

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Please silence all electronic devices.

*Invites the congregation to stand

Gathering Music J. Noel Lance

Greeting Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

*Call to Worship

ONE: I was glad when they said unto me:

ALL: Let us go into the house of the Lord!

* Prayer of Submission

***Hymn of Praise** *Sing Out! Sound the Trumpets! Proclaim Jubilee!*
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Sing out! Sound the trumpets! Proclaim jubilee!
Through words from Isaiah, we came to be free;
for blest by the Spirit, Christ read from that scroll,
proclaiming his mission: to make our lives whole.

Refrain

Hear the word! Sing it out! It's good news to the poor!
Christ has come! Let us shout! We are captive no more!
Lost sight is restored, and God's world is set free:
Christ came to our world to proclaim jubilee.

But still, women struggle for lives free and fair,
and children are hungry, and loved ones despair.
Still, those long-oppressed or in prisons of fear
are longing to call this their jubilee year.

Refrain

Reading from the Gospel Dick Hester

Luke 4:14-30



ONE: Through these written words of scripture, we listen for the Living Word of God.

ALL: Those who have ears to hear, let them hear.

***Hymn** *Sing Out! Sound the Trumpets! Proclaim Jubilee!*
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O God, through your Christ you knelt down to the earth,
and by your own Spirit, you give us new birth.
May we as your church have a passion to share
Your jubilee love with the world everywhere.
Hear the word! Sing it out! It's good news to the poor!
Christ has come! Let us shout! We are captive no more!
Lost sight is restored, and God's world is set free:
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Family Dedication

Kelli and Eric McCombs present Hailey Anne McCombs

The Dedication Covenant Rev. Allison Benfield

MINISTER: Do you, Kelli and Eric, covenant together to raise Hailey in an environment of Christian love, harmony, and peace?

PARENTS: We do.

MINISTER: Do you covenant together to grant Hailey the benefits communal fellowship by nurturing her within the church, the corporate body of Christ?

PARENTS: We do.

MINISTER: Do you, congregation, covenant together as the larger family of God to create an atmosphere of support and guidance whereby Hailey can come to know and serve the Lord Jesus Christ?

CHURCH: We do.

MINISTER: Do you pledge to make your witness of such quality as to instruct Hailey in Christian discipleship?

CHURCH: We do.

MINISTER: Then, recognizing the covenant accepted this day by Kelli and Eric and by the congregation, I offer Hailey this Certificate acknowledging her formal introduction to this family of God.

Presentation of the Child Dr. Foust

Prayer of Dedication Dr. Foust

Song of Blessing Congregation

Hailey, Hailey, God claims you;
God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.
We this day do all agree a child of God you will always be.

Offertory Prayer Russell Norris

Offertory Tarsha Williams & J. Kevin Gray
Jubilee Naomi Raine, Katie and Bryan Torwalt

The Spirit of The Lord is upon me; I'm anointed to bring hope.
The promise fulfilled in a moment; we're still watching it unfold.
There's good news for the captive, a proclamation for every soul.
This liberty is for the broken, an invitation to be made whole.
Listen for the free man singing, he's delivered me.
Look out for the woman shouting, his garment made me clean.
Listen up, for the seasons changing. He's rebuilding everything.
Listen for the people shouting this is Jubilee.
There is true joy in his freedom, so open your heart and receive it.
There is a hope to believe in Jesus.

***Doxology** OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above ye heavenly host:
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Church at Prayer & the Lord's Prayer Rev. Lee Gray

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

Shirley Ballard, Katherine Barr, John Bragg, Tamara Edwards, Caroline Godsey,
Tish Philemon, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson,
Don Swofford, Elma Thomas, Dee Turner

We express our sympathy to the family of Martha Moore in her passing on January 18. We will gather in the St. John's sanctuary on Tuesday, February 1, at 2PM to celebrate Martha's life and ministry. This service will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel and a receiving line will follow the service at the front of the sanctuary to allow you to express your love to the Moore family.

A Time for Reflection J. Kevin Gray

Jesus proclaimed freedom and restoration to all who were oppressed. How are you speaking truth and freedom to those you live with and those you encounter?

Message Rev. Amy Chilton, PhD
"How Jesus Learned to Question Authority from a Widow Woman (and His Mom)"

***Hymn** *I Love to Tell the Story*
HANKEY

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

The Savior of all people has brought his peace to you;
now go and tell the story, for others need it too.
To ev'ry land and nation ring out the gospel call;
proclaim that Christ is risen and grants his peace to all.

Commissioning the Scattered Church Dr. Foust

Postlude J. Noel Lance

LIFE AT ST. JOHN'S

Youth Sunday: February 13

Every year, we celebrate the young people of our church on Youth Sunday. This year, Youth Sunday will be on February 13 during morning worship. Their commitments and dreams inspire us as they reveal their commitments to God's vision for the world.

Welcoming Jenny Godfrey!

As Mallory Brown is now working remotely and only part-time, we are glad to introduce Jenny Godfrey to you. Jenny is now working in the Administrative Assistant office on a temporary basis from 9:00 to 3:00 Monday through Thursday and 9:00 to 12:00 on Friday. You can reach her by phone at 704-333-5428, ext. 11 or by email at office@sjcharlotte.org. Jenny has lived in the Charlotte area for over 15 years. She is originally from Columbia, SC, and has a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of South Carolina. She has many years of experience working with senior adults as a social worker. She is currently enrolled at Central Piedmont Community College in the Business Administration program with a focus on Human Resources. She enjoys spending time with her dog and traveling.



Help us welcome Jenny!

Welcoming Rev. Jonathan Lee Walton, PhD!

Throughout our history, St. John's has enjoyed a close relationship with Wake Forest University. We are a founding church for Wake Forest University School of Divinity and are privileged to welcome the Dean of the School of Divinity, Rev. Jonathan Lee Walton, PhD, into the St. John's Pulpit on Sunday, February 20. Walton is a social ethicist whose scholarship focuses on evangelical Christianity and its relationship to mass media and political culture. Dean Walton's work and insights have been featured in several national and international news outlets including the New York Times, CNN, and the BBC.



We look forward to welcoming Dean Walton to St. John's on February 20!

Women's Retreat: March 4-5, 2022

- Retreat Title - *The Wholeness of God: God Beyond Gender*
- Facilitator - Rev. Martha D. Kearse, D.Min.
- Location - St. John's Baptist Church
- Dates - Friday evening through Saturday afternoon, March 4-5
- Register on Realm!

THE ST. JOHN'S PULPIT

Sunday, February 6, 2022

Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Worship Theme: Isn't That Just Like a Woman?

Message Title: The Day Jesus Silenced a Mob on Behalf of a Victimized Woman (John 8:2-11)

GUEST CONNECTION

If you would like information on how you can become a part of St. John's, please fill out one of the "For Our Guests" cards found on the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate. Our church staff will be happy to reach out to you and answer any questions you may have. Visit our website to find out more information regarding the many ministry opportunities available in the life of St. John's.

MOBILE GIVING AT ST. JOHN'S

You can text your contributions and offerings to St. John's! Text SJGIVE (not case sensitive) and the amount you would like to give (i.e. 10=\$10) to 73256 to give using your mobile device. When you receive a message, click on the link provided and follow the instructions. You will then receive a receipt to confirm your gift was received.

MINISTERS

Every participant in God's Servant Church

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Rev. Allison Benfield

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J. Kevin Gray

Minister for Congregational Care

Rev. Lee Gray

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Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

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**Isn't That Just Like a Woman?
Some Women Who Helped Jesus
Reveal the Mission of God**

**Sunday, January 30, 2022, at 10:30AM
ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA**