

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*Please silence all electronic devices.*

\*Invites the congregation to stand

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

## 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** Emmitt Vergakis

**Preparing our Hearts** Handbells  
Come Ye thankful People Come Arr. Jason W. Krug

**Prayerful Call to Worship** Rev. Kheresa Harmon

ONE: Like the sun that is far away and yet close at hand to warm us, so  
God's Spirit is ever present within us and around us.

**ALL: Creator, we open our lives to be Your priesthood, Your ministers to  
the world.**

ONE: Lord, as You call us, make us worthy of our calling. Empower us to do  
Your work with joy.

**ALL: Let us see You in others. Let others see You in us. Make us more  
sensitive to others and their needs. Make us ready to help. Make us a  
servant church, a giving church, and a loving church. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise** O God of Vision  
Chalice Hymnal No. 288. Verses 1, 2 & 3 LOBEN DEN HERREN

**Reading from the Gospel** Kathy Turner  
John 6:1-13



After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are

we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.

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.**

**\*Hymn of Response** Where's the Bread  
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette HOLY MANNA

Where is bread? We know their yearning; every day, we wish for more.  
God, in time, we're slowly learning: all we own can make us poor.  
Our possessions can possess us, leaving hunger deep inside.  
Christ our Bread, come now and bless us; at your feast, we're satisfied.

"Where is bread?" the call is rising; millions cry who must be fed.  
God, your answer seems surprising: "you, my Church, you give them bread."  
Bread to fill each hungry spirit, bread for hungry stomachs, too!  
Give us bread and help us share it. richly blest, may we serve you.

**Litany for All Saints Sunday** Dr. Foust

ONE: For centuries, followers of Jesus have been sent out on mission  
living as vocational disciples to be ministers in daily life.

**ALL: Jesus taught us, "As the Father has sent me, so send I you."**

ONE: For almost 100 years, members of St. John's have recited  
together these words of our church covenant:

**ALL: "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."**

ONE: Today, we remember those saints of St. John's who served  
alongside us and who, during this past year, passed on ahead  
of us into the land of God's eternal rest.

**\*Hymn of Praise** For All the Saints  
Chalice Hymnal No. 637. Verses 1 & 2 SINE NOMINE

**Remembering St. John's Saints** Lauren & Caroline Wallace

**Andrew Adair, Joe Tyner, Carol Poole, Gene Poole, Barbara Ledford,  
Polly Hull, Betty Fuller, Paul Lloyd, Martha Moore, Amelia Kaylor,  
Carole Ann Simpson, Katherine Barr, Betty Curlin, Jo Moore,  
Gerald Vaughn, Dee Turner, Don Swofford, Ken Childers, Bo Pittman,  
Virginia Allen**

**Anthem** Handbells  
With a Heart of Faith and Love Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

**Moments with the Younger Church** Rev. Harmon

**\*Hymn** I Sing a Song of the Saints of God  
GRAND ISLE

I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,  
who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess  
on the green: they were all of them saints of God, and I mean,  
God help me to be one too.

They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still.  
The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.  
You can meet them in school, on the street, in the store, in church, by the  
sea, in the house next door;  
they are saints of God, whether rich or poor, and I mean to be one too.

**The Church at Prayer and the Lord's Prayer** Haley Blackwell

**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** J. Kevin Gray  
Find Us Faithful Jon Mohr

We're pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road, and those who've gone  
before us line the way. Cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary,  
their lives a stirring testament to God's sustaining grace. Surrounded by so  
great a cloud of witnesses, let us run the race not only for the prize, but as  
those who've gone before us, let us leave to those behind us, the heritage  
of faithfulness passed on thru godly lives. O, may all who come behind us  
find us faithful, may the fire of our devotion light their way. May the  
footprints that we leave, lead them to believe, and the lives we live inspire  
them to obey. O, may all who come behind us find us faithful.

**Message** Dr. Foust  
What Good is a Bag Lunch Among So Many Needs

**\*Hymn of Discipleship** For the Healing of the Nations  
Chalice Hymnal No. 668. Verses 1 & 4 CWM RHONDDA

**Offertory Prayer** Becky Skidmore

**Offertory** J. Noel Lance  
To Love Our God Mark Hayes

Where does the wind come from? Where does it go? Blowing north then  
south, how does it know? O where does the wind come from? O where  
does it go? Blowing north then south, how does it know? The rain flows  
gently to the sea, yet the sea is never full. How can these things be? How  
can these things be? How can they be? Humanity works hard to make a  
name, toiling in the sun, yet nothing gained. We all return to dust from  
whence we came. All is empty. All is vain.

To love our God, the reason we live; to love our God, the highest call.  
Nothing satisfies our soul, gives life meaning, makes us whole. For this  
purpose we were made, to love our God. To love our God, the reason that  
we live is to love our God. To love our God, the reason we live; to love our  
God, the highest call. Nothing satisfies our soul, gives life meaning, makes  
us whole. For this purpose, we were made, to love our God, to love our  
God, to love our 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.

**\*Celebrating the Community** Dr. Foust

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

**\*Postlude** J. Noel Lance

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Giving What We Have: Trusting God to Multiply Our Commitments

"There's a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish." John 6:9

Imagine the disciples handing that boy's five barley loaves and two fish to Jesus and looking out at more than 5,000 mouths to feed. They must have wondered, "What good is a bag lunch among so many needs?"

As you look out upon all the needs in today's world, you may also ask, "What good is my financial offering

among so many needs?" This year's financial stewardship campaign addresses this question. We begin the conversation today!

## Dancing Our Prayers

On Sunday, November 20, at 10:30 AM, St. John's welcomes a team of youth and young adults from the Yakama Native Nation. Dancing Our Prayers are teams of Native teens who travel locally, regionally, and nationally sharing their culture, spirituality, and way of life. This is an initiative of Mending Wings which aims to help people fly again after centuries of prejudice and abuse. Dancing Our Prayers teams drum & dance in full regalia, perform drama, give testimony, and speak on conciliation issues between Native and non-Native America. We are grateful to North Carolina Cooperative Baptist Fellowship for connecting us with them and we are glad to host them in Charlotte along with Covenant Presbyterian Church.



## On the Way to Open Kitchen

St. John's retired adults (and friends) will be On the Way to the Open Kitchen for lunch on Wednesday, November 16. We will meet at the church at 11:00 am and then carpool to arrive by 11:30 for lunch in a private back room that seats up to 25 people. We should return to the church about 1:15 pm. Please let Lee Gray LGray@sjcharlotte.org know if you plan to participate.

## Christmas Past | Christmas Present | Christmas Future

During Advent, we will have a display of past Christmas celebrations at St. John's as a part of our Centennial Celebration. This would include dramatic presentations, Christmas pageants, Hanging of the Green services, special choir programs, etc. If you have programs and pictures from any of these events, we would like to borrow for the display. You may give to Fredda Kimball, Linda Crowder, or Amanda. If pictures, please identify event, date, and names of those pictured if possible. Also please indicate whether you would like your items returned.

We would also like for each member or family unit to donate a Christmas ornament to be displayed on a Centennial Christmas Tree this year. The ornaments will be kept and used for future Second Century Christmas celebrations with any additional ornaments added by new (or current) members. The ornament should be related to the Christmas Story and be identified with your name(s) and the year 2022 on the ornament in some way. You may give your ornaments -starting now- to Fredda, Linda, or Amanda. Thanks in advance for your contribution.

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## The St. John's Pulpit

Worship on Nov. 6

Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Worship Theme: The Mission of God

Sermon Title: "How Are You Continuing the Ministry of Jesus"

Scriptures: Luke 4:16-22

## This Week at St. John's

Sun., Oct. 30	<p><b>Matthew 9:14-17</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) 11:30 am Pumpkin Painting Palooza 12:30 pm Fall Fun Day @ Kersey Valley</p>
Mon., Oct. 31	<p><b>Matthew 9:18-26</b> All Day Weekday School Teacher Workday 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, Nov. 1	<p><b>Matthew 9:27-34</b> 4:00 pm Charlotte Family Housing Event (Broach Hall)</p>
Wed., Nov. 2	<p><b>Matthew 9:35-38</b> 6:00 pm Personnel Resource Team (Conference Room)</p>
Thursday, Nov. 3	<p><b>Matthew 10:1-4</b></p>
Friday, Nov. 4	<p><b>Matthew 10:5-10</b> Women of the Church Retreat 8:00 pm Eastway AA (Lasater)</p>
Saturday, Nov. 5	<p><b>Matthew 10:11-23</b> Women of the Church Retreat 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



## Vision Sunday

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