



60th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday September 12, 2021

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP

“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.”

- 1 Corinthians 10:31

Give to the Lord, all families of the nations -
give to the Lord glory and power!
Give to the Lord the glory due his name!

- Psalm 96:7-8

Whether you are a guest or member, we invite you to register your attendance (scan the QR code in the pew) so we know you're here and we can get to know you better.

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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OUR MISSION

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.

OUR VISION

Our church will be known as a center for feeding people spiritually and physically in our community.

OUR CORE VALUES

We believe the following guiding principles make us a fruitful and spiritually intentional church:

- Fellowship: A sense of family, hospitality, and belonging to an open, accepting, and nurturing community.
- Caring: Loving response to needs of all people through empathy and compassion.
- Mission: giving of ourselves to meet and serve the needs of all others by faithful witness through our actions, servanthood and way of living.
- Spiritual Growth: Studying, understanding and growing in the word of God by Christ-centered prayer, worship and service through discipleship in action.

OUR CONTACT INFO

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60TH ANNIVERSARY

St. John's was founded in 1961 by 60 charter members. Ground was broken for the present sanctuary in August 1962, and it was dedicated Easter Sunday 1963. We are celebrating our 60th anniversary throughout 2021. Give God the Glory!

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

Do No Harm, our first Wesleyan rule continues to be our benchmark for all recommendations. In light of the Governor's statewide mask mandate, St. John's has returned to requiring all persons, regardless of vaccination status, to wear masks while in worship and in small group gatherings.

We look forward to the day when we can return to maskless gatherings, until then, let us pray for our world, country, state, parish, and each other.

Grace & Peace

The Covid -19 Task Force

HELPFUL HINTS FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We fully welcome and love engaging children in worship! We include a special Children's Moment each Sunday.

- **The St. John's Prayground** is located in the front of the sanctuary. This is a place for children and their families to worship together, allowing children to more fully participate in the service. As a safety precaution, masks are required in the Prayground for everyone ages 2 and older. If you or your child needs a mask, some are available in the Prayground. More details about the Prayground may be found in the pew insert and on our website.
- A staffed **nursery** for infants through preschool is open every Sunday morning and is located next door in our Education/Administration building.
- **Changing tables** are located in the restrooms in the back of the sanctuary and our nursery.
- Children are welcome to receive **Holy Communion**, which is served weekly at 8:30 a.m. and on the first Sunday of the month at 11 a.m. Our communion elements are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free elements are also available.
- **Sunday School** is offered for children starting at age 3 through 12th grade from 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Any questions? Ushers are glad to assist you.

GATHERING

Please stand as you are comfortable. **Bold indicates congregational response.*

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

*Songs of Praise

Lord, Be Glorified

The Faith We Sing Songbook 2150, vs. 1, 3

My Tribute

The United Methodist Hymnal 99

*Call to Worship

Gray Sexton

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 unflinching 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.

by Guy Johnson

GLORIFYING

60th Anniversary: Celebrating the Present

Danielle Blackwood

Scripture

1 Corinthians 10:31

“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment

Pastor Lane

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Psalm 96
Selected Verses

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***Hymn of Faith**

Christ Is the World's Light
The United Methodist Hymnal 188, vs. 1, 2, 4

SHARING

Ministry Moment - Kitchen Renovation

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

*We appreciate your generosity.
Each gift enables us to be a blessing in our community.
You may give online at stjohnsbr.org/give.*

***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!**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Our sung communion responses are from The Faith We Sing Songbook 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.

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

Everyone is welcome to share in Holy Communion.

Communion will be served using the ancient means of "intinction" with only the pastor and servers touching the elements, or, if you prefer, you may receive pre-packaged elements. Our communion elements are bread and grape juice.

A gluten-free option is also available.

*You are invited to stay at the chancel for prayer as long as you desire.
If you are mobility challenged, please let the usher know and someone will bring communion elements to you.*

Prayer

Betty Schroeder

**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.**

by Betty Schroeder

DEPARTING TO SERVE

Call to Action

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.

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Danielle Blackwood

*Hymn of Discipleship

To God Be the Glory

The United Methodist Hymnal 98, vs. 1, 3

*Benediction

Rhonda Tucker

For all who walk through the doors of St. John's and feel at home:

We Give God the Glory!

For creating us to be a welcoming, inclusive and resilient community of faith:

We Give God the Glory!

For Sunday School teachers and classes:

We Give God the Glory!

For keeping us connected - together in Spirit:

We Give God the Glory!

For all who are being fed spiritually and physically:

We Give God the Glory!

For calling us to worship, witness and service:

We Give God the Glory!

Alleluia! Amen!

*Postlude

Everyone is invited to the Family Life Center for coffee and refreshments following worship.

To join a livestream of worship, share today's service or watch previous worship services, visit stjohnsbr.org/live.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

60th Anniversary Pictorial Directory

Due to the uncertainty of our electrical power situation after Ida, September appointments for photo sittings were rescheduled to October by the photography company. Check out our *Inside St. John's* newsletter for more information on dates and times.

60th Anniversary Cookbooks*

Pre-ordered cookbooks are available for pickup in the church office; we have extra copies at \$20 each for sale TODAY in the FLC during coffee time.

60th Anniversary Swag*

St. John's swag will be for sale TODAY during coffee time. Not all styles or sizes are available but come check them out - we might have just what you are looking for!

*100% of profits go toward our kitchen renovation.

Hurricane Ida Mission Day

Saturday, September 25, St. John's will head to Destrehan to help St. Charles UMC distribute food and cleaning supplies to those recovering from Hurricane Ida. Learn more about this one-day mission (7 a.m. to 5:30 pm.) in our newsletters.

Hurricane Ida Food Drive

We are joining forces with other UMC's to collect food items for victims of Hurricane Ida. We are collecting the following items: beans, bottled water, tuna, energy bars, Gatorade/Powerade, granola bars, peanut butter, and rice.

Hurricane Ida Supplies Delivery

If you have a truck and or a trailer and are willing to help transport Hurricane Ida relief supplies from Broadmoor UMC down to churches in south Louisiana please contact Patricia Poulter, Broadmoor UMC, at 225-229-0865 to schedule your pick up time.

Jesus In the Gospels

Part two of Jesus In the Gospels Bible study will begin on **Monday, September 13**. The morning session will be held at 10 a.m. and the Monday evening session will be held at 6 p.m. in the library. Newcomers are welcome to join. Contact the church office to reserve the 2 books.

Prayer Time at St. John's

The sanctuary is now open on Wednesdays from 7:30 - 9 a.m. You can come and go anytime to pray, reflect, meditate, or just sit quietly here at St. John's.

Grocery Bag Sunday

We did not have our regular monthly Grocery Bag Sunday this month, the next Grocery Bag Sunday for The Shepherd's Market will be October 3.

United Methodist Women

The Mary Martha Circle will meet **Tuesday, September 14** at 6 p.m. in the parlor. All women are invited to attend.

St. John's UMW will hold its General Meeting on **Sunday, September 19** at 3 p.m. in the FLC. All women are invited to attend.

St. John's Writers' Group

St. John's Writers' Group will meet on Zoom **this afternoon** at 4 p.m. Contact Mari Walker (media@stjohnsbr.org) for Zoom information.



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