

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Please silence all electronic devices.

*Invites the congregation to stand

Gathering Music J. Noel Lance

Living God, as we enter these moments of worship, renew our spirit, and remind us that we are Your people. Teach us how to make a real difference in a world that needs the light of your wisdom and the touch of Your grace.

Greeting Rev. Dennis W. Foust PhD

Call to Service Lia Benton & J. Kevin Gray

Church Conference: Marc Cardella
Recommendation from Minister for Children and their Families search team

***Call to Worship** Haley Blackwell

ONE: We have gathered as the Church of Jesus.

ALL: The Jesus who was in and from God

ONE: As God called him, to change the world,

ALL: Let us follow in his footsteps and do the same.

***Prayer of Submission** Haley Blackwell

***Hymn of Praise** All Hail the Power of Jesus Name
Chalice Hymnal No. 92 DIADEM

Reading from the Gospel Amanda Morrison
Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

***Hymn** There's Just Something About that name & He is Lord

Jesus. Jesus. Jesus.
There is something about that name.
Master. Savior. Jesus.
Like the fragrance after the rain.
Jesus. Jesus. Jesus. Let all heaven and earth proclaim.
That kings and kingdoms will pass away,
But there's something about that name.

He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Reading from the Gospel David Allen
John 18:33-38

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this, I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate asked him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him.

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Reflections on What it Means to Follow Jesus: Haley Blackwell



***Song of Commitment** I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
Chalice Hymnal No. 344, vs. 1&2

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.

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,
Joyce Ehrenberger, Sierra Leone

Choir Anthem Chancel Choir
They Shall Soar Like Eagles Laura Manzo

Message Rev. Dennis W. Foust PhD
Is Jesus Christ for You?

***Hymn of Discipleship** God Our Author and Creator
HYFRYDOL

God our Author and Creator, in whose life we find our own,
make our daily witness greater, by our lives make Your love known.
Help us show how love embraces those whom fear and greed down trod;
In all yearning hearts and faces let us see a child of God.

Like those first apostles, Savior, give us strength to love and serve:
When our fainting spirits waiver, fire our hearts and steal our nerve.
Teach us wisdom and compassion: bid our restless thoughts be still;
By your guidance help us fashion lives conformed unto your will.

Offertory Prayer Jeff LeVie

Offertory Solo J. Kevin Gray
Take My Life and Let it Be Arr. Chris Tomlin

***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
Trumpet Tune Douglas Wagner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Organ Extravaganza: A Centennial Celebration Concert

On September 23 at 7:30PM in the Sanctuary, St. John's will celebrate one hundred years of witness and service through music.

We have invited two former organists, Dr. Andre Lash and Maureen Howell, back to our glorious Letourneau organ console to make our sanctuary sing! They will be joined by our current organists Noel Lance and Dr. Matthew Manwarren.

The concert will be about an hour and fifteen minutes in length and will feature a whole host of musical styles and keyboard ensembles. If you enjoy piano and organ literature this is going to be a concert you will not want to miss this free concert!

Craft Fair & Bake Sale on Sunday, October 16

The Needle and Craft ministry will be having a Craft Fair & Bake Sale this fall on October 16 after the worship service. Our proceeds will be donated to a worthy cause, not yet determined. Please put this date on your calendars and plan to come and purchase crafts and baked goodies for a cause. We need your help with any craft items or baked goods you could donate to sell. We also need some help with sewing some items we would like to offer. We have some fabric and can cut the items out if you could help us with sewing them.

Please call Tricia Miller (704-562-4818) if you can help. Looking forward to having this annual event up and running in 2022.

Salt Shakers Is Back!

At St. John's we have few occasions to get together informally and meet new members or get better acquainted with people we pass in the hall or see in the Sanctuary. Salt Shakers is a church-wide effort to provide a setting for this fellowship...an opportunity to get to know one another a little better! Sponsored by the Ministry Panel, Salt Shakers is designed to provide four evenings of dinner and conversation for any adult who wants to participate. Each dinner is hosted in a different home and attended by a different group of seven or eight people.



Scan this QR code for more info!



Scan this QR code to register online!

Al Staggs: October 15, 2022

In 2020, Al Staggs was scheduled to come and present his one-person show, "A View from the Underside: The Life and Legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer." Then, the COVID-19 pandemic devastated our world, causing us and so many others to cancel long-planned and highly anticipated events. Now, in the fall of 2022, two years after our original plan with Al Staggs, we finally have him coming to St. John's to present his dramatic play from the Sanctuary on Saturday, October 15 at 6PM. This play, "A View from the Underside," brings the life of one of the great heroes of the twentieth century, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, to the stage. This is brought to you by the McLeod-Brown Fund of St. John's Baptist Church.

Purchase your \$10 tickets TODAY through Eventbrite. Scan the QR Code here to purchase your tickets today.



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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship on Sept. 25

Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust PhD

Sermon Theme: God's Gift of Salvation as Both a Personal & a Social Transformational Phenomenon

Sermon Title: "Saved from What, To What, For What"

Scriptures: Luke 15:1-13; John 3:16-21

This Week at St. John's

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| Sun., Sept. 18 | 9:15 am | Sunday School/ Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person) |
| | 9:30 am | New Deacon Orientation |
| | 10:30 am | Worship (Sanctuary) |
| | 10:30 am | Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel) |
| | 11:30 am | Women of the Church Luncheon (Broach Hall) |
| | 5:00 pm | Youth SNL |
| Mon., Sept. 19 | 8:00 am | Finance Resource Team (Zoom) |
| | 11:00 am | Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge) |
| | 2:00 pm | Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room) |
| Tuesday, Sept. 20 | 10:00 am | Needle Ministry (Lounge) |
| | 10:00 am | Sandwich Ministry (Lounge) |
| | 6:30 pm | NAMI "Family to Family" class (Lounge) |
| | 7:00 pm | Sherrill Basketball (Gym) |
| Wed., Sept. 21 | 4:30 pm | Communities in Schools: Welcome Back (Main Parking Lot) |
| | 6:00 pm | Lewis - Basketball (Gym) |
| Thursday, Sept. 22 | 6:00 pm | Right Move for Youth Volunteer Kick-off (Broach Hall) |
| Friday, Sept. 23 | 7:30 pm | Heritage Organ Extravaganza (Sanctuary) |
| Saturday, Sept. 24 | 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
Associate Organist..... Dr. Matthew Manwarren
Children's Music Director Chloe Hall
Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted



Sunday, September 18, 2022, at 10:30 AM

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