

Welcome to the Worship of God

Please silence all electronic devices.

**Invites the congregation to stand*

The Church Gathers to Worship the Living God

On this World Communion Sunday, maps are located on each side wall of the sanctuary. At any time during our expressions of worship today, please use the stickers provided to locate a place on the map for which you are praying for peace and investing in God's vision.

The Gathering Music J. Noel Lance, Organist

The Words of Greeting Rev. Kheresa Harmon

A Word About World Communion Sunday Rev. Harmon

The Passing of the Peace of Christ Congregation

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship J. Noel Lance

Entrance of the Christ Candle, presented by Hannah Harmon

The Prayer of Submission Rev. Harmon

***The Hymn of Praise, No. 275** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*
Chalice Hymnal WESTMINSTER ABBEY

We Invest in Our Ministry Partnerships Around the World Kevin Lynch

The Offertory Prayer Kevin Lynch

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Diaconate and Worshippers

The Offertory J. Noel Lance

***The Doxology** OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Church at Prayer Rev. Lee Gray

Arnold Philemon, Jack Crymes, Joyce Ehrenberger,
Mary Rickenbaker, Warren Lineberger, Jane Starnes

***The Hymn of Global Unity, No. 722** *This is My Song*
Chalice Hymnal FINLANDIA

The Message Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
'A Visionary Prayer for the Church in the World'

The Reading of Scripture and Choral Anthem

Ephesians 3:14 – 4:6

All Are Welcome by Marty Haugen

Becky Skidmore

Chancel Choir

Ephesians 3:14-16

"I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit,"

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live.
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace.
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions. All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Ephesians 3:17-19

"I pray that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

Let us build a house where prophets speak and words are strong and true.
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus. All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Ephesians 3:20-21

"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever."

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space,
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us. All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Ephesians 4:1-3

"I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone,
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face.
Let us bring an end to fear and danger. All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Ephesians 4:4-6

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all."

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace.
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

The Invitation to the Lord's Table Dr. Foust

The Prayer of Consecration Rev. Haley Blackwell

The Reading of Scripture Gospel of Luke 22:19 Rev. Gray

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.'

The Serving of the Bread Diaconate

The Reading of Scripture Gospel of Luke 22:20 Rev. 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.'

The Serving of the Cup Diaconate

The Commissioning Dr. Foust

***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 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.

IMAGINE:

Today, on World Communion Sunday, people gather under trees in Nigeria to share flat bread. Others gather in cathedrals in Ireland to share soda bread, some gather in Japan to share rice patties. Christians gather in France to share wine fresh from their vineyards.

SCRIPTURES:

"How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!"

- Psalm 133:1

"Whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith."

- Galatians 6:10

QUOTATIONS:

"There will be no peace among the nations without peace among the religions. There will be no peace among the religions without dialogue between the religions. There will be no dialogue between the religions without investigation of the foundation of the religions."

- Hans Kung in, Christianity: Essence, History, Future

"In an ever changing world, the holy eucharist is a constant reminder of the great reality of God's changeless love."

- Mother Teresa

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Red Cross AED, CPR, First Aid Training

We are currently seeking out 8-12 church members who are active in the church and often in the building to participate in a Red Cross AED, CPR, and First Aid Training on October 15 from 12:30-3:30pm. The first 8 to sign up are FREE and the last 4 (up to 12) would be \$107 per person for the training. If the registration on Realm is full with 8 people, please email Tom Blackmon (contact below) to register. Those who sign up must be 16 years of age or older. If you have questions, please contact Tom Blackmon at tombblackmon@carolina.rr.com OR 704-533-2718. Sign up by scanning QR code or on Realm.



Children Receiving Donations for Mercy Bags

Following worship on Sunday, October 22, our children will make mercy bags for our homeless sisters and brothers. Please consider donating one or more of the following items to help us fill our bags:

- 8 oz. bottles of water, peanut butter crackers, granola bars, beef jerky (lunch pack size), individual packets of mixed nuts, snack-size boxes of dried fruit, hand warmers

Our children will receive donations from now through Friday, October 20. Please place your donations in bins in our Giving Nook at the Main Entrance.

Children's Ministry Day at The Hunter Farm: Registration OPEN!

We're headed to The Hunter Farm in Weddington for seasonal festivities amongst pumpkins and baby goats and more! Registration has opened! Register by October 7 on Realm. The cost is \$11 per person; children 2 and under are free.

Thursdays on the Town: October 12

Parents of children, ages birth to 5th grade, Thursdays on the Town has returned! Please join us on Thursday, October 12 at 6PM at The King's Kitchen. Childcare is provided. Please register on Realm and reserve childcare by October 1!

Women of the Church Fall Retreat: November 4

You are invited to join us for the Fall Retreat at Bragg Farm Saturday, November 4, 2023, from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Our theme this year is "Embodied Faith" through wellness and movement-based teaching. Registration is \$50 and includes snacks, lunch, and all materials included. Register and pay on Realm by October 22. Questions? Contact Kim Allen (704) 614-2770 or email kallen1994@aol.com



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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: October 8, 2023
Scripture: Philippians 3:4b-14
Message Title: 'Responsibility and Privilege'
Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

This Week at St. John's

Sun., Oct. 1	9:15 am	Sunday School/ Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
	5:00 pm	Youth SNL
Mon., Oct. 2	11:30 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Room 114)
Tuesday, Oct. 3	10:30 am	Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room)
Wed., Oct. 4	7:15 pm	Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Thursday, Oct. 5	6:30 pm	
Friday, Oct. 6	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, Oct. 7	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

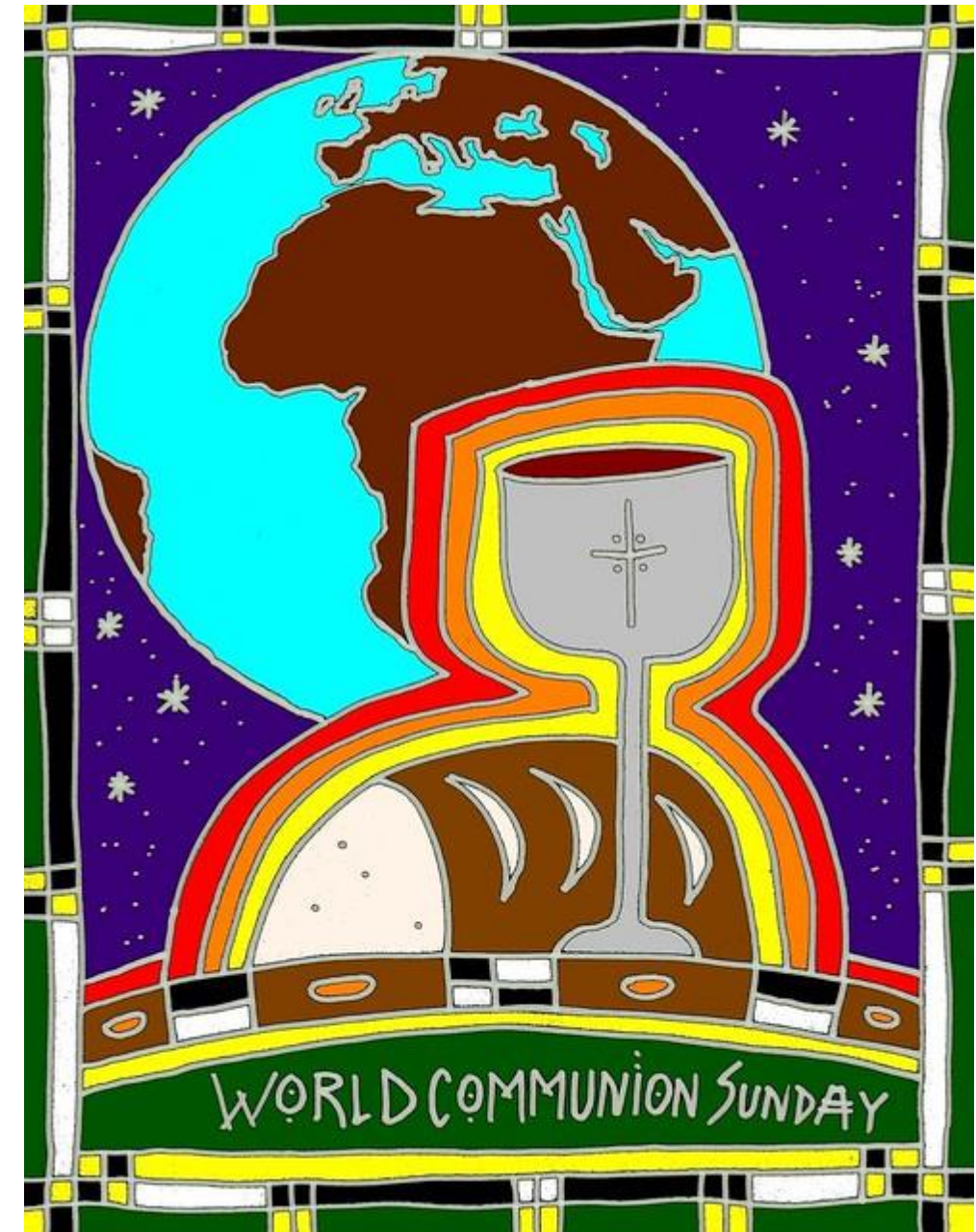
Every participant in God's Servant Church

Equipping Ministers

Minister for Youth and Young Adults..... 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, October 1, 2023

10:30 AM Worship

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