

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

January 10, 2021 at 11 a.m.

Welcome to All

If you are a guest, we welcome you to worship and ask that you consider filling out a contact form at www.stjohnsbr.org/guest so we can be in touch with you this week.



ST. JOHN'S

United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.

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.

Gathering for Worship

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Call to Worship

Rev. Deirdré Halliburton

God's voice speaks to our chaos, echoing in our troubled hearts,
gathering us together that we might remember whose we are.

God's voice flows like the living waters of grace,
our new name, "Beloved," resounding in our souls.

God's voice stirs the waters of baptism,
calling us to be bearers of peace to a world of brokenness.

Come, for the voice of God calls you to worship.
We come, with all our joys and sorrows, all our hopes, dreams, and worries.

We come with open ears and an open heart,
listening for God's voice, which calls us to love.
Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God

Praise and thanksgiving be to God our maker,
source of all blessing, prodigal creator.

Baptized and made your own,
now we come before you, while we adore you.

Not our own holiness nor that we have striven
brings us the peace which you, O Christ, have given.

Baptized and set apart,
strengthen us, O Savior, with grace and favor.

Come, Holy Spirit, come in visitation;
you are the truth, our hope, and our salvation.

Baptize with joy and power, give,
O Dove descending, life never ending.

Listening for God's Voice

Children's Moment

Scripture

Mark 1:4-11

Pastor Lane

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

based on Psalm 19:14

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, thou who are our strength and our redeemer. Amen.

Sermon

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Pastor Lane

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Remembering Our Baptism

Hymn of Faith

When Jesus Came to Jordan

When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,
he did not come for pardon but as the sinless one.
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make;
this very day invade us, and every bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most:
to share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Pastors

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he arose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Reaffirming Our Baptismal Covenant

Pastors

Using an evergreen branch, the pastors will sprinkle small amounts of water toward the congregation. This parallels sprinkling with hyssop for purification (Exodus 12:22 ; Psalm 51:7) and sprinkling as a sign of renewal (Ezekiel 36:25 –26).

Those worshipping online are invited to dip your finger into a bowl of water and make a sign of the cross on your hand or forehead. Feel the tangible reminder that we are forgiven and cleansed. Feel the water from which creation was birthed, from which Jesus rose and was called Son, from which we all rose and were adopted into God's family.

Remember your baptism and be thankful.
Amen.

Responding to God

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit,

**strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in your eternal care,
as we strive to live out our baptismal covenant each day.**

**As your beloved Son embraced his mission in the waters of baptism,
inspire us with the fire of your Spirit to join in his transforming work.**

We ask this in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

We appreciate your generosity.

Each gift enables us to be a blessing in our community.

You may give online here:

<http://www.stjohnsbr.org/give>

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Departing to Serve

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Hymn of Discipleship

Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing
**Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, thy love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
traveling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration
for thy gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of thy salvation
in our hearts and lives abound;
ever faithful, ever faithful
to the truth may we be found.**

Blessing and Sending Forth

Postlude

Thank you for worshipping with us!

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tech team, ushers, and hosts for assisting in today's service.*

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