

FROM THE CORNER

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JANUARY

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12 SUNDAY– Sunday School kickoff (9:30am)

12 SUNDAY– Baptism of Our Lord (10:50am)

14 TUESDAY– Tuesday Bible Study resumes (10:00am)

15 WEDNESDAY– Parents Night Out (6:00-7:30pm)

19 SUNDAY– United Methodist Men’s Breakfast (8:30am)

20 MONDAY– UMC Next Memphis Chapter Gathering (10:00am-4:30pm)

20 MONDAY– Church office and food pantry closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

26 SUNDAY– Rev Dr. Mark Matheny preaches (10:50am)

26 SUNDAY– Dorothy Day House’s Open House, Dedication , & House Blessing for their new home at 1161 Peabody (4:00pm)

FEBRUARY

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1 SATURDAY– Soup kitchen volunteers needed (3:30-5:30pm) Sign up with Annie (ahunter@stjohnsmidtown.org)

5 WEDNESDAY– The Service of Healing & Blessing (6:45pm)



THE WAY
a service of recovery

Johnny leads The Way this Friday at 6:00pm with Dave Smith, Steve Selvidge, Steve Potts, and Kurt Clayton.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Sunday School Our new season **begins today at 9:30am!** Find your fit by trying out any of our offerings! **Young Adults** (ROTC) ranges from college age to 50s. They’re beginning with a 3-week study, *The Wesley Challenge*, focused on the questions developed by John and Charles Wesley to encourage spiritual habits, practices, and actions. **In Medias Res** (Room 307) will also begin *The Wesley Challenge* for folks 50+. **Sojos** (Room 305) is delving into *Misquoting Jesus: The Story Behind Who Changed the Bible and Why They Did It* by Bart D. Ehrman. **Covenant** (Room 205) will utilize the Cokesbury Adult Bible Studies. **The Pastor’s Study** (fellowship hall) will spend January on the recent changes in The UMC with the implementation of The Traditional Plan and news of a proposal released in the last week.

UMC Next The Memphis Chapter of UMC Next will meet at St. John’s on **Monday, January 20, 10:00am-4:30pm** to plan for the year. Special guests include JJ Warren, Helen Ryde, and Herbert Lester! Links to register and volunteer are included in the Friday e-blast!

Soup Kitchen St. John’s leads soup kitchen again on **Saturday, Feb. 1.** Volunteers are needed from **3:30-5:30pm**. Contact Annie if you’re able to help (ahunter@stjohnsmidtown.org).



St. John’s

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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A Reconciling Congregation

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St. John’s welcomes everyone. Our hearts, minds, and doors are open to people of all ages, races, nationalities, sexual orientations, gender identities, theological identities, economic status, disabilities, and people who sojourn on the way to recovery and wholeness. We are a diverse community whose discipleship to Jesus Christ is demonstrated through our deep commitment to servant ministry. Welcome Home!

TODAY’S USHERS:

Lloyd Hearn, Mike Coop,
Charles Garrison, Herb Levy,
Ralph Morgan

TODAY’S COUNTERS:

Counters needed

Children’s worship materials are available at the front right of the sanctuary.

A Service of Word & Table

January 12, 2020 ❖ 10:50 a.m.

Baptism of the Lord

THE ENTRANCE

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Like a River Glorious”
Matthew Bogart, Piano

Bob Walters

+ *Call to Worship*

Come, all who are gathered to worship God:
Give our God glory and strength!

Let us sing to God the glory of God’s name
Worship God in holy splendor!

The voice of our God is over the waters.

The God of glory thunders over mighty waters.

+ *Opening Hymn TFWS 2248*

“Baptized in Water”

BUNESSAN

+ *Statement of Faith*

Bruce Prewer

**I believe in the God of Jesus of Nazareth,
who blesses the meek, the poor, and the persecuted,
exalts the least and saves the lost.**

**I believe in the Holy One whose dearest Child,
Jesus the Christ, pleased God far more than
tongue or pen can ever tell.**

**I believe in the baptized Christ,
and the community of love and hope
which grew around his word and witness.**

**I believe that he is the first citizen of a new race,
where the entry fee is Divine grace,
and the ground rules are shaped by love.**

I believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit,

by whom old things find new birth,
 and new things grow on to maturity,
 and the dead receive regeneration.
 I believe in one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
 and in the limitless life which flows for the healing of the nations. Amen.

+ *Gloria Patri*

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly
 Ghost; as it was in the be - gining, is now, and ev - er shall be,
 world with - out end. A - men. A - men.



PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Children's Message

Josh Shaw, Director of Children's Ministries

Prayers of the People

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer 605 vs. 1 – "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

BEACH SPRING

*Where your cleansing waters flow
 Number them among your people
 Bless as Christ blessed long ago
 Weave them garments bright and sparkling
 Compass them with love and light
 Fill, anoint them, send your Spirit
 Holy Dove and heart's Delight*

Morning Prayer

WORSHIP & MINISTRY STAFF

Rev'd Johnny Jeffords
Rev'd Mimi White
Matthew Bogart
Carol Craig
Alan Butler
Josh Shaw
Heather Ragland
Annie Hunter
Cynthia Green
Bill Dozier
Robert Phillips
Rose Holmes

Senior Pastor
Associate Pastor
Music Ministries
Organist
Youth Ministries
Children's Ministries
Office Manager
Communication
Reception
Building & Maintenance
Custodian
Housekeeper

This ministry is a blessing and a serious responsibility.
It recognizes your special gifts and calls you to work among us and for us.
In love we thank you for accepting your obligation and challenge you
to offer your best to the Lord, to this people, and to our ministry in the world.
Live a life in Christ and make him known in your witness and your work.
Today we install St. John's United Methodist Church Officials for 2020.
Do you this day acknowledge yourself a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ?

I do.

Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world?

I will.

Will you so live that you enable this church to be a people of love and peace?

I will.

Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the task
for which you have been chosen?

I will.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon these your servants
who have been given particular ministries in your church.
Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in your service.
Keep before them the example of our Lord,
who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for us all.
Let them share his ministry and consecration,
that they may enter into his joy.
Guide them in their work.
Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge
that through them your purposes are accomplished;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ *Benediction*

+ *Postlude*

“Trumpet Flourish”
Matthew Bogart, Organ

Leon Nelson

Anthem

“Shall We Gather at the River?”

John Carter

Chancel Choir

+ *The Holy Gospel—Matthew 3:14-17* (NRSV)

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at
the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John
would have prevented him, saying, “I need
to be baptized by you, and do you come to
me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be
so now; for it is proper for us in this way to
fulfill all righteousness.” Then he
consented. And when Jesus had been
baptized, just as he came up from the
water, suddenly the heavens were opened

to him and he saw the Spirit of God
descending like a dove and alighting on
him. And a voice from heaven said, “This
is my Son, the Beloved, (b) with whom I
am well pleased.”

b Or my beloved Son

The New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha:
New Revised Standard Version
Oxford University Press

Homily

Rev'd Dr. Jonathan L. Jeffords

“Be-Loved”

Celebration of the Baptismal Covenant IV - 50

Invitation to Table

Come to this table, not because you must but because you may,
not because you are strong, but because you are weak.
Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you a right to come,
but because you need mercy and help.
Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more.
Come, because he loved you and gave himself for you.
Come and meet the risen Christ, for we are his Body.

Prayer of Confession

The people of God have a human face.

We laugh, we weep, we wait in hope, we worry in fear.

We lift our eyes

and stub our toes,

we love, and struggle, we fail,
we stand and always we stand on trembling ground.
But God is God and Jesus is the Christ and the Spirit will lift up our feet.
God is in the center, God is at our endings.
Nothing lies beyond the love of God in Christ.

Silence is kept for personal confessions

Assurance of Pardon

God is God of the living.
The Holy One will make a place for you
that is full of life and love, forgiveness and humility, kindness and justice.
Your belonging to God is your salvation.
You may rest in that truth.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Passing the Peace

Offertory

“Deep River”
Mary McDonald, Soloist

Moses Hogan

+ *Doxology - 94*

***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!***

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving 13

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

Time of Receiving

*As you come forward you may reaffirm your baptismal vows at the font,
then move to the communion station to receive the sacrament.*

Communion Music

“Shall We Gather at the River”
Matthew Bogart, Piano

Joel Raney

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.**

SENDING FORTH

Invitation to Take the Journey

+ *Hymn of Response 400*

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

Installation of Church Officials for 2020

Dear friends,
you have been called by God
and chosen by the people of God for leadership in the church.