

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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Gathering Music Dr. Matthew Manwarren

Greeting Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Preparing our Hearts for Worship Dr. Manwarren
In Thee is Gladness Dale Wood

Procession of the Christ Candle: **Alex Norris**

Prayer of Submission Rev. Lee Gray

***Call to Worship** Rev. Gray

ONE: We gather today to worship the One who created us,

ALL: The One who calls us,

ONE: The One who equips us.

ALL: The One who loves us without end.

ONE: The One who leads and invites us to follow.

ALL: In all aspects of our lives both corporate and individually, let us praise the God of all!

***Hymn of Praise** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
Chalice Hymnal No. 86 FAITHFULNESS

Family Dedication

**Natalie & Chase Bailey presents
Elizabeth Kate Bailey (Kate) and Dean Chase Bailey IV**

The Dedication Covenant Rev. Kheresa Harmon

MINISTER: Do you, Natalie and Chase, covenant together to raise Kate and Dean in an environment of Christian love, harmony, and peace?

PARENTS: We do.

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

CHURCH: We do.

MINISTER: Then, recognizing the covenant accepted this day by Natalie and Chase and by the congregation, I offer Kate and Dean this certificate acknowledging their formal introduction into this family of God.

Presentation of the Children Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Prayer of Dedication for Kate Dr. Foust

Song of Blessing Congregation

Kate, Kate God claims you;
God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.
We this day do all agree a child of God you'll will always be.
Kate, Kate God claims you;
God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

Prayer of Dedication for Dean Dr. Foust

Song of Blessing Congregation

Dean, Dean God claims you;
God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.
We this day do all agree a child of God you'll will always be.
Dean, Dean God claims you;
God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

***Hymn** *All Things Bright and Wonderful*
Chalice Hymnal No. 61 ROYAL OAK

Children:

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.
Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.

Children and Choir:

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.
The purple-headed mountains, the river running by,
the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky.

CONGREGATION:

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one.
All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

Reading from the Gospel Dale Johnson
John 16:12-13

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

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.

The Church at Prayer & 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

Martha Brown, Barbara McElwey, Betty Herr,
Margaret Falls, Marvin Carter

***Song of Response** *Make Room Within My Heart, O God*
Words by Brain Jeffery ELLACOMBE

Make room within my heart, O God, that You may form in me
The image You have shown in Christ, my very life to be.
Inspire my thought, O lofty One to reach the highest plane
That I may know the mind of Christ and Him as greatest gain.

Direct my will O King of kings, subject it to Your own,
That ev'ry impulse, action, word may make Your kingdom known.
Effect my prayer great Trinity, eternal Three in One
Combine each part of me to praise the Father, Spirit, Son.

Message Dr. Foust
'Free to Follow the Spirit of God'

***Hymn of Discipleship** *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*
Chalice Hymnal No. 484, Verses 1, 2 & 3 Message

Offertory Prayer Jeff LeVie

Offertory Chancel Choir
Give Us a Vision Pepper Choplin

Come, O Lord, look on your people; wand'ring and lost with no shepherd but you. Without your light your people will perish. Lift us again and make our hearts new. Give us a vision, a vision of you. Mold us and make us a people of truth. Come Spirit, feed us, and lead us to do your holy mission, O give us a vision of you. We bring thankfulness for yesterday's blessings; we have hopes and dreams of days yet to be. So, God of Light, come lift all out blindness, make your way plain until we can see. Lord come and give us a vision, a vision of you. Mold us and make us a people of truth. Come, Spirit, feed us, and lead us to do your holy mission. O give us a vision, O look on your people and give us a vision of you! A vision of you!

***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.

Postlude Dr. Manwarren
Festival Gloria Aaron David Miller

Commissioning the Scattered Church Dr. Foust

Announcements

Winter Coat Drive for Crisis Assistance Ministries

Our children are partnering with the Mission Resource Team to collect winter coats for adults and children served by Crisis Assistance Ministries starting this week and concluding on January 29. Donations may be dropped off in the Giving Nook at the Main Entrance.

Following worship on January 29, our children and their families will be invited to join us for lunch in the church lounge and to help sort winter coats. A brief lesson about Crisis Assistance Ministry and Matthew 25:31-46 will be provided during this teachable moment of mission.

Contact Kheresa Harmon for questions at kharmon@sjcharlotte.org.

Valentine's Party on February 5

Children, birth - 5th grade, and their families are invited to join us on Sunday, February 5 in Broach Hall immediately following worship for the sweetest Valentine's Day Party in the history of SJBC! Rumor has it that the playdoh will be chocolate, that games will be played, relays will be raced, cookies (all allergen-free options available) will be decorated, and a piñata will be exploded! Oh, no worries about lunch. We shall eat, too! Register to attend on Realm or let Kheresa know you will attend.

Thursdays on the Town

Parents of children birth to 5th grade are invited to join us on Thursday, February 9 from 6-8PM for dinner at Chuy's on Waverly Walk Avenue. Childcare is provided at the church at no cost. Register on Realm or let Kheresa know you plan to attend.

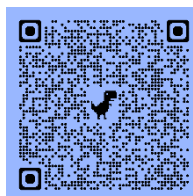
Save the Date! Fat Tuesday on a Friday!

Come join us for Fat Tuesday on Friday, February 24th @ 6:00 pm in Broach Hall. A George Brooks pancake dinner will be served and there will be games for the whole family to enjoy! Music entertainment will be provided by our very own Minister for Music and Worship, Kevin Gray. Sign up on Realm by February 20th so that we have an accurate count for pancakes. Donations will be accepted at the door, and all funds raised will be given to Habitat for Humanity.

Memorial Service for James "Lewis" Lowder

A memorial service honoring his life will be held at Hartsell Funeral Home in Midland - 13575 Broadway Ave - on January 28 at 2:00pm with visitation beforehand at 1:00pm. Please remember wife JoAnne and children JoLynn & Jerry in your prayers.

For more information about any of the above opportunities and more, please subscribe to our Family News by scanning the QR code here. We send one newsletter per week throughout the year.



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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: January 29

Worship Theme: The Baptist Principle of Local Church Autonomy and Servant Oriented Collaboration

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16 & 1 Peter 2:9-10

Message Title: 'Free to Follow the Spirit of God - TOGETHER'

Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

This Week at St. John's

Sun., Jan. 22	9:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	Mark 3:13-19 Sunday School/ Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person) Worship (Sanctuary) Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel) Youth SNL
Mon., Jan. 23	10:00 am 11:00 am 2:00 pm 6:30 pm	Mark 3:20-21 Adventures in Learning: Shepherd's Center (Broach Hall) Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge) Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room) Administrative Deacon Panel Meeting (ZOOM)
Tuesday, Jan. 24	10:00 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:15 pm	Mark 3:22-30 Shepherd's Center: A Matter of Balance Class (Lounge) Right Moves for Youth Ambassador Program (Broach Hall & Room 222) NAMI Family Support Group NAMI Peer Support Group Sherrill Basketball (Gym)
Wed., Jan. 25		Mark 3:31-35
Thursday, Jan. 26	10:00 am 6:30 pm	Mark 4:1-9 WOC Spiritual Growth Team (Prayer Room) NAMI Peer-to-Peer Class (Lounge)
Friday, Jan. 27	8:00 pm	Mark 4:10-13 Eastway AA
Saturday, Jan. 28	6:30 am 9:00 am 8:00 pm	Mark 4:14-20 Benton Basketball (Gym) Children's & Youth Basketball Games (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 Youth and Young Adults..... Haley Blackwell
Senior Minister.....Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
Minister for Worship and Music..... J. Kevin Gray
Minister for Congregational CareRev. Lee Gray
Minister for Children and Their Families..... Rev. Kheresa Harmon

Church Staff

Media CoordinatorMallory Brown
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Ministry Coordinator..... Amanda Morrison
Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted
Church Administrator..... Jill Rackley



**The Baptist Principle of Soul Competency
to Live Freely in God's Spirit**

Sunday, January 22, 2023, at 10:30 AM

**ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA**