

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*Please silence all electronic devices.*

\*Invites the congregation to stand

**Gathering Music** J. Noel Lance

**Greeting** Rev. Dennis W. Foust PhD

**Call to Service**

**\*Call to Worship** Haley Blackwell

ONE: We gather as God's children,

**ALL: Loved and called to minister to the world.**

ONE: In all situations in life,

**ALL: May we tune our hearts to sing God's praise.**

**\*Prayer of Submission** Haley Blackwell

**\*Hymn of Praise** *Creator God, Creating Still*  
Chalice Hymnal No. 62 ST. ANNE

**Family Dedication**

**Elizabeth Peacock & Steve Miller present Mabry Anne Miller**

*The Dedication Covenant* Dr. Foust

MINISTER: Do you, Elizabeth and Steve, covenant together to raise Mabry in an environment of Christian love, harmony, and peace?

PARENTS: We do.

MINISTER: Do you covenant together to grant Mabry the benefits communal fellowship by nurturing Mabry 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 Mabry 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 Mabry in Christian discipleship?

CHURCH: We do.

MINISTER: Then, recognizing the covenant accepted this day by Elizabeth and Steve and by the congregation, I offer Mabry this certificate acknowledging her formal introduction into this family of God.

*Presentation of the Child* Dr. Foust

*Prayer of Dedication* Dr. Foust

*Song of Blessing* Congregation

Mabry, 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.  
Mabry, God claims you;  
God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

**Reading from the Hebrew Scripture**

Nehemiah 2:11-18

Patti Klein

So, I came to Jerusalem and was there for three days. Then I got up during the night, I and a few men with me; I told no one what my God had put into my heart to do for Jerusalem. The only animal I took was the animal I rode. I went out by night by the Valley Gate past the Dragon's Spring and to the Dung Gate, and I inspected the walls of Jerusalem that had been broken down and its gates that had been destroyed by fire. Then I went on to the Fountain Gate and to the King's Pool; but there was no place for the animal I was riding to continue. So, I went up by way of the valley by night and inspected the wall. Then I turned back and entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned. The officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing; I had not yet told the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the officials, and the rest that were to do the work. Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in, how Jerusalem lies in ruins with its gates burned. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, so that we may no longer suffer disgrace." I told them that the hand of my God had been gracious upon me, and also the words that the king had spoken to me. Then they said, "Let us start building!" So, they committed themselves to the common good.

ONE: This is the written word of God for the people of God.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**Song** Karen Blankenship, Renee Crawford & J. Kevin Gray  
*Working on a Building* Traditional American song/lyrics by J. K Gray

**Chorus:** I'm working on a building, it's a true foundation.

I'm holding up a banner, for my Lord, for my Lord.

Well I may get tired, and I may get weary, but I'll keep on working for my Lord, for my Lord.

Verse 1: If I were a teacher, I tell you what I'd do  
I'd teach all the world to love till God's face came into view.

**Chorus**

Verse 2: If I were a lawyer, I tell you what I'd do  
I'd proclaim God's justice through the work I'm called to do.

**Chorus**

Verse 3: No matter your vocation there's a calling just for you, we are to be the Church of God, so there's building work to do.

**Chorus:** Congregation may join in

**The Church at Prayer and 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**

Tarsha Williams, Arnold Philemon, Martha Brown, Sierra Leone

**Reading from the Gospel**

Matthew 28:16-20

Aidan Salmeron

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

ONE: This is the written word of God for the people of God.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**\*Hymn** *The Church of Christ in Every Age*  
Chalice Hymnal No. 475, vs. 1, 3 & 5 WAREHAM

**Message** Dr. Foust  
*How and Why the Church Must Change*

**\*Hymn of Discipleship** *We Are the Church that has Transformed*  
Lyrics by J. Kevin Gray CORONATION

We are the church that has transformed, and God transforms us still.  
Expanding what we knew before as we seek out God's will.  
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Through Jesus we see God's own heart, we see God's loving face.  
God's love has neither bounds nor end, its' infinite as space.  
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**Offertory Prayer** Sally Young

**Offertory Anthem** Chancel Choir  
*Child of God* Mark Miller

No matter what people say, say or think about me, I am a child, I am a child of God.

No matter what people say, say or think about you, you are a child, you are a child of God.

No matter what the world says, says or thinks about me, I am a child, I am a child of God.

No matter what the church says, decisions, pronouncements on you, you are a child, you are a child of God.

And there is no thing, or no one who can separate, they can't separate you from the truth that you're someone, you are family, you are meant to be, a child, a child of God! You are a child, a child of God!

**\*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.

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

**\*Postlude** J. Noel Lance

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 2022 Global Missions Offering

Our goal for this year's annual Global Missions Offering is \$25,000. Help us reach our goal! So far, we have raised \$15,935!



Where will this offering go?

\$20,000 will go to support our friends at the Nyarweng School, South Sudan. \$5,000 will go to Project Ruth to support those affected by the war in Ukraine. You can give towards this goal today by donating online and specifying Global Missions or by writing "Global Missions" in the memo line on your check.

## Women of the Church Luncheon

Save the date and mark your calendars for the 2022 Women of the Church Luncheon after worship on Sunday, September 18!



More details to come.

## Ice Cream Social TODAY after Worship

St. John's is hosting an ice cream social on August 21st directly after worship in Broach Hall. We will have burgers and hotdogs for sale as well as ice cream with ALL the toppings.

## Charlotte Pride Parade TODAY!

The Charlotte Pride parade returns to Uptown for the first time since the pandemic shutdown THIS AFTERNOON. After the lunch and ice cream social today, we will make our way Uptown for the parade. Join us as we share the joy that God loves everyone with our city!

## A good problem to have!

With nineteen babies born in the church family in the last couple of years, we have a growing children's program and an increased need for loving volunteers to provide care in our nursery and children's classrooms on Sunday mornings. Volunteers are asked to commit to just one Sunday a month. Children's programming will resume after Labor Day on Sunday, 9/11/22. If you are willing to work in our nursery or one of our children's classrooms one Sunday a month, or if you would just like to substitute, please contact Mindy Vergakis at [mindyvergakis@hotmail.com](mailto:mindyvergakis@hotmail.com) or Amanda Morrison in the church office.

## St John's is looking for Greeters! Are you interested in serving?

St. Johns is looking for 5-10 Greeters to welcome members and guests on Sunday morning between Sunday School and Worship Service in the 10:05 - 10:35 time slot. You will only need to serve one Sunday every couple of months or more often if you wish. The duties are simple, just give a St. John's welcome to anyone who is joining us for worship and point them in the right direction.



If you are interested and can spare a few minutes in this time slot on Sunday mornings please send Jeff Almond a note or give him a call at [Jeff.Almond@me.com](mailto:Jeff.Almond@me.com) or 704-957-6018, he will be glad to sign you up starting this fall as our new church year begins.

## Faith Journey Book Study Announcement

Faith Journey Book Study books (*What Good Is God?* by Philip Yancey) are available in the church office for \$12. There are extra books if you have not preordered. The study starts on Monday, September 12 at 11:30 in the church lounge. All are welcome!

## St. John's Baptist Church

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## The St. John's Pulpit

Worship on Aug. 28  
Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust PhD  
Sermon Theme: The God Who Calls Us to Follow Jesus  
Sermon Title: *What's Right About the Church?*  
Scriptures: John 17:14-21

## This Week at St. John's

Sun., Aug. 21	9:15 am	Sunday School/ Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
	11:30 am	Lunch & Ice Cream Social (Broach Hall)
	1:00 pm	Charlotte Pride Parade (Offsite)
Mon., Aug. 22		Weekday School Staff Return
	9:00 am	Weekday School Teacher Meeting (Lounge)
	9:30 am	Adventures in Learning-Shepherd's Center (Broach Hall)
	2:00 pm	Staff meeting/worship planning (Conference Room)
Tuesday, Aug. 23	6:30 pm	NAMI Family Support Group (Room 103)
	6:30 pm	NAMI Peer Support Group (Room 104)
	7:00 pm	Sherrill Basketball (Gym)
Wed., Aug. 24	10:00 am	SHIIP Medicare Volunteer Social/Recognition (Lounge)
Thursday, Aug. 25		
Friday, Aug. 26		
Saturday, Aug. 27	6:30 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	8:00 pm	Together We Rise NA (Lasater Hall)

## Membership and Ministry

If you would like information on how you can become a member of St. John's, please call the church office (704.333.5428) or fill out one of the "For Our Guests" cards found on the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate. One of our ministers 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.

## Ministers

*Every participant in God's Servant Church*

### Equipping Ministers

Minister for Worship and Music.....J. Kevin Gray  
Minister for Congregational Care..... Rev. Lee Gray  
Minister for Youth and Young Adults..... Haley Blackwell  
Senior Minister.....Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

## Church Staff

Custodians.....Chris Mullis, Debora Thon  
Media Coordinator..... Mallory Brown  
Ministry Coordinator.....Amanda Morrison  
Organist..... J. Noel Lance  
Weekday School Director..... Lydia Olmstead



The God Who Creates and Recreates the Church Age by Age

Sunday, August 21, 2022, at 10:30 AM  
**ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA**