

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 Addison Norris

Preparing our Hearts Charlotte Contemporary Ensemble
Hear My Prayer Moses Hogan

O Lord, please hear my prayer; In the morning when I rise.
It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.
O Lord, please hear my prayer. Keep me safe within your arms.
It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.
When my work on earth is done, and you come to take me home.
Just to know I'm bound for glory; and to hear You say, "Well done!"
Done with sin and sorrow. Have mercy. Mercy.
O, Amen, Amen. Yes. Amen. Food on my table. Amen.

***Call to Worship** J. Kevin Gray

ONE: We have gathered as God's missional people.

ALL: We have heard God's call; we are ready to respond!

ONE: Our hearts are filled with the joy of purpose.

ALL: Our hands are ready for work!

***Prayer of Submission** J. Kevin Gray

***Hymn of Praise** Rejoice, You Pure in Heart
Chalice Hymnal No. 15 MARION

Reading from the Gospel Chloe Hall
Luke 4:16-22

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?"

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** Sing out! Sound the Trumpets! Proclaim Jubilee!
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Sing out! Sound the trumpets! Proclaim jubilee!
Through words from Isaiah, we came to be free;
For blest by the Spirit, Christ read from that scroll,
Proclaiming his mission: To make our lives whole.

Refrain:

Hear the word! Sing it out! It's good news to the poor!
Christ has come! Let us shout! We are captive no more!
Lost sight is restored, and God's world is set free:
Christ came to our world to proclaim jubilee.

But still, women struggle for lives free and fair,
And children are hungry, and loved ones despair.
Still, those long-oppressed or in prisons of fear
Are longing to call this their jubilee year.

Refrain

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, Barbara McElwey

***Hymn** Sing out! Sound the Trumpets! Proclaim Jubilee!
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O God, through your Christ you knelt down to the earth,
And by your own Spirit, you give us new birth.
May we as your church have a passion to share
Your jubilee love with the world everywhere.

Refrain

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Offertory Prayer Daniel Redding

Offertory Dr. Matthew Manwarren
Nimrod from "Enigma Variations" Edward Elgar

***Doxology** OLD HUNDRETH

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.

Choral Anthem Charlotte Contemporary Ensemble
O, Give Thanks

O, give thanks unto the lord for He is good.
His mercy, entirety forever and ever.
O give thanks to the lord for He is good.
And now we sing hallelujah! O give thanks to the lord for He is good.
He's good.
O, give thanks!

Message Dr. Foust
How Are You Continuing the Ministry of Jesus?



***Hymn of Discipleship** I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
I'M GONNA LIVE

CHOIR: I'm gonna live so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.
I'm gonna live so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.

**ALL: I'm gonna live so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.
I'm gonna live so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.**

**I'm gonna work so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.
I'm gonna work so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.**

**I'm gonna pray so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.
I'm gonna pray so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.**

**I'm gonna sing so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.
I'm gonna sing so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.**

***Celebrating the Community** Dr. Foust

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

***Postlude** Dr. Manwarren
Festival March Florence B. Price

Information on our guest worship leaders

The **Charlotte Contemporary Ensemble** originated as a group of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools music instructors who organized in the fall of 1978 to discuss choral music being taught. Celebrating more than 30 years of choral performances, CCE presents a diverse repertoire including, but not limited to classical, sacred, contemporary, jazz, spirituals, and gospel music. With its broad appeal and versatility, CCE is in constant demand at civic, professional, religious, and social events throughout the Carolinas, and has performed for the openings of the former Afro-American Cultural Center, the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African American Art + Culture and the North Carolina Blumenthal Performing Arts Center. CCE and Opera Carolina presented a choral rendition of the opera *Porgy and Bess* with Bobby McFerrin and later participated in the staged production of the opera in Charlotte and Winston-Salem, NC. CCE also collaborated with Opera Carolina in the 2006 debut of the American opera, *Margaret Garner*, starring Denyce Graves. On September 11, 2011, CCE members participated in a musical tribute to those who lost their lives in the 9/11 tragedy with the presentation of the work, *Memorial*, by Rene Clausen. Additional collaborations have included performances with Carolina Voices, the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Concerts in 2010, 2011, and 2015 and engagements at the Piccolo Spoleto Arts Festival in Charleston, SC in 2006, 2007, 2010, and 2012.

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. 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.

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 contact Kheresa Harmon (kharmon@sjcharlotte.org; 910-890-3392) by December 5 to reserve your spot and secure childcare.

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.

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 in the donation room at the main entrance. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship on November 13

Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

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

Message Title: 'Food that Endures'

Scripture: John 6:25-27

This Week at St. John's

Sun., Nov. 6	<p>9:15 am Matthew 10:24-33 Sunday School/ Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person)</p> <p>10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p>10:30 am Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)</p> <p>5:00 pm Youth SNL</p>
Mon., Nov. 7	<p>9:30 am Matthew 10:34-42 Adventures in Learning-Shepherd's Center</p> <p>11:00 am Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge)</p> <p>2:00 pm Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room)</p>
Tuesday, Nov. 8	<p>6:30 am Matthew 11:1-6 General Election</p> <p>10:45 am Immigration & Refugee Ministry Group (Room 204)</p>
Wed., Nov. 9	<p>Matthew 11:7-15</p>
Thursday, Nov. 10	<p>10:00 am Matthew 11:16-24 Needle Ministry (Lounge)</p>
Friday, Nov. 11	<p>7:30 pm Matthew 11:25-30 Women's Chorus Choral Concert (Sanctuary)</p> <p>8:00 pm Eastway AA (Lasater)</p>
Saturday, Nov. 12	<p>6:30 am Matthew 12:1-8 Benton Basketball (Gym)</p> <p>8:00 am Jubilee (Broach Hall)</p> <p>7:30 am Women's Chorus Choral Concert</p> <p>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 Mission of God

Sunday, November 6, 2022, at 10:30 AM
ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA