we ask is that you bring all bread back to the Family Life Center on Friday, December 13.

### ADVENT SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, December 1	"Almost Christmas," Advent study begins UMW Bake Sale, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, December 8	Advent Fest, 4 - 6 p.m.
Saturday, December 14	Ninth Great Turkey Giveaway, volunteers at 7 a.m.
Sunday, December 15	"The Glory of Christmas" Cantata, both services
Thursday, December 19	Longest Night Service, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, December 24	Christmas Eve Family Friendly Service, 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Traditional Service, <u>6 p.m.</u> (note time change)

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

### Sunday, November 10

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. Christian Formation, *Library*  
4:00 p.m. Youth Group, *FLC*  
6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*

### Monday, November 11

9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group, *Parlor*  
10:00 a.m. Fast Track Bible Study, *Library*  
11:30 a.m. Exercise Class, *Narthex*  
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*  
4:30 p.m. Ladies Covenant Group, *Parlor*  
6:00 p.m. Fast Track Bible Study, *Library*  
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

### Tuesday, November 12

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*  
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, *FLC*  
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*  
6:00 p.m. Emmaus Board Meeting, *FLC-A*  
7:00 p.m. UMW Mary Martha Circle, *Parlor*

### Wednesday, November 13

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, November 14

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*  
5:30 p.m. Good Grief Support Grp, *Parlor*  
6:00 p.m. Opening Doors Board, *Library*  
6:00 p.m. Trustees, *FLC-A*  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

### Friday, November 15

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

### Saturday, November 16

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

### STEWARDS SERVING TODAY

Ushers: *Donnie and Susan Lambert, Darren and Chris Stubbs*  
Host: *Kris Renfroe*

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:office@stjohnsbr.org).

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# Care-Full Encounters

Now this is what the Lord Almighty says:  
"Give careful thought to your ways."  
*Haggai 1:5, NIV*



**November 10, 2019**  
*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.*