

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The First Sunday of Advent

Gathering Music	Dr. Matthew Manwarren
Greeting	Rev. Kheresa Harmon
Preparing Our Hearts <i>Prelude on VENI EMMANUEL</i>	Dr. Matthew Manwarren Flora Peters
Prayer of Submission	Rev. Harmon
Song of Hope <i>Light the Candle</i>	Chancel Choir J. Kevin Gray

Light the candle of hope. Let its glow warm in your heart till your heart overflows. May we open our eyes to God's love in full view. Jesus will be born, making all things anew.

Lighting the Candle of Hope Wallace Family

ONE: As winter days dim and bow to early darkness, You, God of light, set watch in the night sky and beckon the wise to follow.

ALL: When hope hangs low in the human heart, You, loving Creator, kindle compassion, breathing life into the early embers of change and empathy.

***Carol of Praise** *Come, O Long-Expected Jesus*
Chalice Hymnal No. 125 HYFRYDOL

Come, O long expected Jesus, born to set Your people free.
From our fears and sins release us; Christ, in whom our rest shall be.
You, our strength and consolation, come salvation to impart;
dear desire of many a nation, joy of many a longing heart.

Born Your people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, born Your gracious realm to bring.
By Your own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by Your all-sufficient merit raise us to Your glorious throne.



Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures Linda Finger
Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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** *When Morning Gilds the Skies*
Chalice Hymnal No. 100, verses 1 & 4 LAUDES DOMINI

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries,
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair;
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine;
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song, through all the ages long:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Offertory Prayer Matthew Comer

Offertory Anthem Chancel Choir
A Proclamation for Advent Patti Drennan

Prepare the way, the way of the Lord! Make straight a highway for our God.
Prepare the way, the way of the Lord! Lift your voice, for the birth of Christ is near.

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free. From our fears and sins release us. Let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Prepare the way, the way of the Lord! Make straight a highway for our God.
Prepare the way, the way of the Lord!

***Doxology** ADESTE FIDELES
O come, let us adore Him.
O come, let us adore Him.
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

The Church at Prayer & 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 & Celebrations

Margaret Falls, Betty Herr, Tarsha Williams,
Martha Brown, Barbara McElwey, Stacey Almond

***Hymn** *Christians All, Your Lord is Coming*
HOLY MANNA

Christians all, your Lord is coming, drawing near in holy birth.
Ring the bells and sound the trumpets, let your music fill the earth.
Dance and move to show God's glory; kneel and pause to hear God's word.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Rise and let your songs be heard!

Christians all, your Lord is coming, calling you to serve in deed.
see the ones who hurt and suffer, hear their cry and act with speed.
Set all selfish ways behind you. Purge your hearts of sinful greed.
Alleluia! Alleluia Christ in you will meet their need!

Message Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
How Do You Hear Hope Amidst Anxiety?

***Hymn of Discipleship** *Listen, God's Calling*
Words by J. Kevin Gray SLANE

When life is heavy and trials are near,
listen God's calling with hope and with cheer.
The light of God's presence can transform our lives,
it's message inspiring, rekindling old fires.

Filled with God's hope and with love left to spare,
go forth with Christ for you are his joint heir.
Children of heaven you bear God's own face,
let it shine through the darkness like the sun out in space.

Commissioning the Scattered Church Dr. Foust

Postlude Dr. Matthew Manwarren
Voluntary on VENI EMMANUEL Robert Powell

LIFE AT ST. JOHN'S

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.

Advent at St. John's: Do you hear what I hear?

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

December 25: Christmas Day

Worship Theme: Rejoicing and Renewal of Vision; Online only

January 1: New Year's Day

Worship Theme: Following God's Light; Online only

Churchwide Opportunities

December 6: WDAV presents Lessons & Carols LIVE from St. John's Sanctuary at 7PM

December 8: Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon in Broach Hall

December 16: Serve at Men's Shelter

December 16: Room in the Inn Begins!

Children's Ministries:

December 4 at 11:30 am: Gingerbread House Decorating Party for Children and their Families; Register on Realm

December 8 at 6:00 pm: Thursdays on the Town for families with children at Abugida Ethiopian Cafe; contact Kheresa or register on Realm if you need childcare

December 11 at 11:30 am: Children on Mission at Baby Bundles

December 17 at 12:00 pm: Light the Knights Festival Fun Day for Children, Youth, and Their Families at Truist Field

Youth Ministries

December 4: Poinsettia delivery after worship

December 17 at 12:00 pm: Light the Knights Festival Fun Day for Children, Youth, and Their Families at Truist Field

December 18: Youth Christmas Party in the evening

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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship on December 4

Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Worship Theme: Do You Hear the Peace I Hear?

Message Title: HOMILY - "A Playground of Peace"

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, Nov. 27	Matthew 15:29-39 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
Monday, Nov. 28	Matthew 16:1-12 11:00 am Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge) 2:00 pm Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room)
Tuesday, Nov. 29	Matthew 16:13-20
Wednesday, Nov. 30	Matthew 16:21-26
Thursday, Dec. 1	Matthew 17:1-13
Friday, Dec. 2	Matthew 17:14-27 8:00 pm Eastway AA (Lasater)
Saturday, Dec. 3	Matthew 18:1-14 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

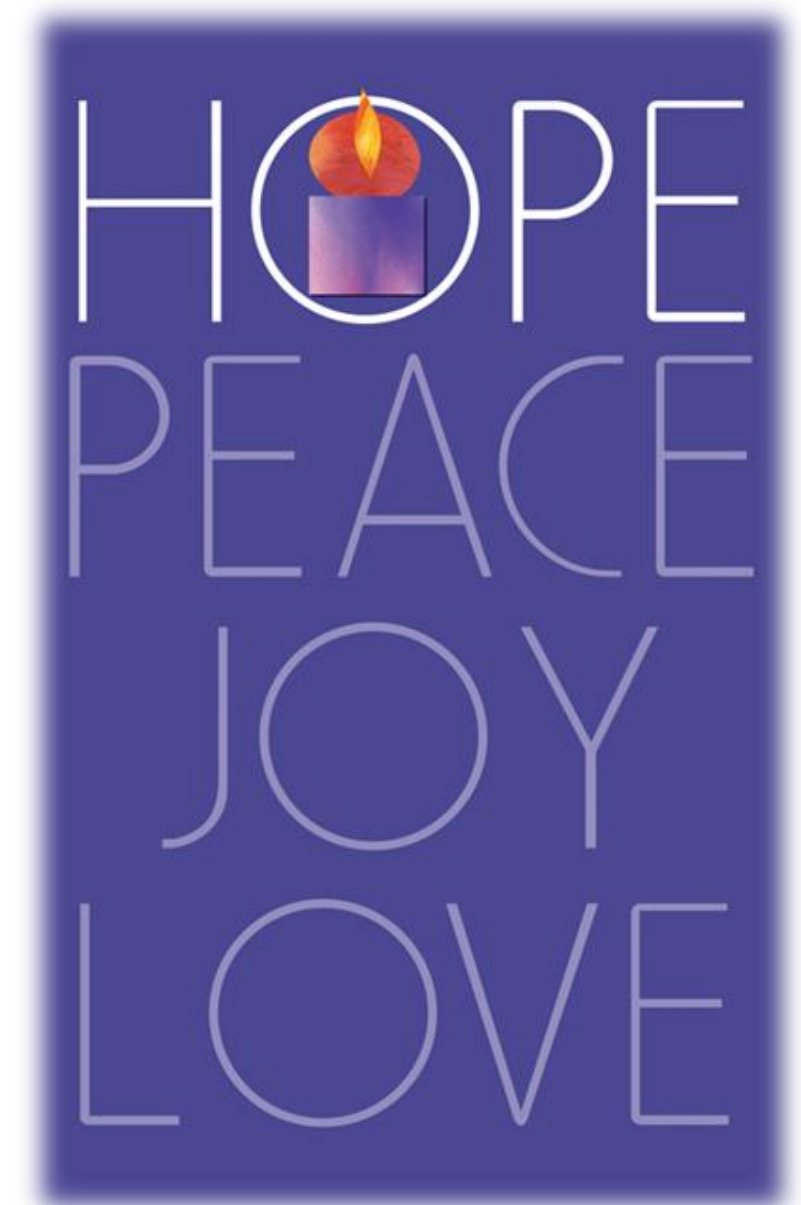
Every participant in God's Servant Church

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
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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



Do you Hear What I Hear?
Sunday, November 27, 2022, at 10:30 AM

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