

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*Please silence all electronic devices.*

\*Invites the congregation to stand

## Words of Greeting

Haley Blackwell

## Moments of Preparation for Worship

ONE: "I was glad when they said unto me...,

**ALL: Let us go into the house of the Lord."**

## Entrance of the Christ Candle

Tallon Cardella

## Preparing our Hearts

Lord God of Sabaoth

Chancel Choir

Katherine Davis

Lord God of Sabaoth, maker of heaven and earth, we lift our hearts to Thee, Praising Thy holy name, Lord of Lords eternal, now and evermore the same. Now every heart is still, teach us to do Thy will. Teach us to turn to Thee, Till all our strivings cease. Grant Thy blessing, grant Thy holy peace.

## \*Call to Worship

J. Kevin Gray

ONE: From our homes and varied lives we have gathered to worship the Living God.

**ALL: May we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear, our minds to know, and our hearts to the shaping of God's movement upon our lives.**

ONE: Like Christ, we have been called and anointed to be God's living embodiment in the world.

**ALL: Let us worship God, renewed and filled with excitement, ready to share what we have witnessed and experienced in God's presence.**

## \*Prayer of Submission

J. Kevin Gray

## \*Hymn of Praise

Chalice Hymnal No. 2.

Joy, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

## Reading from the Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

Nancy Wilson

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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.**

## Musical response

Wait for the Lord

Congregation

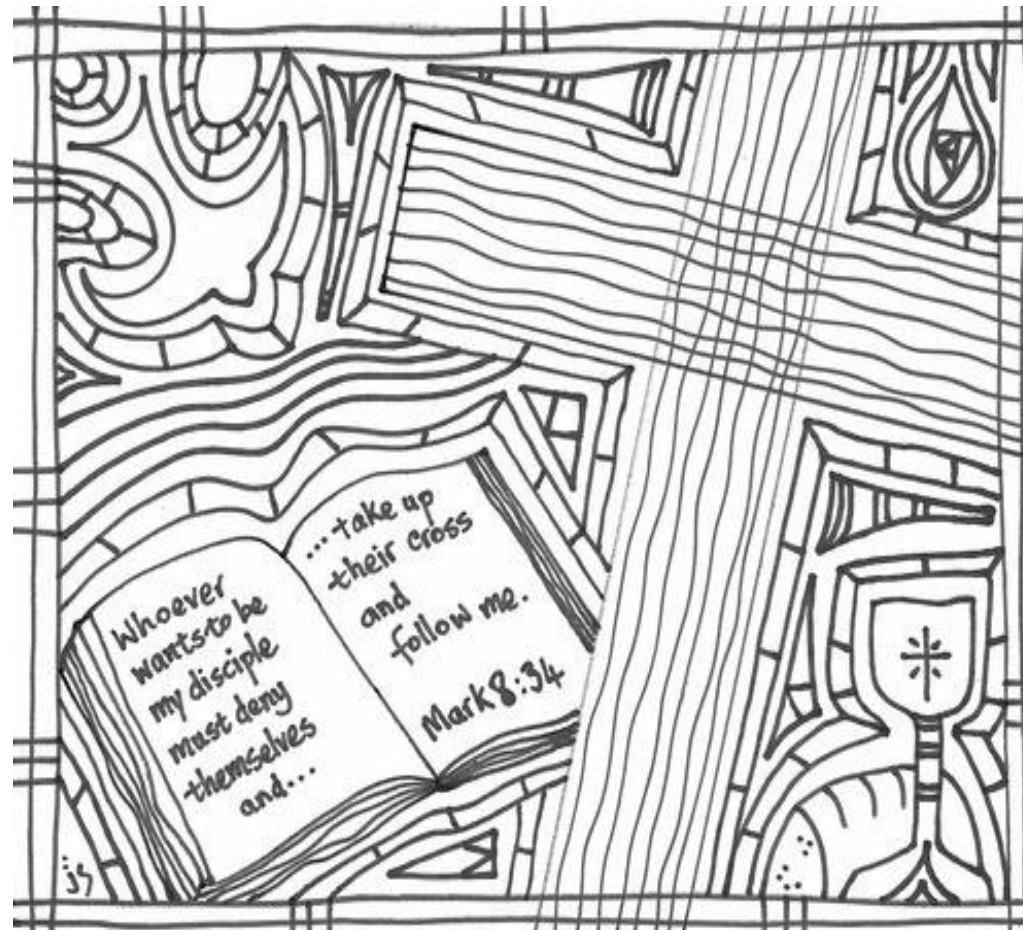
Taize Chant

1. Organ
2. Choir
3. Congregation



## Moments with the Younger Church

Rev. Kheresa Harmon



## \*Hymn

Chalice Hymnal No. 323

Wonderful Words of Life

WORDS OF LIFE

## 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 & Martha Brown

## Solo

Ain't that Good News

J. Kevin Gray

Traditional African American Spiritual  
with additional words from Handel's Messiah

I got a crown up in-a that kingdom, ain't-a that good news!  
I'm-a gonna lay down this world,  
gonna shoulder up-a my cross,  
gonna to take it home-a to my Jesus, ain't-a that good news!

I got a Savior in-a that kingdom, ain't-a that good news!  
I'm-a gonna lay down this world,  
gonna to shoulder up-a my cross,  
gonna to take it home-a to my Jesus, ain't-a that good news!

The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, so I've got good news, how about you? We all have good news!

## Message

You Are the Good News People in a Bad News World

Rev. Dennis W. Foust PhD

## \*Hymn of Discipleship

Chalice Hymnal No. 490. Verses 1, 2& 5

Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant

THE SERVANT SONG

## Offertory Prayer

Scott Hicks

## Offertory

How Majestic is Your name

J. Noel Lance

Arr. Dick Tunney

## \*Doxology

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.

OLD HUNDREDTH

## \*Celebrating the Community

Dr. Foust

## \*Commissioning the Scattered Church

Dr. Foust

## \*Postlude

J. Noel Lance

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Happy 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday, Jerry Jerman!

Today, October 23, is Ms. Jerry Jerman's 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday! We hope you will wish her the best on this milestone birthday.

## Building a Better World: October 26 at 5:30 pm Expanding our Partnership with Church World Service



As you know, St. John's has for many years provided office space for Church World Service's CROP Walk. You will see elsewhere in the Family News the notice about our continuing support of their work in the upcoming Crop Walk to feed those throughout the world affected by hunger and poverty.

Our longstanding support of the work of CWS is expanding beyond CROP to include two more of the CWS programs:

- The Home Study and Post Release Services program, which began in July 2022 and is now housed at St. John's, serves unaccompanied immigrant children and their sponsoring families.
- The Greater Charlotte Area Immigrant Solidarity Fund, which operates in collaboration with Comunidad Colectiva, a grassroots organization in Charlotte that advocates for and serves the immigrant community.

On Wednesday, October 26, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. we will learn more about these new programs, as three enthusiastic leaders will be with us for a meal in Broach Hall and a presentation about their work. Reservations for the meal should be made by noon on Friday, October 21. Cost is \$10.00 each, or \$30.00 per family. Reserve your meal on Realm or with Amanda in the office by next Friday! No reservation is needed for anyone choosing to attend the program only, from 6:00-7:00pm.

\*\*Childcare provided, please let Amanda know if you need childcare by Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>.\*\*

## Fall Fun Day on October 30!

Will you join us for Fall Fun Day for children, youth, and families on October 30? Please see the schedule below for a day of fun for children, youth, and their families:

- 11:30 - Children (ages birth - 5th grade) and their families are invited to a Pumpkin Painting Palooza in Lasater Hall immediately following worship on Sunday, October 30. Lunch will be provided. Simply bring paint-friendly clothes.
- 12:30 - Youth arrive in parking lot to load up
- 12:45 - Leave St. John's (Everyone - Children, Youth, and Families)
- 2:00 - Arrive at Kersey Valley Maize Adventure in Archdale, NC
- 6:00 - Youth leave Kersey Valley Farms (Families are free to come and go as needed)
- 7:30ish - Youth Arrive at St. John's

Registration is in Realm, you can use the QR code provided. The cost is \$15/person (children under 3 are free). Children and their families can choose to attend the Pumpkin Painting Palooza only OR do both the painting AND the Kersey Valle Maize Adventure. Youth will need to bring money for dinner. Please contact Haley (620-515-3558) if you are willing to be a driver for youth (your ticket will be covered).



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## The St. John's Pulpit

Worship on Oct. 30

Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Worship Theme: Giving What We Have, Trusting God to Multiply Our Commitments

Sermon Title: "What Good is a Bag Lunch Among so Many Needs"

Scriptures: John 6:1-13

## This Week at St. John's

Sun., Oct. 23	<p><b>Matthew 8:5-13</b> 9:15 am Sunday School/ Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person) 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30 am Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel) 11:45 am Youth Stream Clean Up (Offsite)</p>
Mon., Oct. 24	<p><b>Matthew 8:14-17</b> 9:30 am Adventures in Learning - Shepherd's Center (Broach Hall) 11:00 am Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge) 2:00 pm Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room)</p>
Tuesday, Oct. 25	<p><b>Matthew 8:18-22</b> 6:30 pm NAMI Family Support Group (Room 103) 6:30 pm NAMI "Family to Family" class (Lounge) 6:30 pm NAMI Peer Support Group (Room 104) 7:00 pm Sherrill Basketball (Gym)</p>
Wed., Oct. 26	<p><b>Matthew 8:23-27</b> 5:30 pm Building a Better World: In Solidarity with Immigrants &amp; Refugees (Broach Hall) 6:00 pm Lewis - Basketball (Gym)</p>
Thursday, Oct. 27	<p><b>Matthew 8:28-34</b> 9:00 am Weekday School Fall Festival</p>
Friday, Oct. 28	<p><b>Matthew 9:1-8</b> 8:00 pm Eastway AA (Lasater)</p>
Saturday, Oct. 29	<p><b>Matthew 9:9-13</b> 6:30 am Benton Basketball (Gym) 8:00 pm Together We Rise NA (Lasater Hall)</p>

## 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 Children and Their Families ..... Rev. Kheresa Harmon  
Minister for Youth and Young Adults ..... Haley Blackwell  
Senior Minister ..... Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

### Church Staff

Custodians ..... Chris Mullis, Debora Thon  
Church Administrator ..... Jill Rackley  
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

# The Way of Jesus



## The Gospel, God's Good News Reveal in Jesus

**Sunday, October 23, 2022, at 10:30 AM**  
**ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA**