

Welcome to the Worship of God

Please silence all electronic devices.

*Invites the congregation to stand

Prelude

Dr. Matthew Manwarren

Prelude in G Major

Felix Mendelssohn

Words of Gathering & Greeting

Rev. Kheresa Harmon

Call to Service

James Laney – Search Team

Anna Cushman & Kevin Lynch – Peacekeepers

*Call to Worship

Rev. Dennis W. Foust PhD

ONE: We gather in this sacred space where many new beginnings have been celebrated.

ALL: Guide us, O Thou great Jehovah for we are pilgrims amidst transitions.

ONE: Today, we celebrate our graduates and families sending them forth with active faith.

ALL: Sustaining God, hold them and their families with Thy powerful hand. As Bread of Heaven, receive our worship; feed us till we want no more. Amen.

Prayer of Submission

Dr. Foust

*Entrance of the Graduates - Hymn No. 622

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Chalice Hymnal

CWM RHONDDA

Entrance of the Christ Candle: Hannah Harmon

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Todd Stillerman

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

4“Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. 5You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. 7Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. 8Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, 9and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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.

Offertory Prayer

Rod Spence

Offertory Anthem

Grant Us Thy Peace

Felix Mendelssohn

Grant us Thy peace, Almighty Lord! O source of ev’ry blessing!

We cannot have abiding joy, without Thy peace possessing.

Thy peace, O give by which we live.

*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 Church at Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Lee Gray

Barbara McElwey, Emily Batts, Arnold Philemon, Jack Crymes, Jane Starnes

Sympathy to Haley and Austin Blackwell for the passing of Haley’s grandfather, Richard Alloway, on May 25th.

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.

Reading from the New Testament

Autumn Sweet

1 John 3:18-24

18Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. 19And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him 20whenever our hearts condemn us, for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. 21Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God, 22and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. 23And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. 24All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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.

*Hymn No. 540

Oh Love, That Wilt Not Let Me Go

Chalice Hymnal

ST. MARGARET

Message

‘An Extension of Love’

Rev. Haley Blackwell

*Hymn

Guide My Feet

African American Traditional

GUIDE MY FEET

Guide my feet while I run this race,

Guide my feet while I run this race,

Guide my feet while I run this race,

For I don’t want to run this race in vain.

Hold my hand while I run this race,

Hold my hand while I run this race,

Hold my hand while I run this race,

For I don’t want to run this race in vain.

I’m your child while I run this race,

I’m your child while I run this race,

I’m your child while I run this race,

For I don’t want to run this race in vain.

Stand by me while I run this race,

Stand by me while I run this race,

Stand by me while I run this race,

For I don’t want to run this race in vain.

Recognition of High School Seniors

Rev. Blackwell & Dr. Foust

Commissioning of the Scattered Church

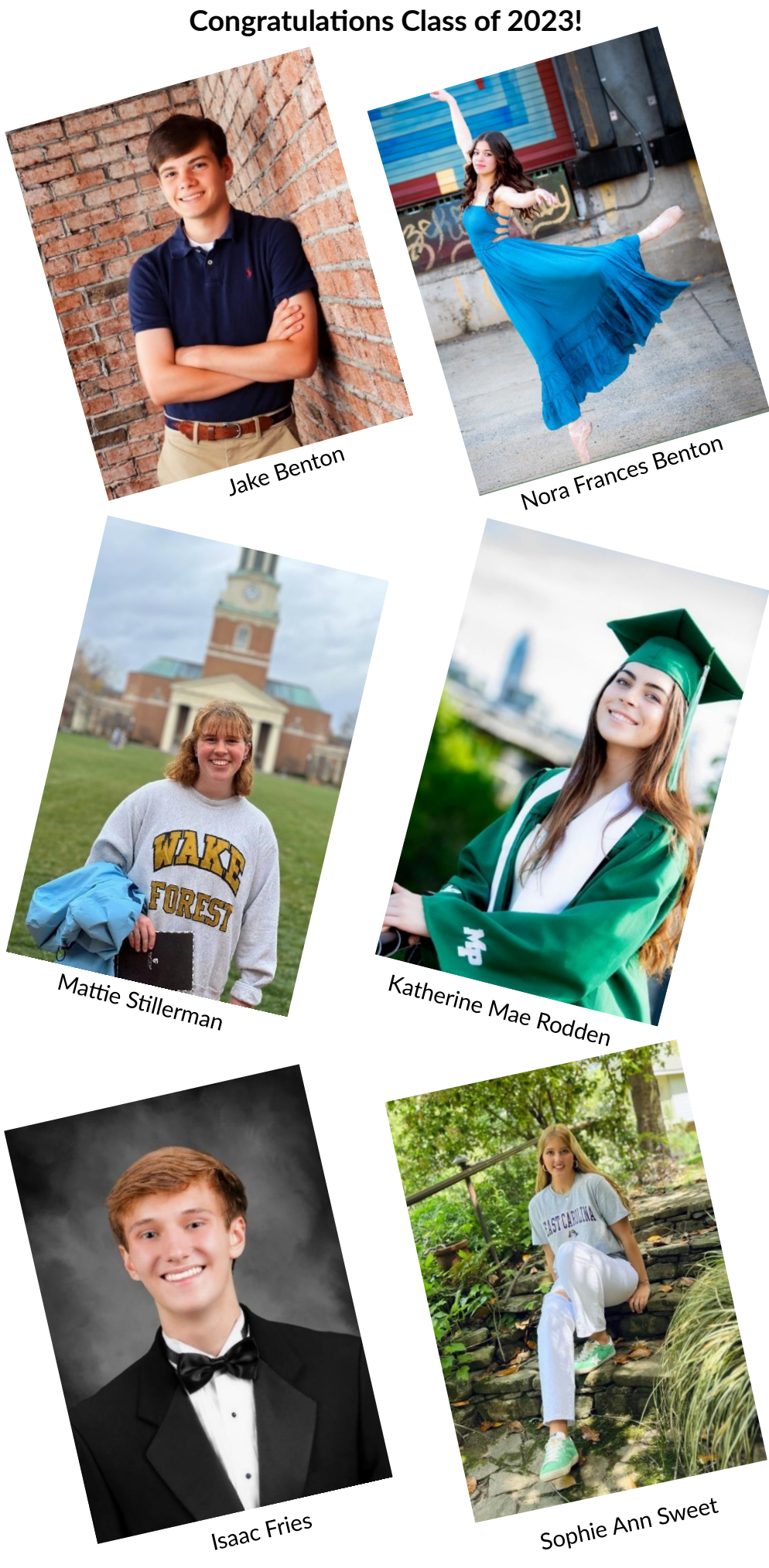
Dr. Foust

Postlude

Dr. Manwarren

Voluntary on CCM RHONDDA

Paul Manz



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wonderful Wednesdays for Children: Registration Open for June 14

- Wednesday, June 14, 10am-12pm, Splash Pad at First Ward Park: REGISTER ON REALM TODAY or contact Kheresa by email at kharmon@sjcharlotte.org.
- Wednesday, July 19, 2-4pm., NASCAR Hall of Fame
- Wednesday, August 2, 4-6pm., Big Air Trampoline Park

Summer Opportunities for Youth

- June 4 - Senior Sunday
- June 4 from 5-8pm, Youth Banquet with a Sleepover Theme
- June 18-24 - Washington D.C. Trip for High School students
- July 10-14 - Unidiversity Camp for all youth
- August 5-8 - In-Town Immersion Trip for all youth

In Need of a Male Chaperone for Youth Trip!

St. John's Youth are looking for one male chaperone for our Washington D.C. trip that will take place June 18-24. All travel costs, lodging, and meals will be covered. If you are interested, or would like more information, please email Haley at hblackwell@sjcharlotte.org. We will be serving with CSM which is an organization that Haley has worked with in the past.

Summer Handbells Choir

Come join the Summer Handbell Choir! Practices will be Wednesdays June 21 through July 26th from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. There will be a musical presentation during worship on July 30th. If you are interested in joining, please contact Amanda Morrison in the office or Interim Minister for Music and Worship, Dr. Jared Daugherty.

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.



Seniors' Picnic - Sunday, June 25

If you are at least 75 years young, please join us for a time of food, fun, and fellowship in Broach Hall following the worship service on June 25th. There is no cost for this event, however, reservations are required! Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, June 20. You may register through Realm using the QR code, by emailing Amanda (amorrison@sjcharlotte.org), or by calling her in the church office (704-333-5428, ext. 0) Menu: Chicken tenders, potato salad, baked beans, rolls, beverage, and banana pudding. Sponsored by the Women of the Church.



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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: June 11

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:1-15

Title: 'Let's Give Them Something to Talk About'

Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W Foust PhD

This Week at St. John's

Sun., June 4	Luke 19:11-27 Church Council Meeting (Conference Room) Sunday School/ Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person) Worship (Sanctuary) – Graduate Sunday Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel) 11:30 am Bounce Into Summer (Broach Hall & Gym)
Mon., June 5	Luke 19:28-48
Tuesday, June 6	Luke 20:1-8 Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room) Mixed Metaphors Productions Practice (Room 226)
Wed., June 7	Luke 20:9-19 Personnel Resource Team (Conference Room) Mixed Metaphors Productions Practice (Room 226) Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Thursday, June 8	Luke 20:20-26 Needle Ministry (Lounge) Carolina Premier Practice (Gym) Mixed Metaphors Productions Practice (Room 226)
Friday, June 9	Luke 20:27-40 Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, June 10	Luke 20:41-47 Communities in Schools: Safe Journey Graduation (Broach Hall) Charlotte Chorale (Broach Hall) 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, June 11

Offerotry Deacons	Ushers	Nursery
Ellen Smith	Kenn Compton	Elizabeth Whipple
Gearlene Hoffman	Laura McGuire	
Jackie Southwell	Becky Skidmore	
James Keesee		
Jane Starnes		
Jeff LeVie		

Congratulations



Senior Graduation Sunday

Sunday, June 4, 2023

10:30 AM Worship

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