

The Celebration of the Gospel

January 31, 2021 at 8:30 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

Anthem

Rebecca Babin, Harp

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Song 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!

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.

Sharing Faith Stories

Children's Moment

Carrie Poynot, Pastors

Scripture

Rhonda Tucker

Psalm 111

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

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

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.

Prayers for Our Church Leaders

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Rebecca Babin, Harp

Special Music

Blessing and Sending Forth

Postlude

Rebecca Babin, Harp

*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 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!**

Sharing in Holy Communion

Pastors

The Lord's Prayer

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Rebecca Babin, Harp

Prayer After Receiving

Pastor Deirdré

**O God,
We have been renewed through this time of worship
and around your table of remembrance.
In looking back at our shared history,
we see how our story is a part of your eternal
story; our lives are interwoven with yours.
As we depart this place,
turn our hearts and lives towards the future
to which you have called us,
and having been fed by your Holy Spirit,
send us out to feed and nourish others,
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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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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.**