

THE WORSHIP OF GOD	
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	
<i>Please silence all electronic devices.</i>	
*Invites the congregation to stand	
Gathering Music	J. Noel Lance
Greeting	Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
Call to Service	Jason Benton
*Call to Worship	Dr. Foust
ONE: We see light, hope, and joy; ALL: We bring heart, soul, mind, and body; ONE: We share blessings and fears; ALL: We bring faith and doubt. ONE: With all that we are and all that we have, ALL: Let us worship God.	
*Prayer of Submission	Dr. Foust
*Hymn of Praise	<i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i> Chalice Hymnal No. 22, verses 1 & 4LASST UNS ERFREUEN
All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us and sing; Alleluia, Alleluia! O burning sun with golden beam, O silver moon with softer gleam, O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!	
And all forgiven tender hearts, forgiving others, take your part, sing praises, Alleluia! You who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God who knows your every care! O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!	
Reading from the Gospel	Steven Follis
John 8:2-11	
Early in the morning Jesus came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, they said to him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” She said, “No one, sir.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.”	
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.	

The Church at Prayer		Rev. Lee Gray
Prayer Concerns & Celebrations		
Shirley Ballard, Katherine Barr, Tamara Edwards, Caroline Godsey, Tish Philemon, Carole Ann Simpson, Don Swofford, Dee Turner		
Hymn of Response	Congregation	
Grace Greater than Our Sin		MOODY
Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt! Grace that is greater yes, grace untold, points to the refuge, the mighty cross. Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!		
Offertory Prayer	Patti Klein	
Offertory	Renee Hutchison, Renee Crawford & Ashley Maready	
Down to the River to Pray		Arr. Debora Morton
*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.		
Message	Dr. Foust	
The Day Jesus Silenced a Mob on Behalf of a Victimized Woman		
*Hymn	Amazing Grace	
Chalice Hymnal No. 546, verses 1, 2 & 4		NEW BRITAIN
Amazing Grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now I'm found was blind but now I see.		
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.		
Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come. 'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.		
Invitation to the Lord's Table	Dr. Foust	
St. John's observes the communion tradition of an OPEN TABLE. This is the Lord's Table, and all are welcome here. No person is excluded from Christ's broad invitation for any reason. "Come to me," Jesus said.		
Serving of the Bread and Cup		
Presentation of New Members	Sally Young	
Clinton Dietz, Becky Priest, Max Priest, Delbridge Narron		

Reading of the Church Covenant	
United in the faith that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, revealed in history, disclosed in the Scriptures, and experienced in human life, we do solemnly and joyfully make this Covenant together:	
We will be faithful to the public worship of God, gathering with the family of the church to celebrate His glory and remember His grace.	
We will take seriously the responsibility and privilege of personal Christian growth, diligently seeking to establish and maintain a Christian atmosphere in our homes.	
We will love and encourage each other in the family of the Church, and admonish each other as occasion may require. Our differences will not separate us but rather increase our understanding and strengthen the bonds of Christian love.	
We will be faithful stewards, as God has prospered us, contributing our financial support for the Church and its ministries and offering ourselves for God's work in the world.	
We will, with God's help, so live our lives that others, seeing the joy of Christian living, may seek to know Jesus Christ our Lord.	
We will be a servant Church, recognizing the infinite worth of every person and believing that Christ has called us to active involvement in behalf of human brotherhood. In the spirit of this covenant, we pray together:	
<i>Almighty God, Father of us all, witness this Covenant which we make with each other and with Thee. Guide us as we try to do that which pleases Thee, to the glory of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.</i>	
*The Lord's Prayer	<i>The Lord's Prayer</i> Chalice Hymnal No. 307Albert Malotte
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	
*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 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!

THE ST. JOHN'S PULPIT

Sunday, February 13, 2022

Youth Sunday at St. John's

*Our youth will lead each aspect of our worship
next Sunday morning.*

*We hope you will join us for this special
service of worship.*

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

Sunday, February 6, 2022, at 10:30AM
ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA