

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."

Preparing our Hearts Anne Hager & Chloe Hall
Simple Song Leonard Bernstein

Sing God a simple song, lauda laude. Make it up as you go along, lauda laude. Sing like you like to sing, God loves all simple things, for God is the simplest of all, for God is the simplest of all. I will sing the Lord a new song, to praise Him, to bless Him, to bless the Lord. I will sing His praises while I live, all of my days.

Blessed is the man who loves the Lord, blessed is the man who praises Him. Lauda, lauda, laude, and walks in his ways. I will lift up my eyes, to the hills from which comes my help. I will lift up my voice to the Lord, singing lauda, laude.

For the Lord is my shade, is the shade upon my right hand, and the sun shall not smite me by day, or the moon by night. Blessed is the man who loves the Lord, lauda, lauda, laude, and walks in His ways. Lauda, lauda, laude, lauda, lauda di da di day, all of my days.

***Call to Worship** Dr. Foust

ONE: We have gathered on this day as the Church of Christ to give praise for all that God has done and is doing among us in the world.

ALL: We raise our voices in praise to the God whose giving knows no ending.

ONE: We have witnessed throughout the span of human history God's love for the children of the Earth.

ALL: We join God's mission of giving by offering ourselves for work in the world.

***Prayer of Submission** Haley Blackwell

***Hymn of Praise** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*
Chalice Hymnal No. 606 NETTLETON

Family Dedication

Sarah & Chip Cromer present Cooper Charles Cromer

The Dedication Covenant Dr. Foust

MINISTER: Do you, Sarah and Chip, covenant together to raise Cooper in an environment of Christian love, harmony, and peace?

PARENTS: We do.

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

CHURCH: We do.

MINISTER: Then, recognizing the covenant accepted this day by Sarah and Chip and by the congregation, I offer Cooper 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

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

Reading from the Gospel Steven Follis
John 6:25-27

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

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 *O Jesus You Were Born to Be*
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette VENI EMMANUEL

You are the Bread that satisfies, the Light that guides us through our lives, The Gate that leads us safely home, the Shepherd calling to your own.

You taught the people every day as Rabbi, Teacher of the Way;
O Master, may we learn from you to love both God and neighbor, too.

The Church at Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Rev. Kheresa Harmon

**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, Barbara McElwey

***A Time to Reflect**

What are the ways in which God has blessed you, and what has God given you that can be used to bless others? (Feel free to write on the lines below)

Offertory Prayer Tallon Cardella

Offertory Anthem Chancel Choir
The Majesty and Glory of Your Name Tom Fetkke

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers; the moon and stars suspended in space -- Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor and have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him? O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God; little children praise You perfectly, and so would we. And so would we. Alleluia, the majesty and glory of your name. Alleluia! Alleluia!

***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.

Message Dr. Foust
Food That Endures

***Hymn of Commitment** *Lord Thou Lovs't a Cheerful Giver*
Beach Spring

Lord, Thou lov'st the cheerful giver, who with open heart and hand blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land. Grant us then the grace of giving with a spirit large and free, that our life and all our living we may consecrate to Thee.

Savior, Thou hast freely given all the blessings we enjoy.
Earthly store and bread of heaven, love, and peace without alloy;
humbly now we bow before Thee, and our all to Thee resign;
for the kingdom, pow'r and glory, are O Lord, forever Thine.

***Commitment Walk** Congregation

Song J. Kevin Gray
You Can't Beat God's Giving Doris Akers

***Celebrating the Community** Dr. Foust

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

***Song of Parting** *Go, Ye Thankful People, Go*
ST. GEORGE WINDSOR

Go, ye blessed people, go. Live a life God's will to show.
We have brought our gifts today, commitments of our faith displayed.
God will bless and use them well, of God's goodness we must tell.
Go into the world with grace show to them God's loving face.

***Postlude** J. Noel Lance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

After worship, all are invited to a catered lunch in Broach Hall. Please register on Realm or with Amanda in the office by Tuesday, November 15. We will share lunch and conversation with the young people from the Dancing Our Prayers team. Anderson's is catering lunch with a fine meal. A donation basket will be near the door with a suggested cost of \$12.



St. John's Children Collect for Baby Bundles

Throughout this month, our children lead us in sharing with others and welcoming new life into our world by supporting Baby Bundles. Baby Bundles provides baby essentials to families in financial need in the Charlotte area and empowers them to have a strong start with their newborns. From now through November 30, we will receive the following donations: burp cloths, bibs, and receiving blankets at the Main Entrance by the gym. There are white bins for items. If you have any questions, please contact Kheresa at 910-890-3392.

Thursdays on the Town

Parents of children, ages birth - 5th grade, are invited to Thursdays on the Town, intentional evenings of table fellowship with each other. Our first Thursday on the Town will be December 8, 6-8 pm, at Abugida Ethiopian Cafe and Restaurant (3007 Central Avenue). Free childcare will be provided. Please register on Realm OR contact Kheresa Harmon (kharmon@sjcharlotte.org; 910-890-3392) by December 5 to reserve your spot and secure childcare.

Illuminate: Festival Singers of Carolina Voices

Carolina Voices' Festival Singers, under the direction of Donna Hill, invites you to their opening concert: *Illuminate*. After the dark of night comes the dawn. Light brings hope of a new day and the promise of renewal. Many composers use the theme of light as their source of inspiration. The Festival Singers are delighted to share a few of these exquisite compositions during their concert.

Please join them for this concert at St. John's in the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 20 at 4PM. Tickets can be purchased online by scanning this QR code or at the door.



Coat Drive for Rebound Program at Charlotte Rescue Mission

The Charlotte Rescue Mission has a need for men's winter coats for their Rebound program. MRT will be supporting a coat drive until the end of November. If you have any men's winter coats that you could donate to help our neighbors, please leave them on the rack in Lasater Hall. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship on November 20
Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
Worship Theme: Praise and Thanksgiving
Message Title: 'Dancing Our Prayers'

This Week at St. John's

Sun., Nov. 13	Matthew 12:1-8 9:15 am Sunday School/ Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person) 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30 am Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel) 5:00 pm Youth SNL
Mon., Nov. 14	Matthew 12:9-14 11:00 am Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge) 2:00 pm Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room) 6:30 pm Ministries Deacon Panel (Room 204) 6:30 pm Pastoral Deacon Panel (Lounge) 6:30 pm Administrative Deacon Panel (Conference Room) 7:30 pm All Deacon Meeting (Broach Hall)
Tuesday, Nov. 15	Matthew 12:15-21 10:00 am Sandwich Ministry (Lounge)
Wed., Nov. 16	Matthew 12:22-37
Thursday, Nov. 17	Matthew 12:38-50 10:00 am WOC Spiritual Growth Team (Prayer Room)
Friday, Nov. 18	Matthew 13:1-9 6:30 am Brotherhood of the Biscuit (Lounge) 5:30 pm Serving at the Men's Shelter 8:00 pm Eastway AA (Lasater)
Saturday, Nov. 19	Matthew 13:10-23 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 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



Giving What We Have

Sunday, November 13, 2022, at 10:30 AM
ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA