

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Please silence all electronic devices.

*Invites the congregation to stand

Gathering Music

J. Noel Lance

*Hymn

The Gathered Church

Diverse in Culture, Nation, and Race

Diverse in culture, nation, race, we come together by your Grace.
God, let us be a meeting ground where hope and healing love are found.

God let us be a bridge of care connecting people ev'rywhere.
Help us confront all fear and hate and lust for pow'r that separate.

When chasms widen, storms arise, O Holy Spirit, make us wise.
Let ourselves, like steel, be strong, to stand with those who suffer wrong.

God let us be a table spread with gifts of love and broken bread,
Where all find welcome, grace attends, and enemies arise as friends.

Words of Gathering

Rev. Dennis W. Foust PhD

Introducing Mending Wings of Yakama Native People

Prayer

Dewey Bill

Songs

Mending Wings

Message

Corey Greaves

Dancing Our Prayers

Dancers & Drummers

Honor Song

Mending Wings

Commissioning & Offertory Prayer

Dr. Foust

Giving & Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings

*Hymn of the Witnessing Church

The Scattering Church

They'll Know We Are Christians

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Adult Leaders: Jeremy, Corey, Gina,
Anna, Dewy, and Josephine.

Youth: Azariah, Josh, Kaedo, Carmen,
Jesse, Ayden, Dena, Fawn, and Kamala.



Sundays in Advent and Christmastide

November 27: First Sunday of Advent

- Worship Theme: Do You Hear the Hope I Hear?

December 4: Second Sunday of Advent and Hanging of the Green

- Worship Theme: Do You Hear the Peace I Hear?

December 11: Third Sunday of Advent and Christmas Musical Celebration

- Worship Theme: Do You Hear the Joy I Hear?

December 18: Fourth Sunday of Advent

- Worship Theme: Do You Hear the Love I Hear?

December 24: Christmas Eve

- Worship Theme: Moving Toward What We Have Heard

On Sundays, December 25, and January 1, we will NOT gather in our church's facilities. The ministry staff will prepare and present recorded services helping you to express your worship with your loved ones on these two holiday Sundays. You can tune in online.

December 25: Christmas Day

- Worship Theme: Rejoicing and Renewal of Vision

January 1: New Year's Day

- Worship Theme: Following God's Light

Upcoming Events in the Life of St. John's

Friday, December 2: Brewery Night at Free Range Brewing

Sunday, December 4: Gingerbread House Making for Children & Families,
Poinsettia delivery after worship

Tuesday, December 6: WDAV Lessons and Carols Live Broadcast from
Sanctuary at 7 PM

Thursday, December 8: Home for Christmas Senior Adult Luncheon
Thursdays on the Town: @ Abugida Ethiopian Cafe

Sunday, December 11: Children on Mission: Baby Bundles at 11:30 AM

Friday, December 16: Serving at Men's Shelter
Room in the Inn Begins

Saturday, December 17: Light the Knights Festival Fun Day for Children,
Youth, and Their Families @ Truist Field

Sunday, December 18: Youth Christmas Party

Announcements

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.

Baby Bundles
clothing newborns with love

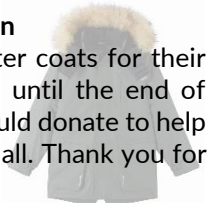
Thursdays on the Town

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.



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.



Save the Date for the Senior Adult Christmas Gathering

If you are 75 years and older, please put December 8 on your calendar for the Seniors' Christmas Gathering luncheon. Watch your mail for the invitation in early November!



Christmas Past | Christmas Present | Christmas Future

Have you and your family turned in your Christmas ornament for the Centennial Christmas tree?

Please bring a Christmas ornament related to the Christmas story with your names on it to Fredda Kimball, Linda Crowder, or Amanda in the office today! The ornaments will be kept and used for future Second Century Christmas celebrations with any additional ornaments added by new (or current) members.

Additionally, we would like to have a display of past Christmas celebrations at St. John's. 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 them for the display. You may give it to Fredda Kimball, Linda Crowder, or Amanda. If pictures, please identify the event, date, and names of those pictured if possible. Also please indicate whether you would like your items returned.



St. John's Basketball

If you have not yet noticed basketball season for children and youth has begun here at St. John's. Teams will start playing on Saturday, December 3rd. That is also the day we start hosting games in our gym. Weekly practices have already taken place and the schedule is below.



- 16-18 Girls - Sunday 3:45 pm
- 4-6 Co-Ed - Monday 5:30 pm
- 7-8 Girls - Monday 6:30 pm
- 9-10 Girls - Tuesday 6:00 pm
- 7-8 Boys - Wednesday 5:45 pm
- 13-15 Girls - Wednesday 6:45 pm
- 11-12 Boys - Thursday 6:30 pm

Pledge Cards for the 2022 Financial Ministry Plan

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

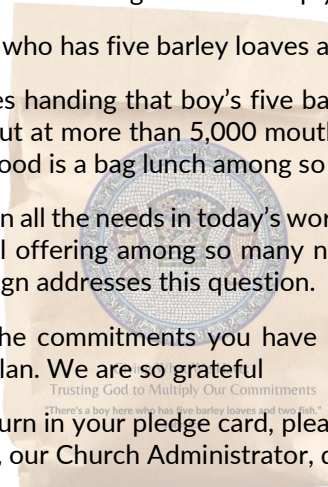
Imagine the disciples handing that boy's five barley loaves and two fish to Jesus and looking out at more than 5,000 mouths to feed. They must have wondered, "What good is a bag lunch among so many needs?"

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.

Thank you all for the commitments you have already made to the 2022 Financial Ministry Plan. We are so grateful

If you still need to turn in your pledge card, please mail your card or drop it off with Jill Rackley, our Church Administrator, during office hours.

You can also pledge via Realm or call/email Jill at 704-333-5428, ext. 20 or jrackley@sjcharlotte.org.



It's a Gingerbread Wonderland Christmas Party!

Children, birth - 5th grade, and their families are invited to join us on Sunday, December 4 in Broach Hall immediately following worship for "It's a Gingerbread Wonderland Christmas Party."



What shall we do? We shall play games! We shall decorate gingerbread houses! We shall make Christmas ornaments! We shall share lunch together! And we shall be visited by a special guest!

St. John's Baptist Church

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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship on November 27: First Sunday of Advent
Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
Worship Theme: Do you Hear What I Hear?
Message Title: 'How Do You Hear Hope Amidst Anxiety'
Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5

This Week at St. John's

Sun., Nov. 20	9:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 4:00 pm	Matthew 13:44-58 Sunday School/ Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person) Worship "Dancing Our Prayers" (Sanctuary) Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel) Carolina Voices' Festival Singers Concert (Sanctuary)
Mon., Nov. 21	11:00 am 2:00 pm	Matthew 14:1-12 Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge) Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room)
Tuesday, Nov. 22	6:30 pm	Matthew 14:13-21 NAMI Family/Peer Support Group
Wed., Nov. 23		Matthew 14:22-36
Thursday, Nov. 24		THANKSGIVING DAY Church Offices are Closed - Thanksgiving
Friday, Nov. 25		Matthew 15:1-20 Church Offices are Closed - Thanksgiving
Saturday, Nov. 26	6:30 am 8:00 pm	Matthew 15:21-28 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 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 MinisterRev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Church Staff

Custodians..... Chris Mullis, Debora Thon
Church Administrator..... Jill Rackley
Media Coordinator Mallory Brown
Ministry Coordinator..... Amanda Morrison
OrganistJ. Noel Lance
Associate Organist..... Dr. Matthew Manwarren
Children's Music Director Chloe Hall
Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted



Praise & Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 20, 2022, at 10:30 AM
ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA