

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. Haley Blackwell

Preparing out Hearts for Worship J. Noel Lance

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

*Hymn of Praise No 22 *All Creatures of our God and King*
Chalice Hymnal LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Responsive Reading of Scripture (Psalm 63:1-4) Rev. Blackwell

ONE: God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you;

ALL: I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you,

ONE: In a dry and parched land where there is no water.

ALL: I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.

ONE: Because your steadfast love is better than life,

ALL: My lips will glorify you.

ONE: I will praise you as long as I live,

ALL: And in your name I will lift up my hands.

Prayer of Submission Rev. Blackwell

*Hymn of Vision No 586 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*
Chalice Hymnal OPEN MY EYES

Scripture Reading Ellen Smith
Genesis 21:8-21

The child grew and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So, she said to Abraham, 'Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.' The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, 'Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.' So, Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, 'Do not let me look on the death of the child.' And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, 'What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.' Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Prayers of the People Rev. Kheresa Harmon

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

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 Rev. Lee Gray
"We Believe It When We See it"

*Hymn of Discipleship No 595 *Be Thou My Vision*
Chalice Hymnal SLANE

Offertory Prayer Matt Comer

Offertory Anthem Chancel Choir
Taste & See James E. Moore

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord

I will bless the Lord at all times.

Praise shall always be on my lips.

My soul shall glory in the Lord,

for God has been so good to me.

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord

Glorify the Lord with me

Together let us all praise God's name.

I called the Lord who answered me;

from all my troubles I was set free.

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord

Worship the Lord all you people.

You'll want for nothing if you ask.

Taste and see that the Lord is good;

In God we need put all our trust.

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

*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.

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.

When you have been the person with power have you welded this power responsibly? If you can think of times you haven't, consider how you could act differently the next time.

Do you stop and ask God for help when you need it?

Do you pray on your own when it is not an emergency? Are you completely honest with God in prayer? Do you take time to listen in prayer?



And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, 'What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. – Genesis 21:17

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Summer's Preaching Schedule

- July 2 - Rev. Lee Gray
- 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)

Come & Play Softball!

The St. John's softball season is scheduled to start the week of June 26. All games are played at Providence Baptist Church 4921 Randolph Rd on Monday-Thursday Nights, two nights a week. If you are interested in playing or would like to know more, please contact Lee Gray at LGray@sjcharlotte.org

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: \$23,345

Wonderful Wednesday on July 19: NASCAR Hall of Fame

"Boogity, boogity, boogity – let's go racing," SJBC kids! 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.

Serve as a Youth Chaperone: In-Town Mission Immersion August 5-8

SJBC Youth needs several chaperones to assist with our local mission immersion from August 5-8. We need overnight chaperones to stay at the hotel with us as well as chaperones to help with service sites during the morning and afternoons. Please let Haley (hblackwell@sjcharlotte.org) know if you are interested in helping and when you might be available, and she will create a schedule that works for you!

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 (a few doors down from Midwood Smokehouse) for dessert after lunch.

Volunteers for Next Sunday, July 2		
Offerotry Deacons	Ushers	Nursery
Morgan Newman	Gail Sifford	Kimberly Allen
Paul Huffman	Tricia Miller	Laura Sorrell
Rod Spence	Bobbie Hinson	Lindsay Wilson
Russell Norris	Don Hinson	Bobbie Hinson
Sara Vavra		Melissa Millette
1 more needed		

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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: June 25
Scripture: Genesis 22:1-14; Micah 6:6-8
Title: 'Discerning the Voice of God'
Proclaimer: Rev. Lee Gray

This Week at St. John's

Sun., June 25	9:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 11:45 am	Luke 22:63-65 Sunday School/ Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person) Worship (Sanctuary) Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel) Senior's Summer Picnic (Broach Hall)
Mon., June 26		Luke 22:66-71
Tuesday, June 27	10:30 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	Luke 23:1-7 CBF General Assembly (Atlanta) Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room) Mixed Metaphors Productions Practice (Room 226) NAMI Family Support Group NAMI Peer Support Group
Wed., June 28	6:30 pm 7:15 pm	Luke 23:8-12 CBF General Assembly (Atlanta) Mixed Metaphors Productions Practice (Room 226) Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Thursday, June 29	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Luke 23:13-17 CBF General Assembly (Atlanta) Carolina Premier Practice (Gym) Mixed Metaphors Productions Practice (Room 226)
Friday, June 30	8:00 pm	Luke 23:18-25 CBF General Assembly (Atlanta) Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, July 1	6:30 am 8:00 pm	Luke 23:26-43 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



Sunday, June 25, 2023

10:30 AM Worship

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