

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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Gathering Music

Dr. Manwarren

Greeting

Rev. Lee Gray

Preparing our Hearts for Worship

Dr. Manwarren

Prelude

William H. Harris

Procession of the Christ Candle: **Kayleigh Mac Whipple**

\*Call to Worship

Rev. Gray

ONE: We freely gather as God’s children,

ALL: Loved and called to minister to the world.

ONE: In all situations in life,

ALL: Let us be reflections of the Living God, who came to bring freedom, love, and hope into the world.

\*Prayer of Submission

Rev. Gray

\*Hymn of Praise

*Praise to the Living God*  
DIADEMATA S.M.D

Praise to the living God, the God of Love and light,  
Whose word brought forth the myriad suns and set the worlds in flight;  
Whose infinite design, which we but dimly see,  
Pervades all nature, making all a cosmic unity.

Praise to the living God, from whom all things derive,  
Whose Spirit formed upon this sphere the first faint seeds of life;  
Who caused them to evolve, unwitting toward God’s goal,  
Till humankind stood on the earth, as living, thinking souls.

Praise to the living God, who knows our joy and pain,  
Who shares with us our common life, the sacred and profane.  
God toils where ‘er we toil, in home and mart and mill;  
And deep within the human heart, God leads us forward still.

Praise to the living God, around, within, above,  
Beyond the grasp of human mind, but whom we know as Love.  
In these tumultuous days, so full of hope and strife,  
May we bear witness to the way, O source, and goal of life.

Preparing for Prayer

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead, find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed: clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, so that we can see all the things that really matter. Be at peace and simply be.

The Church at Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Haley Blackwell

Martha Brown, Barbara McElwey, Betty Herr  
Memorial Service for Martha Bryson Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm.

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.

Hymn

*The Church of Christ is Larger Than the Nation*  
Words by J. Kevin Gray

CORONATION

The Church of Christ is larger than the nation or the state.  
It binds us all in love and grace, revealing God's own face.  
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Telling of the Gospel

Meredith Sorrell, Todd Stillerman, & Haley Blackwell



\*Hymn

*Is it Lawful to Pay Taxes*  
Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

BEECHER

"Is it lawful to pay taxes when they prop up Caesar's rule?"  
So some people asked of Jesus, wanting him to seem a fool.  
Saying "no" would be sedition; saying "yes" would be a sin.  
Jesus changed the conversation, calling them to look within.

Still, we also hear your teaching: "Give to God what God is due."  
May no ruler — overreaching — try to take the place of you.  
May we listen to your message, may we honor what is yours;  
May we, living in your image, seek your kingdom that endures.

Message

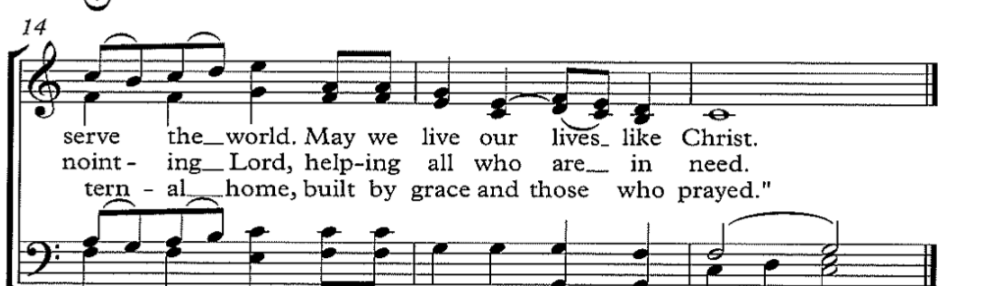
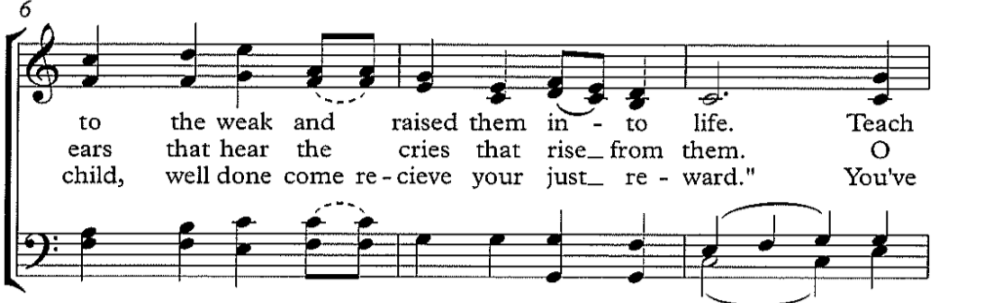
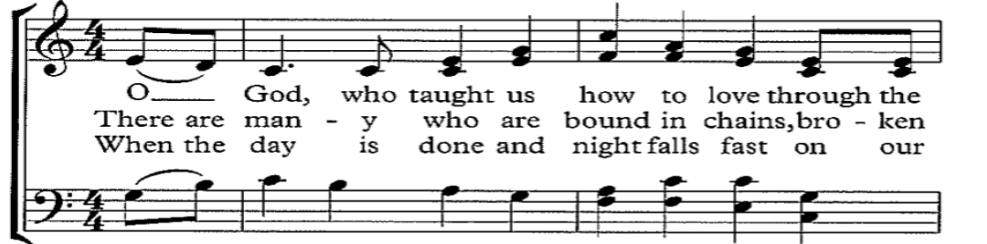
Rev. Dennis W. Foust PhD

*At the Corner of State Street and Church Avenue*

\*Hymn of Discipleship

*O God, Who Taught Us How to Love*  
St. John’s Centennial Hymn  
Words and Music by J. Kevin Gray

BLANDING STREET



Offertory Prayer

M.C. Sorrell

Offertory Anthem

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*  
Chancel Choir  
Harry R. Shelley

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.  
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth; and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me; and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me. Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth! And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever. Amen.

\*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

*Allegro*  
Dr. Manwarren  
Thomas Arne

Commissioning the Scattered Church

Dr. Foust

Announcements

Youth Sunday (and Bake Sale): February 11 & 12

Youth will lead every aspect of worship on February 12. Our theme for the service is Micah 6:8. On Saturday, February 11, the Women of the Church will have a homemade baked goods sale in our gym foyer in conjunction with our children and youth basketball games that day. The bake sale will feature a variety of \$1.00 items in zip lock bags. Our 18 and under girls' team will play their final home game at 10:00 am that morning. Our 15 and Under Girls will play at 11:00 AM, and our 10 & Under Girls will play at 12:00. The bake sale will last from 9:45 AM until 1:00 PM or until supplies run out. All proceeds will benefit the children and youth programs at St. John's. We are looking forward to this weekend of supporting and celebrating our youth!

Thursdays on the Town

Parents of children birth to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us on Thursday, February 9 from 6-8 PM 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! Sign up on Realm by February 20. Donations will be accepted at the door, and all funds raised will be given to Habitat for Humanity.

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 10:45 AM and then be waiting at the trolley stop (at 5th & Hawthorne) at 11:00 AM. The trolley comes every 15 minutes during the week, and our uptown stop is one block away from our lunch site. 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](mailto:LGray@sjcharlotte.org) know if you plan to participate so he can verify our numbers and provide the best seating arrangement.

Elizabeth Communities of Faith Lenten Services

The Elizabeth Communities of Faith will begin the 2023 Lenten Services on Ash Wednesday, February 22 at St. Martin's Episcopal and continue each Wednesday in March in the Sanctuary at St. John's with lunch afterward in Lasater Hall. The theme for the services this year is "Journey to the Cross."

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 12 YOUTH SUNDAY  
Worship Theme: Do Justice, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly  
Scripture: Micah 6:8  
Proclaimers: Katherine Mae Redding, Sophie Ann Sweet, Mattie Stillerman

This Week at St. John's

Sun., Feb. 5	9:15 am	Mark 5:25-34
	10:30 am	Sunday School/ Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
	5:00 pm	Children's Valentine's Day Party (Broach) Youth SNL
Mon., Feb. 6	10:00 am	Mark 5:35-43
	11:00 am	Adventures in Learning: Shepherd's Center (Broach Hall)
	2:00 pm	Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge) Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room)
Tuesday, Feb. 7	10:00 am	Mark 6:1-6
	6:00 pm	Shepherd's Center: A Matter of Balance Class (Lounge)
	7:15 pm	Right Moves for Youth Ambassador Program (Broach Hall)
		Sherrill Basketball (Gym)
Wed., Feb. 8	10:00 am	Mark 6:7-13
	7:15 pm	Shepherd's Center/AARP Tax Assistance Program (Parking Lot) (Appointment Required)
		Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Thursday, Feb. 9	10:00 am	Mark 6:14-29
	6:00 pm	Shepherd's Center/AARP Tax Assistance Program (Parking Lot) (Appointment Required)
	6:30 pm	Thursdays on the Town @ Chuy's NAMI Peer-to-Peer Class (Lounge)
Friday, Feb. 10	8:00 pm	Mark 6:30-44
		Eastway AA
Saturday, Feb. 11	6:30 am	Mark 6:45-56
	9:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	8:00 pm	Children's & Youth Basketball Games & WOC Bake Sale (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 Care .....Rev. Lee Gray  
Minister for Children and Their Families..... Rev. Kheresa Harmon

Church Staff

Media Coordinator .....Mallory Brown  
Children's Music Director .....Chloe Hall  
Organist .....J. 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



The Baptist Principle of  
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Sunday, February 5, 2023, at 10:30 AM

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH  
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