

Welcome to the Worship of God

Please silence all electronic devices.

**Invites the congregation to stand*

Gathering Music J. Noel Lance

Words of Greeting and Gathering Rev. Kheresa Harmon

Call to Worship – Psalm 122:1

ONE: I was glad when they said unto me,

ALL: Let us Go into the house of the Lord.

Prayer of Submission Rev. Harmon & Addison Norris

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

***Hymn of Praise No 24** *The God of Abraham Praise*
Chalice Hymnal LEONI

Scripture Reading Christa Lynch
Genesis 22:1-14

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So, Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So, the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.' So, the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now, I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So, Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'

***Hymn of Serenity No 566** *Be Still, My Soul*
Chalice Hymnal FINLANDIA

Offertory Prayer

Scripture & Offertory Anthem

Offertory: Text Micah 6:6-8

With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
He has shown you what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

*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.

Prayers of the People

Barbara McElwey, Arnold Philemon, Jack Crymes,
Jane Starnes, Tommy Almond, Fan Watson

Lord's Prayer

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.

Message

'Discerning the Voice of God'

Alice Wirz

Chancel Choir
John Ness Beck

OLD HUNDREDTH

Rev. Haley Blackwell

Rev. Lee Gray



*Hymn of Assurance

Sweet Is the Friendly Voice That Speaks

Sweet is the friendly voice which speaks
The words of life and peace;
Which bids the upright heart rejoice,
And sin and sorrow cease.

Thou, Lord! in mercy wilt regard
The humble and sincere;
Thou wilt with gracious eye behold
The penitential tear.

Thou canst restrain wild passion's sway,
The pow'r of vice control,
Restore bright reason's ray divine,
And purify the soul.

O God! from error turn my feet,
That I no more may stray;
And guide my steps direct and safe
In virtue's peaceful way.

Let me no more, with willful mind,
Thy righteousness laws offend.
Then shall I know nor guilt nor fear,
If thou be still my friend.

Commissioning of the Scattered Church for Ministry in Daily Life Rev. Gray

Postlude

J. Noel Lance

CONNECTING SUNDAY WORSHIP WITH DAILY LIFE

To support your spiritual growth, we encourage you to invest in contemplation each day. These thoughts may help you in your reflections.

Are there other voices that keep you from hearing God's voice, what are they?

Can you recall a time when God "spoke" to you through:

- Reading Scripture
- Other Spiritual Reading
- Listening Prayer
- Being in Nature
- The words or presence of a friend
- Life circumstances
- Your own heart.

If you felt a nudge from God, how did you feel after you acted upon it?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Summer's Preaching Schedule

- July 9 - Rev. Haley Blackwell
- July 16 - Rev. Kheresa Harmon
- July 23 - Rev. Delbridge Narron
- July 30 - Dr. Steve Harmon
- August 6 - Rev. Sabrina Gilcrest (Right Moves for Youth)
- August 13 - Dr. Larry Hovis (Executive Coordinator CBFNC)

Global Missions Offering: Nyarweng Primary School, South Sudan

This year, our annual Global Missions Offering will again go to support the Nyarweng Primary School in South Sudan. If you would like to contribute to this offering, please scan the QR code. You can also write a check to St. John's with "Global Missions" in the memo line.



Goal: \$25,000 | Raised so far: \$24,445

Wonderful Wednesday on July 19: NASCAR Hall of Fame

All children are invited to join us on Wednesday, July 19 for an engine-revving afternoon at the NASCAR Hall of Fame. We'll depart from our church's Main Entrance parking lot for Uptown Charlotte via the Gold Line at 1:15pm. We will return to the church by 4:30pm. The cost is \$36 per person. Please reserve your race car by July 16. You may register on Realm or by contacting Kheresa at kharmon@sjcharlotte.org.

Charlotte PRIDE Parade and Festival: Coming August 19 & 20

Mark your calendars and plan to join St. John's at the Charlotte PRIDE Festival & Parade in Uptown Charlotte on August 19 and 20. More details to come.

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

Our JULY outing will be lunch. On Tuesday, July 18 at 11:30 we will eat at the Midwood Smokehouse behind the Park Rd Shopping Center on 540-C Brandywine Rd. We have a private room reserved that can seat up to 20. You can leave with us from the church at 11:15 am or meet us there at 11:30 am but please let Lee Gray LGray@sjcharlotte.org know if you plan to attend. You will also have a chance to walk to Amelie's French Bakery for dessert after lunch.

Don't forget to sign up to help at the Men's Shelter!



Thank you to all who have made puddings or served at the Men's Shelter during the last 6 months! You will find a new signup for the next 6 months by scanning the QR code. Only one change. It looks like we only need 4 servers each month. You may go in and decide which months you would like to sign up for. Please remember that we serve the third Friday of every month.

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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: July 9
Scripture: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30; Romans 7:15-25a
Title: A Summer of Sabbath
Proclaimer: Rev. Haley Blackwell

This Week at St. John's

Sun., July 2	8:30 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 am	John 1:6-13 Church Council Meeting Sunday School/ Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person) Worship (Sanctuary) Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
Mon., July 3		John 1:14-18 PASSPORT Kids
Tuesday, July 4		John 1:19-28 PASSPORT Kids Church offices closed for Independence Day
Wed., July 5	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	John 1:29-34 PASSPORT Kids Personnel Resource Team (Conference Room) Mixed Metaphors Productions Practice (Room 226)
Thursday, July 6	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	John 1:35-42 PASSPORT Kids Carolina Premier Practice (Gym) Mixed Metaphors Productions Practice (Room 226)
Friday, July 7	8:00 pm	John 1:43-51 Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, July 8	6:30 am 8:00 pm	John 2:1-11 Benton Basketball (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.....Rev. Haley Blackwell
Interim Minister for Music and Worship.....Dr. Jared Daugherty
Senior Minister.....Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
Minister for Congregational Care.....Rev. Lee Gray
Minister for Children and Their Families...Rev. Kheresa Harmon

Church Staff

Academy of the Arts Director.....Jessica Borgnis
Media Coordinator.....Mallory Brown
Children's Music Director.....Chloe Hall
Organist.....J. Noel Lance
Associate Organist.....Dr. Matthew Manwarren
Custodian.....Chris Mullis
Ministry Coordinator.....Amanda Morrison
Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted

Volunteers for Next Sunday, July 9

Offerotry Deacons	Ushers	Nursery
Alice Wirz	Beverly Hester	Charlie Harper
Anna Cushman	Bobbie Hahn	Volunteer Needed
Scott Hicks	Betsy Almond	Volunteer Needed
Steven Follis	Jeff Almond	
Tricia Miller		
Whitney Crowder		



A SERVANT CHURCH

Sunday, July 2, 2023

10:30 AM Worship

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