

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Please silence all electronic devices.

*Invites the congregation to stand

Gathering Music J. Noel Lance
Greeting J. Kevin Gray
Call to Service Todd Stillerman
***Call to Worship** J. Kevin Gray

ONE: Lord of our life, Lord of our Journey,

ALL: We lift our song of praise to You.

ONE: Grant us wisdom to follow You as we travel through this life.

ALL: Let Your ways be our ways.

ONE: When we feel afraid, remind us that You never leave us, that You are with us always.

ALL: Let us rejoice, for You are our comfort, strength, and courage, and we will worship You with our whole hearts!



***Prayer of Submission** J. Kevin Gray

***Hymns of Praise** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*
Chalice Hymnal No. 622, CWM RHONDDA

Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land:
I am weak but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow
Let the fiery cloudy pillar, lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside
Bear me through the swelling current land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.



Reading from the Epistles Ashley Maready
Romans 8:31-39

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? God did not withhold God's own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will not God with the Son also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

As it is written,
'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered. No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through God who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Spoken Meditation

We all wrestle with fear and doubt.

I feel this fear most profoundly when I imagine I am alone, drifting in a sea of frightening possibilities.

I remember these moments vividly, yet I also remember times when I allowed hands to reach out to me, hands that pulled away the emotional vines that bound me and showed me I was not alone, hands that represented the Holy Spirit of God.

These hands reminded me that God was working through others, and in me, in ways, I could not completely understand. God is my Rock, my salvation!

And as I have experienced God's grace more and more, the fearful times in my life seem less overwhelming, and my bravery grows.

When I feel myself sinking I think back to the story of Peter walking on the water, and I turn my eyes to God and expect that helping hand to appear.

Sung Meditation

Turn to God in All things

Congregation
Arr. David Glasgow

1. Choir
2. Congregation and Choir
3. All repeat



The Church at Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Joanne Compton

**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.**

Kimberly Follis



Prayer Concerns

Tarsha Williams, Pauline Funderburk,
Linda Finger, Rob Sellers, Arnold Philemon
Memorial Service for Ken Childers is on
Thursday, August 11th at 11:00 PM



*Medley of Hymns

Be Still My Soul

Be still, my soul; your God will undertake
To guide the future surely as the past;
Your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
The voice that calmed them in this world below.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Standing on the Promises

Standing on the promises of Christ my King through eternal ages let his
praises ring Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing
Standing on the promises of God
Standing on the promises of God
Standing, standing
Standing on the promises of God my Savior
Standing, standing
Standing on the promises of God

Message

Brave Enough

Laura Franks Benton

*Hymn of Discipleship

Chalice Hymnal No. 459, Verse 5

Lord, You Give the Great Commission
ABBOT'S LEIGH

Lord, you blessed with words assuring" I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Offertory Prayer

Bert Green

Offertory Anthem

God is My Strong Salvation

Chancel Choir
Arr. Austin Loveless

*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

Laura Franks Benton

*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!



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.

Highland Renaissance Academy Collection

Throughout the month of August, St. John's is committed to collecting items to help the students at Highland Renaissance Academy. Starting today, two barrels are set up at the Main Entrance. In one barrel, we will collect canned soup and fruit cups. In the other barrel, we will collect school supplies of all sorts (glue sticks, pencils, notebooks, child scissors). Drop off these essential supplies to help these sweet students! Questions? Contact Becky Skidmore at beckyskidmore@carolina.rr.com.

Ice Cream Social on August 21

St. John's is going to host an ice cream social on August 21st directly after worship. We will have food trucks as well as ice cream with ALL the toppings. After this event, we will participate in the Charlotte Pride Parade in Uptown Charlotte! If you would like to sign up to make homemade ice cream, please reach out to Meg Bond at 980-225-2824. We look forward to seeing you as we begin our regathering weeks at the end of summer break.



Charlotte Pride Parade: August 21

The Charlotte Pride parade returns to Uptown for the first time since the pandemic shutdown on Sunday, August 21. After the lunch and ice cream social after worship, we will make our way Uptown for the parade. **Scan the QR code to register to attend with us and to learn more details.**



Faith Journey Book Study

The Faith Journey book study will begin its fall study on September 12. The book for discussion will be What Good is God? The Search of a Faith That Matters by Philip Yancey. Books will be available for \$12. The group meets each Monday at 11:30 am at the church. Don't hesitate to contact Kathy Bragg or Loretta Brown if you are interested in joining the group.

We have a very good problem!

With nineteen babies born in the church family in the last couple of years, we have a growing children's program! Of course, this means we need more volunteers to provide care during Sunday School and Worship on Sunday mornings. For safety, we must have at least two workers in each classroom. Volunteers are asked to commit to one Sunday a month, so it's not onerous but a fun time to be with our youngest members. 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 like to substitute, please contact Mindy Vergakis at mindyvergakis@hotmail.com or Amanda Morrison in the church office.

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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship on Aug. 14
Proclaimer: Haley Blackwell
Sermon Title: *Brave Enough*
Scriptures: *Romans 8:31-39*

This Week at St. John's

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| Sun., Aug. 7 | All Day 8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 am | In-town Youth Mission Trip Church Council (Conference Room) Sunday School/ Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person) Worship (Sanctuary) Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel) |
| Mon., Aug. 8 | All Day 9:30 am 2:00 pm 6:30 pm 8:00 pm | In-town Youth Mission Trip Adventures in Learning-Shepherd's Center (Broach Hall) Staff meeting/worship planning (Conference Room) Administrative Deacon Panel (Lounge) Eastway AA (Lasater Hall) |
| Tuesday, Aug. 9 | All Day 7:00 pm | In-town Youth Mission Trip Sherrill Basketball (Gym) |
| Wed., Aug. 10 | 10:00 am 4:15 pm 6:30 pm | Needle Ministry (Lounge) Basketball Training Lewis (Gym) Mission Resource Team (Room 204) |
| Thursday, Aug. 11 | 11:00 am 4:15 pm | Ken Childers Memorial Service (Sanctuary) Basketball Training Lewis (Gym) |
| Friday, Aug. 12 | 8:00 pm | Eastway AA (Lasater Hall) |
| Saturday, Aug. 13 | 6:30 am 8:00 pm | Benton Basketball (Gym) 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 MusicJ. Kevin Gray
Minister for Congregational CareRev. Lee Gray
Senior Minister Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Church Staff

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



Sunday, August 7, 2022, at 10:30 AM
ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA