

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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Words of Gathering and Greeting Rev. Kheresa Harmon

Call to Service Anna Cushman
Heritage Sunday, Lunch, and Mission Expo

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship Handbell Choir
What Wondrous Love is This arr. Jason W. Krug

Entrance of the Christ Candle: **Mason Banker**

*“Just as parents have compassion upon their children,
so the Lord has compassion on those who worship God.”*

***Hymn of Praise** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*
Chalice Hymnal #517 BEECHER

Litany of Adoration Dr. Dennis W Foust PhD

ONE: Living God, you are indeed love divine, all other loves excelling.

ALL: Fix in us your humble dwelling.

ONE: Savior, you are all compassion.

ALL: Visit us with your salvation.

ONE: Your mercy cleanses us with your living water.

ALL: We submit to you, like clay in the hands of a potter.

Prayer of Submission Dr. Foust

The Reading of Hebrew Scripture Jack Crymes
Jeremiah 18:1-6

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ‘Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.’ So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand.

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.

Duet Chloe Hall and Aidan Salmeron
Heal the World

Congregation to join on the 3rd Chorus:

Heal the world

Make it a better place

For you and for me, and the entire human race

There are people dying

If you care enough for the living

Make a better place for you and for me



The Confession of Sin (Read in Unison) Rev. Lee Gray

Lord, we confess that we often fail to invest in your mission of healing the world.

We have refused to be clay in your potter’s hands.

We often look upon the plight of others with contempt rather than compassion.

We are often like the crowds around Jesus trying to quiet the cries for mercy.

We need you to touch our eyes so we can regain our sight to follow the way of Jesus.

Forgive us Lord. Remake us in the likeness of Jesus Christ as it seems pleasing to you.

The Assurance of God’s Forgiveness

ONE: Here's the good news of God's love. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God,

ONE: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through Jesus Christ our Lord. The Peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And, also with you.

The Offertory Prayer Tricia Miller

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Handbell Choir
Called to the Light by Jason W. Krug

***The 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.

***The Hymn of Christian Community** *Help Us Accept Each Other*
Chalice Hymnal #487 ACCEPTANCE

The Reading of the Gospel Eric McCombs
Matthew 9:35-38, 20:29-34

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.’

As they were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. There were two blind men sitting by the roadside. When they heard that Jesus was passing by, they shouted, ‘Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!’ The crowd sternly ordered them to be quiet; but they shouted even more loudly, ‘Have mercy on us, Lord, Son of David!’ Jesus stood still and called them, saying, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ They said to him, ‘Lord, let our eyes be opened.’ Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes. Immediately they regained their sight and followed him.

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The Choral Anthem Chancel Choir
Be Thou My Vision Arr. Carlton Young

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, and I thy true child,
O thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

High Kind of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
O still be my vision, Thou Ruler of all.

Message Title ‘How Can You Help Build a Better World?’ Dr. Foust

***Hymn of Discipleship** R. Maines Rawls
Take My Life, Lead Me Lord LANGLEY

Take my life, lead me, Lord, Take my life, lead me, Lord,
Make my life useful to Thee;
Take my life, lead me, Lord, Take my life, lead me, Lord
Make my life useful to Thee.

Take my life, teach me, Lord, Take my life, teach me, Lord,
Make my life useful to Thee;
Take my life, teach me, Lord, Take my life, teach me, Lord,
Make my life useful to Thee.

Here am I, send me, Lord, Here am I, send me, Lord,
Make my life useful to Thee;
Here am I, send me, Lord, Here am I, send me, Lord,
Make my life useful to Thee.

***The Commissioning** Dr. Foust

The Postlude J. Noel Lance

Save the date for St. John’s Baptist Church’s Heritage Sunday!

Join us on Sunday, March 19th as we celebrate our second century here at St. John’s. Following worship there will be a catered lunch in Broach Hall available, you can register for the lunch in Realm or by contacting the church office. There will also be a Mission Expo in the gym after worship, where you can explore all the ways to truly be a Servant Church.

Announcements

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.

Artful Lent | Sunday, March 26 at 11:30 am in Broach Hall

Our Kindergarten-5th grade children are invited to Artful Lent on Sunday, March 26 at 11:30 am in Broach Hall. Through art, our children will illustrate their understanding of "The Last Seven Words of Jesus from the Cross." Register on Realm or contact Kheresa.

On the Way: St. John's Retired Adults and Friends

St. John's retired adults (and friends) will be On The Way to Mama Ricotta's for lunch on Friday, March 17. Please meet at the church at 11:00 am so we can coordinate to carpool to Mama Ricotta's at 11:15am. We have reservations for an 11:30 am lunch in a private meeting room that seats up to 22 people. We should return to the church around 1:00 pm. Let's be festive and wear green since it is St. Patrick's Day! Please let Lee Gray LGray@sjcharlotte.org know if you plan to participate so he can convey our numbers to our contact.

Please also mark your calendar for Wednesday, April 19 for a day-trip to Winston-Salem to Reynolda Museum, Gardens, and Shops. We will also have lunch at the Village Tavern that day. More details about this trip will be forthcoming.

Church Eggstravaganza!

Get those Easter baskets and your cameras ready and join us for an intergenerational Church Eggstravaganza on Sunday, April 2 at 11:30am in Broach Hall. Before festivities begin, we'll hop over to the buffet line, where we'll be greeted by an Italian feast. Be sure to save room for those Easter eggs! Don't feel like hunting for those hidden eggs, no problem, there's still plenty to do! Register on Realm.

Youth Mission Auction | Coming April 30!

We are now accepting donations for our 2023 Youth Mission Auction which will take place on April 30! You may fill out an online form (scan the QR code) or you will find paper forms in the church office. You may drop your paper form off in the box outside Haley's office.



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: March 19 Heritage Sunday
Worship Theme: Jesus' Attitude and Actions as a Servant
Scripture: Mark 10-35-45
Message: 'What Do You Want?'
Proclaimers: Rev. Dennis W. Foust PhD

This Week at St. John's

Sun., Mar. 12	Mark 13:1-37 9:00 am Snapshot Sundays (Main Entrance Lobby) 9:15 am Sunday School/ Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person) 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30 am Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel) 11:30 am Snapshot Sundays (Main Entrance Lobby) 5:00 pm Basketball Banquet (Lounge/Gym)
Mon., Mar. 13	Mark 14:1-11 10:00 am Shepherd's Center/AARP Tax Assistance Program (Parking Lot) 11:00 am Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge) 2:00 pm Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room) 6:30 pm Ministries Deacon Panel (Room 204)
Tuesday, Mar. 14	Mark 14:12-16 10:00 am Shepherd's Center/AARP Tax Assistance Program (Parking Lot) 10:45 am Immigration & Refugee Ministry Group (Room 204)
Wed., Mar. 15	Mark 14:17-26 12:00 pm Elizabeth Communities of Faith Lenten Service & Soup Lunch (Sanctuary & Broach Hall) 7:15 pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Thursday, Mar. 16	Mark 14:27-28 10:00 am WOC Spiritual Growth Team (Prayer Room) 7:00 pm Historic Elizabeth Neighborhood Foundation Meeting (Broach Hall)
Friday, Mar. 17	Mark 14:29-31 6:30 am Brotherhood of the Biscuit (Lounge) 5:00 pm Room in the Inn (Gym) 8:00 pm Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, Mar. 17	Mark 14:32-34 7:00 am Benton Basketball 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

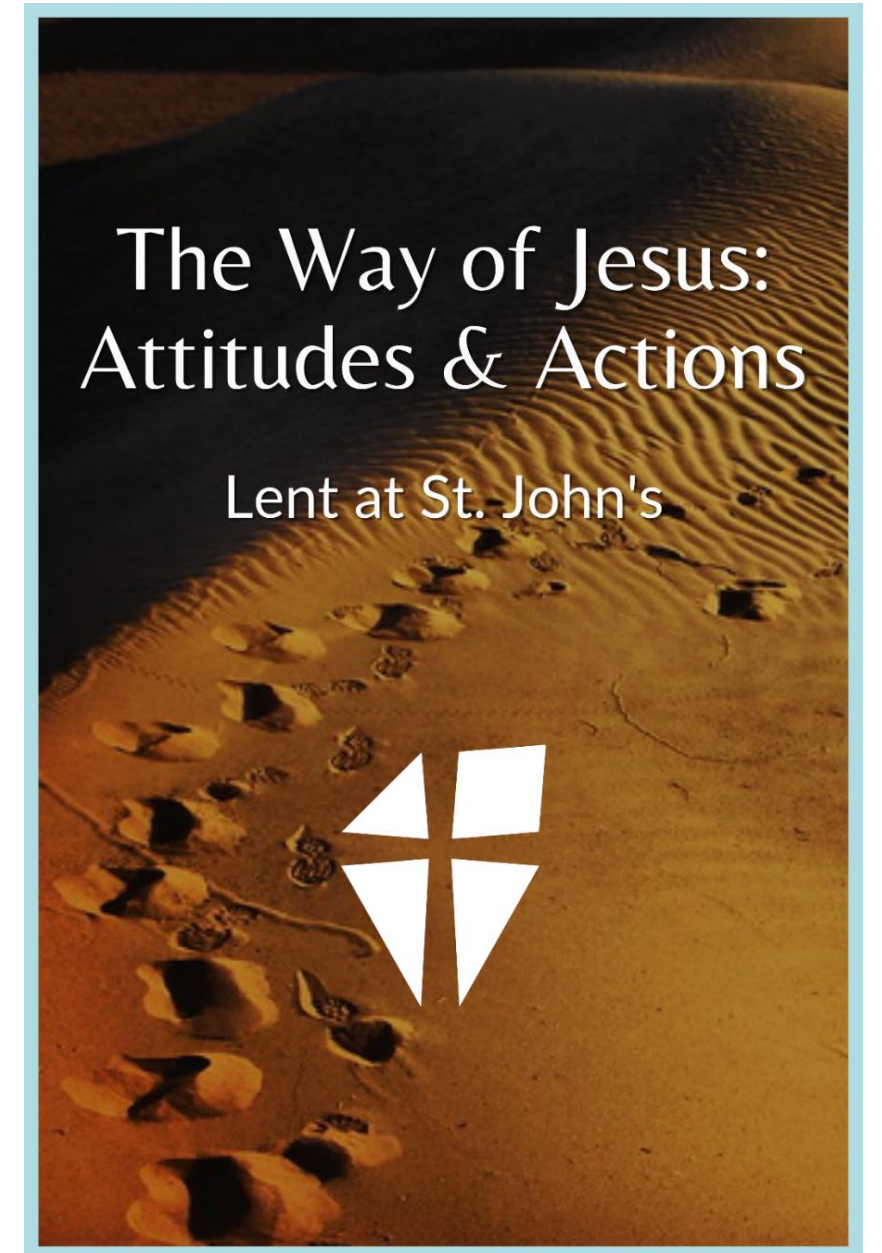
Every participant in God's Servant Church

Equipping Ministers

Minister for Youth and Young Adults..... Haley Blackwell
Senior Minister.....Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
Minister for 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



Jesus' Attitude and Actions of Compassion

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

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