

| THE WORSHIP OF GOD | | |
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| Youth Sunday | | |
| <i>Please silence all electronic devices.</i> | | |
| *Invites the congregation to stand | | |
| Gathering Music | J. Noel Lance | |
| Greeting | Rev. Dennis W. Foust | |
| Church Conference | Sally Young | |
| *Call to Worship | Aluel Nyuon | |
| ONE: God has called us as one family here on Earth. | | |
| ALL: We may be different but are one in God's eyes. | | |
| ONE: We are holy from the moment of our birth. | | |
| ALL We are called as one. | | |
| ONE: Let us worship God! | | |
| *Hymn of Praise | <i>In Christ There Is No East or West</i> | |
| Chalice Hymnal No. 687 | ST. PETER | |
| In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one community of love throughout the whole wide earth. | | |
| In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord close binding humankind. | | |
| Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be; all children of the living God are surely kin to me. | | |
| In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north; all loving hearts are one in him throughout the whole wide earth | | |
| Prayer | Sophie Anne Sweet | |
| Song of Unity | Youth Choir | |
| <i>We Are One</i> | composed by J. Kevin Gray and the Youth | |
| I don't know where you're from, but I know that through love we are one, God has called us as one family here on Earth. | | |
| All genders and creeds, all races divine, we may be different, but are one in God's eyes. We are holy from the moment we are born we are called as one. | | |
| Chorus: One world, One Love, One God, Only different reflection of the same. When we see each other as we're created, We stand as one. | | |
| <i>When cued, Join the youth on the chorus</i> | | |

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| The Church at Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer | | Vija Chilton-Thompson |
| 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, Tamara Edwards, Caroline Godsey, Bill Hartsell, Ken Hungate, Maddie Minogue, Tish Philemon, Carole Ann Simpson, Don Swofford, Dee Turner | | |
| Sympathy to Kim Allen in the passing of her father, Fred Pendley, on February 5 | | |
| Reading from the Epistle | John Bragg | |
| Ephesians 2: 13-22 | | |
| But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So, then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God. | | |
| 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. | | |
| Offertory Prayer | Mattie Stillerman | |
| Offertory | J. Noel Lance | |
| *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. | | |
| Moments with the Younger Church | Nora Benton & Mattie Stillerman | |

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| *Hymn | Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race |
| Chalice Hymnal No. 485 | TALLIS CANNON |
| Diverse in culture, nation, race, we come together by your grace. God, let us be a meeting ground where hope and healing love are found. | |
| God, let us be a bridge of care connecting people everywhere. Help us confront all fear and hate and lust for power that separate. | |
| When chasms widen, storms arise, O Holy Spirit, make us wise. Let our resolve, like steel, be strong to stand with those who suffer wrong. | |
| God, let us be a table spread with gifts of love and broken bread, where all find welcome, grace attends, and enemies arise as friends. | |
| Messages | Wilson Gray & Abby Adams |
| *Hymn | All Are Welcome TWO OAKS |
| Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions. All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place. | |
| Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter. All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place. | |
| Signing of the Bible | Dr. Foust |
| *Benediction | Nora Benton, John Bragg, Mattie Stillerman |
| *Postlude | J. Kevin Gray |
| <i>The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God, in thanksgiving for the youth of St. John's and in honor of Martha Bryson on her birthday by her family. Martha's sons and stepdaughters also participated in youth week during years gone by.</i> | |
| Additional Youth Leadership Roles: | |
| Hymn and Song introductions: Natalie Turner, Lucy Priest, Nora Benton, Vija Chilton-Thompson | |
| Collecting the Offering: Lucy Priest, Will Stillerman, Natalie Turner, Emory Hinson, Dylan Redding, Max Priest, Parker Wilson, Whit Wilson | |
| Collecting Souper Bowl of Caring: Kenna Benton, Laura Sorrell, Brooks Sorrell, Dylan Redding | |

LIFE AT ST. JOHN'S

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!

To St. John's Current and Prospective College Students

The Martha Miller and J.P. Hackney Trust Fund was created through the will of Mildred Hackney Smith and provides grant money for St. John's members (or children of St. John's members) who plan to attend Furman University, Wake Forest University or Wingate University. If your plans for college next year include one of these three schools, you may wish to apply for one of the Hackney grants.

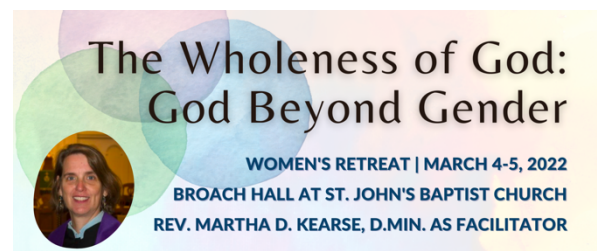
The deadline is March 31. For more information, contact Kim Ray, Chair of the Hackney Committee, at kim.ray0314@gmail.com.

Can you volunteer with the Backpack Ministry?

Volunteer for 1 hour each month and help relieve a child's hunger! We need someone to pack food backpacks on the 4th week each month. You can pack anytime between Saturday and Wednesday afternoon (at the church).



If interested, please email Jamie Loftis at jamieloftis@gmail.com. Thank you!



Register TODAY for the Women's Retreat! The retreat will take place in Broach Hall on Friday, March 4 from 6:30-9:00pm and on Saturday from 9:00am-3:30pm. Together with our

facilitator, Rev. Martha D. Kearse, D.Min., we will explore the Wholeness of God: God Beyond Gender. Women of all ages are invited to attend! Check out the details on Realm and register by February 25 through Realm or scan the QR code here.



THE ST. JOHN'S PULPIT

Sunday, February 20, 2022
Guest Proclaimer: Rev. Jonathan Lee Walton, PhD
Dean of the Wake Forest University School of Divinity.

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.

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Youth Sunday

Sunday, February 13, 2022, at 10:30AM

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