

God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer, Holy Spirit Our Comforter,  
Humankind Our Family

## Saint John AME Church

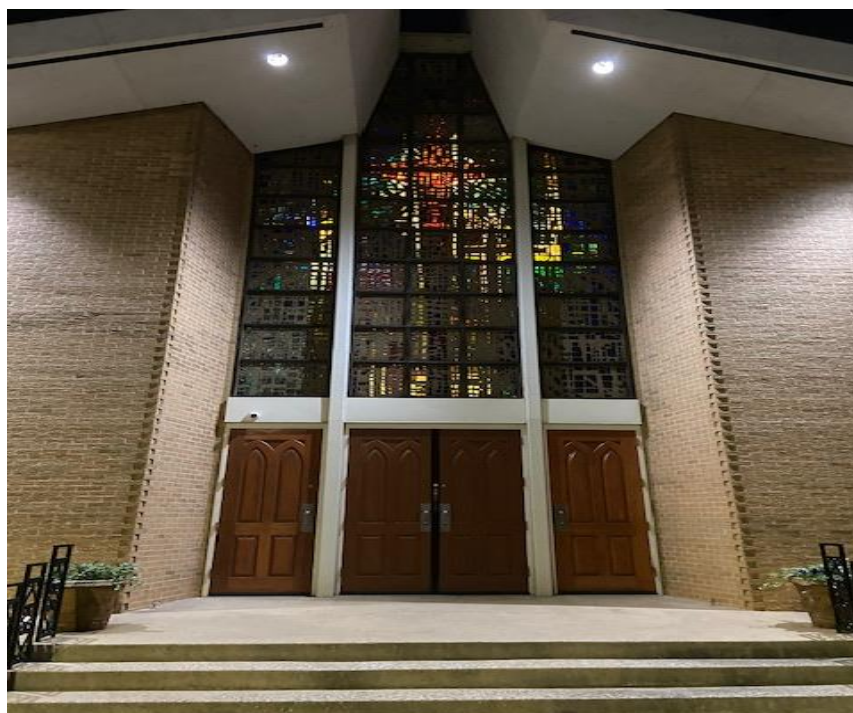
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### Mission

Saint John's mission is to "love God and love others" by ministering to the social, spiritual, and physical development of all people.



**Sunday, June 14, 2026**

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**The Praise & Worship.....Music Ministry**

**The Doxology**

**AMEC Hymn No. 647 [Tune: Old 100]**

*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.*

**The Call to Worship.....Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Outlaw**

**Leader:** I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord! Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

**People:** **For a day in your courts is better than a thousand, elsewhere, I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

**Leader:** For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

**People:** **They are planted in the house of the Lord, they flourish in the courts of our God.**

**Leader:** O Lord, I love the habitation of your house, and the place where your glory dwells.

**People:** **But the Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.**

**Leader:** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my Rock, and my Redeemer.

**People:** **O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, sing praises!**

**The Hymn of Praise.....“I Once Was Lost in Sin  
(Have A Little Talk With Jesus)”**

I once was lost in sin,  
But Jesus took me in,  
And then a little light from heaven filled my soul;  
It bathed my heart and love, and wrote my name above,  
And just a little talk with Jesus, made me whole.

**Refrain**

(Now let us)

Have a little talk with Jesus, (let us)  
Tell Him all about our troubles, (He will)  
Hear our faintest cry,  
(And He will)  
Answer by and by;  
((Now when you)  
Feel a little prayer will turning, (and you)  
Know a little fire is burning, (you will)  
Find a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

Sometimes my path seems drear,  
Without a ray of cheer,  
And then cloud of doubt may hide the light of day;  
The mists of sin may rise and hide the starry skies,  
But just a little talk with Jesus clears the way.

I may have doubts and fears,  
My eyes be filled with tears,  
But Jesus is a friend who watches day and night;  
I go to Him in prayer,  
He knows my every care,  
And just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

**The Invocation**

**The Choral Response.....The Young Adult Choir**

**The Scripture Lesson(s)**

**Old Testament .....Sister Dawn Thomas**

**Psalm 116:1-2**

**116** I love the LORD, because he has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.  
<sup>2</sup> Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

**"This is the Word of the Lord."**

**New Testament.....Sister Brittany Ford**  
**Romans 5:1-8**

**5** Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. **2** Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. **3** Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, **4** and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, **5** and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

**6** For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. **7** For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— **8** but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**"The Word of God for the people of God."**

**Gospel .....Sister Sandra Faye Spidell**  
**(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)**  
**Matthew 9:35-10:8**

**35** And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. **36** When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. **37** Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; **38** therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

**10** And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. **2** The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; **3** Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; **4** Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' <sup>8</sup> Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.

**"May the Lord bless the hearers and doers of His Word."**

### **The Preface to the Decalogue**

#### **AMEC Hymn No. 69 From All That Dwell Below the Skies**

*From all that dwell below the skies,*

*Let the Creator's praise arise;*

*Let the Redeemer's name be sung, Through every land, by every tongue.*

#### **The Decalogue (Summary)**

Hear what Christ our Savior saith, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto It; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**The Gloria Patri:** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

#### **Ministry of Stewardship (Tithes/Offerings/Benevolent)**

*All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.*

.....**Sister Doris Hardy**

#### **Announcements, Acknowledgements and Visitors**

.....**Sister Doris Hardy**

**The Worship through Music.....The Young Adult Choir**

**The Message.....Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Outlaw**

#### **The Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

**The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day, He arose from the Dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Church Universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

**Doxology (Contemporary)**

**Benediction..... Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Outlaw**