

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany

*Please silence all electronic devices.*

\*Invites the congregation to stand

**Gathering Music** J. Noel Lance

**Greeting** Rev. Lee Gray

**Centennial Recollections** Elizabeth Peacock

**Prayer of Submission** Rev. Gray

**\*Call to Worship** Rev. Gray

ONE: The living God reaches out to us and calls us together.

**ALL: Let us reach out to each other as God reaches for us.**

ONE: For in our connecting, we shall see the face of the One who has called us.

**ALL: Let us worship the living God!**

**\*Hymn of Praise** *Now Thank We All Our God*  
Chalice Hymnal No. 715, verses 1&2 NUN DANKET

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom the world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us full of grace, and guide us when perplexed;  
and free us through all ills in this world and the next.

**Readings from the Christian Scriptures** Mattie & Todd Stillerman

### Acts 2:14-17

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

### Acts 21:7-9

When we had finished the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais; and we greeted the believers and stayed with them for one day. The next day we left and came to Caesarea; and we went into the house of Philip the evangelist, one of the seven, and stayed with him. He had four unmarried daughters who had the gift of prophecy.

### Romans 16:1-2

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church at Cenchreae, so that you may welcome her in the Lord as is fitting for the saints and help her in whatever she may require from you, for she has been a benefactor of many and of myself as well.

### 2 Timothy 1:1-7

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason, I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

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.**

**Moment of Centering** J. Noel Lance

*Living God, help us to hear Your call, to see the dreams You have planted in our lives. Also, teach us to be nurturers of other peoples' callings and dreams.*

**Please join in singing when cued.**

*What A Friend We Have in Jesus* CONVERSE

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer:  
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer:

**The Church at Prayer and the Lord's Prayer** Rev. Allison Benfield

**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, Martha Brown, Stan Brown, Tamara Edwards, Caroline Godsey, Tish Philemon, Carole Ann Simpson, Don Swofford, Dee Turner

Congratulations to Dan & Carly Redding in the birth of their daughter, Margaret Grace Redding, on February 23. Dylan is the proud brother.

**\*Song** *Give Thanks*  
Chalice Hymnal No. 528 GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ his Son. **Repeat**

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
because of what the Lord has done for us. **Repeat**

Give thanks!

**Offertory Prayer** Paul Huffman

**Offertory** Chancel Choir  
*O That I Had a Thousand Voices* Jay Althouse

O, that I had a thousand voices, and with a thousand tongues could tell of him in whom the earth rejoices, who all things wisely does and well.

O, that I had a thousand praises, and with a thousand hymns could sing of him, whom all mankind upraises, one God of every living thing.

God of the wind and waters, and of the stars and sky, creator of the earth and heavens, praise the Lord most high.

O, that I had a thousand voices, and with a thousand tongues could tell of him in whom the earth rejoices, who all things wisely does and well. O, that I had a thousand voices.

**\*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.

**\*Hymn** *Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant*  
Chalice Hymnal No. 490, verse 1, 2, 5 GALILEE

Sister, let me be your servant, brother, let me walk with you;  
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow trav'lers on the road.  
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

Brother, let me be your servant, sister, let me walk with you;  
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

**Message** Dr. Foust  
*Cherish the Dream God Has Given You*

**\*Hymn of Discipleship** *We Are Called to Be God's People*  
BEACH SPRING

We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives God's grace,  
one in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.  
Let us show how God has changed us, and remade us as God's  
own, let us share our life together as we shall around God's throne.

We are called to be God's servants, working in this world today;  
taking God's own task upon us, all God's sacred words obey.  
Let us rise, then, to this summons, dedicate to God our all,  
that we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now the call.

**\*Commissioning the Scattered Church** Dr. Foust

**\*Postlude** J. Noel Lance

## Ash Wednesday at St. John's

Our Ash Wednesday Sacred Space is returning this Wednesday, March 2, from 10am-7pm in Broach Hall. Come walk the labyrinth and participate in other reflective stations for as long as you like. A minister will be present for the imposition of ashes. As you arrive, please use the Broach Hall doors. You will have access with your key fob or can buzz the office to be let in. After 4 (when our school programs are gone for the day) we will have the door unlocked.

## 2022 Community & State Missions Offering

The Mission Resource Team has set a goal of \$5,000 for the 2022 Community & State Missions Offering, collected in February and March. This year, the offering will be divided evenly with 50% going to the Wake Forest University School of Divinity (state group recipient) and 50% going to Refugee Support Services (community group recipient). Both organizations will use their portion of the offering in whatever manner they deem most appropriate. Help us reach the \$5,000 goal by giving today!

## Charlotte Knights - SAVE THE DATE!

St. John's Baptist members and guests will be going to see the Charlotte Knights play the Norfolk Tides on Sunday, May 22, at 1:00 pm. In the next few weeks, we will send out a sign-up email.

## EASTER LILIES

This year, we are offering assorted Calla Lilies to reduce the pollen and help everyone enjoy this glorious Sunday of worship. The cost is \$18.50 each. Be sure to indicate if the Lily is In Memory of or in Honor of a loved one. All orders must be placed by Sunday, March 13. You can order via Realm OR fill out and tear off the form below to turn into Jenny in the office with your payment.

Calla Lily Order Form 2022	
	Donor name and telephone: _____
I will give _____ (number) lilies at \$18.50 each. in memory of _____	<input type="checkbox"/> I wish to pick up my lilies.
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to pick up my lilies.
in honor of _____	
	The deadline to place your order is Sunday, March 13, 2022 with Jenny in the office.
Please enclose or send cash/check with this order form with checks being made payable to St. John's Baptist Church with "Easter Lilies" in the memo line.	

## THE ST. JOHN'S PULPIT

Sunday, March 6, 2022  
Proclaimer: Rev. Martha D. Kearse, D.Min.  
Scriptures: Proverbs 9:1-6, Matthew 25:1-13, Genesis 1:31  
Theme: God Has Declared Us Good!

## 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

## EQUIPPING MINISTERS

**Minister for Spiritual Growth**  
Rev. Allison Benfield  
**Minister for Worship & Music**  
J. Kevin Gray  
**Minister for Congregational Care**  
Rev. Lee Gray  
**Senior Minister**  
Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

## SUPPORT STAFF

**Church Administrator**  
Jacquelyn McAbee  
**Administrative Assistant**  
Jenny Godfrey  
**Custodial Staff**  
Chris Mullis & Debora Thon  
**Organist**  
J. Noel Lance  
**Weekday School Director**  
Lydia Olmstead  
**Sound and Video Team**  
Thomas Merchant & Matt Comer  
**Communications and Administrative Support**  
Mallory Brown & Derek Henson

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**Sunday, February 27, 2022, at 10:30AM**  
**ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA**