

The Celebration of the Gospel

January 31, 2021 at 11 a.m.

60th Anniversary Celebration

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.

Glorifying God

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Introit

Rebecca Babin, Harp

Call to Worship

Rhonda Tucker, Lay Leader

We have gathered to worship the Lord.
About us we sense the cloud of witnesses who led the way here, those who were called to form this congregation of St. John's sixty years ago and those who worked tirelessly through the years since to further its growth in service and love.

We remember our past and give God the glory.

We have gathered to worship the Lord, thankful for opportunities given us here for service and spiritual growth. Here we may heed and answer the call to nourish our neighbor in body and mind.

We serve our neighbor today and give God the glory.

We have gathered to worship the Lord, looking with confidence to a future built on past foundations, present dedication, and unfailing faith.

We step with hope toward our future and give God the glory.

We remember our past, serve our neighbor today, step with hope toward our future, and at all times give God the glory.

Hymn of Praise

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

Sharing Faith Stories

Children's Moment

Carrie Poynot, Pastors

Scripture

Rhonda Tucker

Psalms 111

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Rebecca Babin, Harp

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

Danielle Blackwood
"Give God the Glory"

Prayer

Danielle Blackwood

God of glory and grace,
We humbly raise our faces to you in gratitude for our little church,
St. John's United Methodist.

For sixty years with your guidance and benevolence, and through determined effort and consistent devotion, St. John's people of God have created a sacred space of love and acceptance and growth.

Leaning on you alone and through our efforts to follow the loving example of Jesus, St. John's has become a place of love and affection, laughter and holy hands reaching out to our neighbors near and far.

Bless us, dear God,
and help us to continue to be a soothing melody for the spirit,
a gentle touch for those who grieve,
a teacher for dear children,
a moral compass for adults,
a beacon for the lost and a light of hope for our community.

In the name of your blessed son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Responding With Praise

Canticle of God's Glory

Pastor Lane

SUNG RESPONSE

Glory to God in the Highest,
and peace to God's people on earth

Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks,
We praise you for your glory.

SUNG RESPONSE

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
Receive our prayer.

SUNG RESPONSE

For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Lane

Prayers for Our Church Leaders

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Rebecca Babin, Harp

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<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

God of the Ages

God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
in this free land with thee our lot is cast;
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

Blessing and Sending Forth

Pat Cobb

Postlude

Rebecca Babin, Harp

Thank you for worshipping with us!

*The Call to Worship was written by Guy Johnson;
the Prayer after the sermon was written by Betty Schroeder.*

*We thank all our worship stewards, musicians,
tech team, ushers, and hosts for assisting in today's service.*

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