

Welcome to the Worship of God

Please silence all electronic devices.

**Invites the congregation to stand*

The Church Gathers to Worship The Living God

Gathering Music Dr. Matthew Manwarren

Words of Greeting and Gathering Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Call Into Church Conference M.C. Sorrell, Chair of Diaconate

Commissioning of PRIDE Volunteers and Parade Walkers

Prayer of Submission Dr. Foust

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship Dr. Manwarren

‘The Living God has sent the Living Bread to strengthen our spirits.’

Entrance of the Christ Candle, presented by Matteo Aguilera

***The Hymn of Praise No. 284** *Here in This Place*
Chalice Hymnal GATHER US IN

THE COVENANT TABLE

The Reading of Scripture *Gospel of Luke 22:14-16* Dr. Foust

When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, ‘I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.’

Invitation to The Lord’s Covenant Table

Homily *‘Spiritual Food and Mismatched Chairs’* Dr. Foust

***The Hymn of Covenant No. 384** *Here at Thy Table, Lord*
Chalice Hymnal BREAD OF LIFE

THE COVENANT BREAD

The Reading of Scripture *Gospel of Luke 22:19* Rev. Haley Blackwell

Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’

Giving Thanks for the Bread

***The Hymn of the Covenant Bread No. 485** *Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race*
Chalice Hymnal TALLIS’ CANNON

The Distribution of the Covenant Bread Deacons

The Church Shares the Covenant Bread

THE COVENANT CUP

The Reading of Scripture *Gospel of Luke 22:20* Rev. Kheresa Harmon

And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, ‘This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.’

Giving Thanks for the Cup

***The Hymn of the Covenant Cup** *Now We Come Before God’s Presence*
THE SERVANT SONG

Now we come before God’s presence, full of joy with songs of praise for the cup and bread lifegiving, healing all our sinful ways.

Bread of life, so freely given, keeping hungry spirits fed. We, in turn, with great thanksgiving, freely share our worldly bread.

Cup of sorrow, cup of joy, filling souls that come in thirst, likewise, we shall fill the cups of those who thirst throughout the earth.

Love beyond all comprehension, offered through this feast divine, we can only go in joy to share with all our bread and wine.

The Distribution of the Covenant Cup Deacons

The Church Shares the Covenant Cup

THE COVENANT PROCLAMATION

Prayers of the Covenant Community Rev. Lee Gray

Barbara McElwey, Arnold Philemon, Jack Crymes,
Tommy Almond, Fan Watson, Joyce Ehrenberger

Sympathy to the family of Stacey Almond who passed on ahead of us last Friday. Please remember her parents, Tommy and Margaret Almond, and her sister, Kelly Almond, in your thoughts and prayers.

Reading of Scripture *1 Corinthians 11:23-26* Dr. Foust

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Words of Remembrance and Proclamation

Offertory Prayer Sara Vavra

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Anthem Chancel Choir, Directed by Dr. Lillian Quackenbush
Draw Us In the Spirit’s Tether Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit’s tether, for when humbly in Thy name, two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them. Alleluia, Alleluia! Touch we now Thy garment’s hem.

As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God, the Father, break the bread and bless the cup. Alleluia, Alleluia! So knit we now our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living, make as sacraments of Thee. That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluia, Alleluia! We will serve Thee faithfully.

***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

***Presentation of New Members**

Devon Dlugosz, Jacob Goodson, Melanie Goodson, Chloe Hall, Janice Little, Sandi Loder, Adian Salmeron, Caitlin Wallace, Caroline Wallace, David Wallace, Lauren Wallace, Shelly Zeigler

***Reading of the St. John’s Church Covenant**

United in the faith that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, revealed in history, disclosed in the Scriptures, and experienced in human life, we do solemnly and joyfully make this Covenant together:

We will be faithful to the public worship of God, gathering with the family of the church to celebrate His glory and remember His grace.

We will take seriously the responsibility and privilege of personal Christian growth, diligently seeking to establish and maintain a Christian atmosphere in our homes.

We will love and encourage each other in the family of the Church and admonish each other as occasion may require. Our differences will not separate us but rather increase our understanding and strengthen the bonds of Christian love.

We will be faithful stewards, as God has prospered us, contributing our financial support for the Church and its ministries and offering ourselves for God’s work in the world.

We will, with God’s help, so live our lives that others, seeing the joy of Christian living, may seek to know Jesus Christ our Lord.

We will be a servant Church, recognizing the infinite worth of every person and believing that Christ has called us to active involvement in behalf of human brotherhood. In the spirit of this covenant, we pray together:

Almighty God, Father of us all, witness this Covenant which we make with each other and with Thee. Guide us as we try to do that which pleases Thee, to the glory of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***The Church Shares in Singing The Lord’s Prayer** MALLOTTE

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

The Church Scatters to Proclaim God’s Covenant through Ministry in Daily Life

The Postlude Dr. Manwarren

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.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.” – (Jesus) Matthew 5:6

“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which the ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” – (Jesus) John 6:56-58

“Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.” – 1 Peter 2:2-3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pride Parade This Afternoon!

Please join us this afternoon in Uptown Charlotte for the Pride Parade as we tell everyone that God Loves Everyone! See Todd Stillerman or Amanda Morrison for details about where to meet if you want to be a part of the parade.



Collection for Highland Renaissance Academy

Throughout the month of August, we will be collecting individual fruit cups and canned soup as well as elementary school supplies. All donations can be dropped off in the Giving Nook at the Main Entrance. If you have questions, please contact Becky Skidmore.

Promotion Sunday and Blessing of the Backpacks

Promotion Sunday for our children and youth and a Blessing of the Backpacks for students of all ages, parents, teachers/school employees, and professors will be held on Sunday, August 27. Bring your backpacks/totes/briefcases to worship next Sunday if you are a student or a school employee.

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

For August will have lunch at Captain Steve's Seafood in Harrisburg (5645 NC Hwy 49) on Wednesday, August 23 at 11:45am. You can either meet us at the church at 11:00 am or at 11:40 at Captain Steve's. Please let Lee Gray LGray@sjcharlotte.org know if you plan to attend, and if you will join us at the church or meet us at the restaurant.

End-of-Summer Cookout for Children and Families

Children of all ages and their families are invited to an End-of-Summer Cook-out on Saturday, September 9, 11:00am - 1:00pm, at the home of Anna and Blinn Cushman. More details will be shared soon!

Women of the Church Luncheon: Save the Date!

For ALL Women of the Church, please save Sunday, September 17, for our annual luncheon. Details in next week's Family News, and we look forward to being together again!

St. John's Women's Retreat: Saturday, November 4, 2023, at Bragg Farm

Spiritual Director, Mary Apicella, will lead us in a 1-day retreat on the theme of "Embodied Faith" through wellness and movement-based teaching. Mary is an ordained clergy person who believes in movement as a spiritual practice that helps us all heal and connect to a greater sense of meaning and purpose. She is a certified personal trainer and a Pre/Postnatal Fitness Specialist through PRONatal Fitness. Watch for more details to come. You won't want to miss out!



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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: August 27

Scripture: Matthew 7:12-29

Message Title: 'Building Contractors, Cockwombles, Fruit Inspectors, and Disciples'
Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

This Week at St. John's

Sun., Aug. 13	9:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	John 9: 35-41 Sunday School/ Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person) Worship (Sanctuary) Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel) SJBC @ Charlotte Pride 2023 (Uptown)
Mon., Aug. 14	10:00 am	John 10:1-21 Adventures in Learning Shepherd's Center (Broach Hall)
Tuesday, Aug. 15	10:30 am 12:00 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	John 10:22-42 Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room) Joy Class Lunch (Broach Hall) NAMI Family Support Group NAMI Peer Support Group
Wed., Aug. 16	7:15 pm	John 11:1-16 Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Thursday, Aug. 17	6:00 pm	John 11:17-31 Carolina Premier Practice (Gym)
Friday, Aug. 18	8:00 pm	John 11:32-37 Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, Aug. 19	6:30 am 8:00 pm	John 11:38-44 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
Senior Minister.....Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
Minister for Congregational CareRev. Lee Gray
Minister for Children and Their Families..... Rev. Kheresa Harmon
Interim Minister for Music and Worship.....Dr. Lillian Quackenbush

Church Staff

Academy of the Arts Director.....Jessica Borgnis
Media CoordinatorMallory Brown
Children's Music DirectorChloe Hall
OrganistJ. Noel Lance
Associate Organist..... Dr. Matthew Manwarren
Custodian..... Chris Mullis
Church Administrator..... Amanda Morrison
Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted



Sunday, August 20, 2023
1030 AM Worship
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