

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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Gathering Music J. Noel Lance

Greeting Haley Blackwell & Caroline Wallace

Preparing our Hearts for Worship J. Noel Lance

Procession of the Christ Candle: **Riley Cardella**

***Call to Worship** Lauren Wallace

ONE: With what shall we come before our God?

ALL: Shall we come with lots of money for the offering basket?

ONE: Shall we bring our carefully scripted words?

ALL: Shall we sing on-key in perfect four-part harmony?

ONE: With what shall we come before our God?

ALL: With minds set on justice.

ONE: With hearts open to loving kindness.

ALL: With feet striving to walk the path of Jesus.

Prayer of Submission Warren Gray

Hymn of Praise: Morning Has Broken
Chalice Hymnal No. 53 BUNESSAN

The Church at Prayer Hutch Benton

Joseph Mabil Majak, Melanie Foust, Martha Brown,
Barbara McElwey, Nyandheng Mijak

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.

Offertory J. Noel Lance

***Doxology**

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.

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures Caitlin Wallace
Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Hymn: O God Your Call for Justice / CGW

Message Katherine Mae Rodden

Do Justice



Song: God of this City Boyd, Bleakey, Comfort, Kernoghan, MacCann, & Jordan

All Youth
Photos of youth engaging in missions

You're the God of this city, You're the King of these people.

You're the Lord of this nation, You are.

You're the light in this darkness, You're the hope to the hopeless.

You're the peace to the restless, You are.

There is none like You God.

Chorus: For greater things have yet to come, and greater things are still to be done in this city.

You're the Lord of creation, the Creator of all things, You're the King above all kings. You are. You're the strength in the weakness, You're the love to the broken, You're the joy and the sadness, You are. There is none like You God.

Chorus

Reading from the Gospel Brooks, Kenna, and Laura Sorrell
John 8: 7-11

They said this to test him, because they wanted a reason to bring an accusation against him. Jesus bent down and wrote on the ground with his finger. They continued to question him, so he stood up and replied, "Whoever hasn't sinned should throw the first stone." Bending down again, he wrote on the ground. Those who heard him went away, one by one, beginning with the elders. Finally, only Jesus and the woman were left in the middle of the crowd. Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Is there no one to condemn you?" She said, "No one, sir." Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on, don't sin anymore."

Message Sophie Ann Sweet
Love Mercy

Song: You Say, Norman, Ingram, Donehey, Mabury, Daigle

All Youth
Cardboard Testimonies

I keep fighting voices in my mind that say I'm not enough.
Every single lie that tells me I will never measure up. Am I more than just the sum of every high and every low. Remind me once again just who I am because I need to know.

Chorus: You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing.

You say I am strong when I think I am weak,
and you say I am held when I am falling short.
and when I don't belong, oh You say I am Yours.

And I believe, I believe what You say of me,
I believe.

The only thing that matters now is everything You think of me
In You I find my worth, in You I find my identity.

Chorus

Taking all I have, and now I'm laying it at Your feet.
You have every failure, God, You have every victory.

Chorus

Moments with the Younger Church Nora Frances Benton

Reading from the Gospel Brooks, Kenna, and Laura Sorrell

After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not everyone was clean. When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Song: True Colors Steinberg & Kelly
Vocalist/ Aluel Nyuon Dance/ Nora Frances Benton

You with the sad eyes don't be discouraged Oh, I realize
It's hard to take courage. In a world full of people
you can lose sight of it all and the darkness inside you
can make you feel so small.

Chorus: But I see your true colors shining through.
I see your true colors and that's why I love you.
So don't be afraid to let them show, your true colors,
true colors are beautiful like a rainbow.

Show me a smile then don't be unhappy, can't remember when
I last saw you laughing. If this world makes you crazy
and you've taken all you can bare, just call me up
because you know I'll be there.

Chorus

Message Mattie Stillerman
Walk Humbly

Hymn: Here I Am, Lord
Chalice Hymnal No. 452 HERE I AM. LORD

Signing of the Bible Haley Blackwell

A Word from Our Pastor Rev. Dennis W. Foust Ph.D

Church Community Celebration Marc Cardella
Todd Stillerman

Commissioning of the Scattered Church Katherine Mae Rodden
Sophie Ann Sweet
Mattie Stillerman

Postlude J. Noel Lance

Announcements

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! **Sign up on Realm or scan QR code to register by February 20** 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.

Love Offering for Kevin Gray

J. Kevin Gray has accepted a position for Minister of Worship and Music at Myers Park Baptist Church beginning on March 1, 2023. His last Sunday to be with us at St. John's will be on February 26, 2023. We have been blessed with Kevin's skills, talents, and kind spirit for eight years and we wish him nothing but the best in his new position. To show our love and appreciation for his service to the members of St. John's, we will be collecting a Love Offering for Kevin. This will be given to him as he is commissioned on February 26, 2023. Contributions can be made by check to the church (Kevin Gray Love Offering in the memo line, online through Realm (choose "Love Offering"), or by text (text SJGIVE and the amount to 73256). All contributions are **due by Wednesday, February 22**.

Mark your calendars!

We will have a Church Conference **NEXT Sunday, February 19**, at 10:15AM (**just before worship**) in the Sanctuary. The purpose will be to review highlights and approve the 2023 SJBC Ministry Budget. More information to come in next week's Family News!

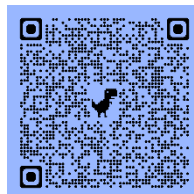
Snapshot Sundays

Don't have a picture in Realm? No problem! **Each Sunday in March** before Sunday School OR after Worship, stop by the Main Entrance and we will take your picture and upload it for you. These pictures are used to help ministers and members put a face to the name. This way we can get to know one another better.

On the Way: Lunch at King's Kitchen on February 15

St. John's retired adults (and friends) will be On the Way to King's Kitchen for **lunch on Wednesday, February 15**. We will meet at the church at 10:45am and then be waiting at the trolley stop (at 5th & Hawthorne) at 11:00 am. We have reservations for an 11:30 am lunch in a private meeting room that seats up to 16 people, plus we can also have the table nearest that room for overflow. We should return back to the church about 1:30 pm. Please let Lee Gray LGray@sjcharlotte.org know if you plan to participate so he can verify our numbers and provide the best seating arrangement with our contact.

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: February 19

Worship Theme: St. John's as a Baptist Community of Faith

Message Title: 'A Church Vision - Baptist Style'

Scripture: James 2:14-18

Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

This Week at St. John's

Sun., Feb. 12	8:00 am Church Council 9:15 am Sunday School/ Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person) 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary) - Youth Sunday 10:30 am Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
Mon., Feb. 13	10:00 am Adventures in Learning: Shepherd's Center (Broach Hall) 11:00 am Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge) 2:00 pm Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room) 6:30 pm Administrative Deacon Panel (Conference Room) 6:30 pm Ministries Deacon Panel (Room 204) 6:30 pm Pastoral Deacon Panel (Lounge) 7:30 pm All Deacon Meeting (Broach Hall)
Tuesday, Feb. 14	10:00 am Shepherd's Center: A Matter of Balance Class (Lounge) 10:45 am Immigrant & Refugee Ministry Group (Room 204) 7:15 pm Sherrill Basketball (Gym)
Wed., Feb. 15	10:00 am Shepherd's Center/AARP Tax Assistance (Parking Lot) 11:30 am On the Way Lunch (King's Kitchen) 1:00 pm CFH Staff Training (Lasater) 7:15 pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Thursday, Feb. 16	10:00 am Shepherd's Center/AARP Tax Assistance (Parking Lot) 10:00 am WOC Spiritual Growth Team (Prayer Room) 6:30 pm NAMI Peer-to-Peer Class (Lounge)
Friday, Feb. 17	6:30 am Brotherhood of the Biscuit (Lounge) 6:30 pm Brewery Night @ Brewers at 4001 Yancey 8:00 pm Eastway AA (Lasater)
Saturday, Feb. 18	6:30 am Benton Basketball (Gym) 9:00 am Pancake Breakfast to Support Team LLB for LBS (Broach Hall) 9:00 am Children's & Youth Basketball Games (Gym) 5:00 pm Room in the Inn (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 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
Children's Music DirectorChloe Hall
OrganistJ. Noel Lance
Associate Organist..... Dr. Matthew Manwarren
Custodians..... Chris Mullis, Debora Thon
Ministry Coordinator..... Amanda Morrison
Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted
Church Administrator..... Jill Rackley



76th Annual Youth Sunday

Sunday, February 12, 2023, at 10:30 AM

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