

Sunday, January 29, 2023

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATION

All Are Welcome

Whatever you do, whether in speech or action, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:17

Sometimes our work and lives, whatever they may be, can feel purposeless or like our purpose is defined by what we produce. But when we look at the bigger picture, we realize that our purpose comes not from the tasks we accomplish but the way we participate alongside Jesus in the work he is already doing. We are God's co-laborers.

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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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.

GUEST INFORMATION

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. Our ushers are happy to assist you in anyway. Restrooms are in the Narthex.

You are invited to participate in any of our activities, and to become a part of this community of faith and love.

Thank you for being here.

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. More details about the Prayground may be found 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 in 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 18 months through 12th grade from 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Any questions? Ushers are glad to assist you.

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PREPARE

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

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

*Songs of Praise

Cry of My Heart The Faith We Sing Songbook 2165

Into My Heart
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2160

*Call to Worship

Bobbi Marino

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

The risen Christ is with us in our waking and in our sleeping;
in our coming in and our going out;
in our everyday, ordinary lives,
God is with us. Always and forever. Amen.

*Song of Response

Lord, Be Glorified
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2150

ENGAGE

Children's Message

Ben Hartman

*Prayer for Illumination

Bobbi Marino

Lord,

Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Bobbi Marino

Colossians 3:12-17

For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us,

Thanks be to God.

"Holy in the Everyday"

RESPOND

*Hymn of Faith

Christ Beside Me
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2166

*Prayer of Confession

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God,

We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Words of Grace and Forgiveness

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, <u>you</u> are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

*Sharing the Love and Peace of Christ

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Offertory: Listen
Written by Betty Schroeder
The Praise Team
John Toney, vocalist

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

A Service of Word and Table III
The United Methodist Hymnal 15

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:

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, 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 prepackaged 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 a person with limited mobility, please let the usher know and someone will bring communion to you.

Prayer After Receiving

Eternal God.

we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESS

Call to Action Pastor Lane

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

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2153, vs. 1 & 2

*Blessing and Sending Forth

*Postlude

WORSHIP NOTES

USHERS

Ushers for the 8:30 service are Beth Forester and Rhonda Tucker.

COFFEE TIME

After the 8:30 service, everyone is invited to the FLC for coffee and refreshments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW WORSHIP SERIES - HOLY IN THE EVERYDAY

Our lives are made up of a string of ordinary moments, and sometimes the ordinary begins to feel mundane or monotonous. But in these ordinary moments we can find God. In fact, each is a gift from God, an opportunity to be formed in God's grace and love. In our series "**Holy in the Everyday**," we will explore ordinary tasks like checking our email, eating leftovers, texting a friend, and drinking coffee to help us remember that we can meet God in every moment.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Church Council will hold its first meeting of 2023 on **Tuesday, January 31 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Library. This is an open meeting and everyone is invited to attend.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

This afternoon, **3 - 4:30 p.m.**, the Youth will be playing a game called Cards Christians Like. This game is a great opportunity for youth to show off their personality and sense of humor. All youth in grades 6 - 12 are invited to come to Room 201 in the Admin/Education Building and join the game.

YELLOW GROCERY BAGS

Don't forget to pick up a yellow grocery bag after worship for next week's Grocery Bag Sunday. If you are able, please put some extra items in your buggy for The Shepherd's Market.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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8:00 a.m. Praise Team Warm Up, 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. Youth Group, Youth Room

4:30 p.m. Music Makers, *Choir Room*

6:00 p.m. Alleuia Ringers, Bells' Room

Monday, January 30

7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC

9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group, *Parlor* 3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, *Library*

4:30 p.m. Ladies Covenant Group, *Parlor*

6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Tuesday, January 31

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC

6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting, *Library*

6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Wednesday, February 1

7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC

6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, February 2

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC

Friday, February 3

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor* 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, *FLC*

12:00 p.m. Nominations Committee, Library

Saturday, February 4

9:00 a.m. Watercolor Class, FLC-E

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

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC