

Welcome to the Worship of God

Second Sunday after The Epiphany

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January 14, 2024 *Ten-Thirty in the Morning*

Gathering Music J. Noel Lance, Organist

**Words Of Greeting
& Announcements Of Church Life** Rev. Haley Blackwell

Prayer Of Submission Rev. Blackwell

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship J. Noel Lance
Entrance Of Christ Candle by **Kayleigh Mac Whipple**

The Call to Worship Rev. Blackwell

ONE: Having responded to Jesus' call, "Follow me," we gather as his disciples.

ALL: Although we are disciples, we can be unaware that the Lord is still calling to us.

ONE: In this hour, let us listen for the Voice of the Lord who calls us by name.

ALL: Let us worship the God of Grace and Glory who calls us to be ministers in daily life.

***Hymn Of Praise, No. 464** *God of Grace and God of Glory*
The Chalice Hymnal CWM RHONDDA

Reading Of the Hebrew Scriptures Kayleigh Mac Whipple and Gary McFarland
1 Samuel 3:1-10

"Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.' " So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

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 Of Discipleship, No. 575** *Come and Find the Quiet Center*
The Chalice Hymnal BEACH SPRING

Moments With the Younger Church Rev. Kheresa Harmon

Reading Of the Gospel Carter Sorrell
Gospel of John 1:43-51

"The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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***Hymn Of Mission, No. 357** *We Call Ourselves Disciples*
The Chalice Hymnal LANCASHIRE

The Church at Prayer Rev. Lee Gray

Kelly Belcher, Jack Crymes, Flossie Dodge, Jean Hutson, Betty Mullins,
Mary Rickenbaker, Jane Starnes, Jerry Stephens, Tom Bryson

The 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.**

The Chancel Choir Anthem Directed by Noel Lance
Lord, Here Am I by John Ness Beck

Master Thou callest I gladly obey
Only direct me and I'll find Thy way
Teach me the mission appointed for me
What is my labor and where it shall be

Chorus: Master Thou callest and this I reply
Ready and willing Lord here am I

Willing my Savior to take up the cross
Willing to suffer reproaches and loss
Willing to follow if Thou wilt but lead
Only support me with grace in my need

Chorus

Living or dying I still would be Thine
Yet I am mortal while Thou art divine
Pardon whenever I turn from the right
Pity and bring me again to the light

Chorus

The Homily 'The Journey of Following' Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

***Hymn Of Witness, No. 344** *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*
The Chalice Hymnal ASSAM

The Offertory Prayer Paul Huffman, Deacon

The Presentation of Tithes Plus Offerings Deaconate and Congregation

***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

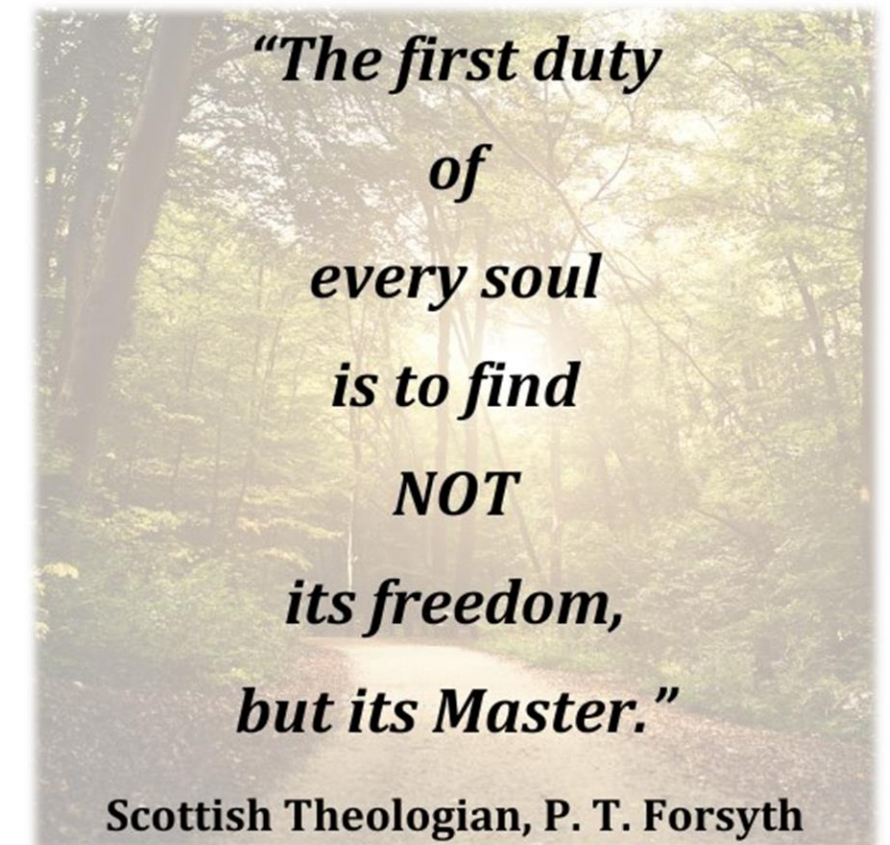
The Introduction of Russell Nelson James Laney, Search Team & Church Staff

The Commissioning Dr. Foust

The Postlude J. Noel Lance

A Divine Center

- **Monday, January 15, 2024:** Psalm 100 Weekday Preschool of St. John's
- **Tuesday, January 16, 2024:** Genesis 16:1-16 Church World Service Social Workers
- **Wednesday, January 17, 2024:** Jeremiah 19:1-15 Matthew Manwarren
- **Thursday, January 18, 2024:** Psalm 62:5-12 Messaging & Media Resource Team
- **Friday, January 19, 2024:** Revelation 1:4-8 Charlotte Rescue Mission
- **Saturday, January 20, 2024:** Acts 5:1-11 Finance Resource Team
- **Sunday, January 21, 2024 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany:** Mark 1:14-20 Alliance of Baptists



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fat Friday, February 9 at 6PM

Our 2nd annual Fat Friday will be on February 9 at 6:00pm in Broach Hall. Join us for BrooksCakes, BrooksGrits, bacon, fruit, and the fixings. There will be games, Bingo, and all sorts of Mardi Gras fun! When our bellies are full and games have been played, we will join around tables and pack mercy bags for our sisters and brothers who call our city streets home. Register today for Fat Friday on Realm.

At this event, we will be packing mercy bags. We will begin collecting the following donations (Giving Nook - designated bins) today:

- 8 oz bottles of water
- Snack-sized beef jerky
- Snack-sized dried fruit
- Applesauce POUCHES
- Granola bars
- Peanut Butter Crackers
- Nut Mix
- Chapstick and/or travel sized hand lotion

Thursdays on the Town at Napa on Providence

Parents of children, ages birth – 5th grade, are invited to join us on Thursday, February 1 at 6pm at Napa on Providence. Free childcare will be provided. Please register and reserve childcare by Sunday, January 28. You may register on Realm or contact Kheresa.

Men's Shelter Service and Banana Puddings

A big THANK YOU to all of you who have made banana puddings for the shelter and for those who served! You are special! We are up and going for the new year and need 3 more puddings for this month. We hope you will join us as we serve the third Friday of each month. Sign up by scanning the QR code.



On the Way

On The Way will be gathering for Lunch at Red Rocks Café (in Strawberry Hill – 4223 Providence Rd) on Wednesday, January 17 at 11:15 am. We will meet at the restaurant. Please email Lee Gray at LGray@sjcharlotte.org to let him know if you plan to attend.

Super Valentine's Day Party, Sunday, February 11 at 11:30am

Children and families, get game ready for our Super Valentine's Day Party on Sunday, February 11, 11:30am - 1:30pm, in Broach Hall and the Gym!

What's the playbook for this super event?

1. Chili/Soup Bowl: Fill your crockpot with your favorite chili/soup and bring it to Broach Hall for lunch. Our children will be our judges, and they shall taste and declare the winner
2. Crafts, games, and cookie decorating
3. The Bowl Game: children vs. parents in the 2024 SJBC Kickball Bowl Game!

Secure your place in the lineup and register on Realm by February 7!

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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: January 21, 2024
Scripture: Psalm 62:5-12; Mark 1:14-20
Message Title: 'Immediately'
Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

This Week at St. John's

Sun., Jan. 14	9:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Sunday School Worship (Sanctuary) Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel) Baby Shower for Haley Blackwell (Broach Hall)
Mon., Jan. 15	ALL Day	Church Offices Closed in Observance of MLK Day
Tues., Jan. 16	10:30 am 5:30 pm	Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room) Women of the Church Meeting (Broach Hall)
Wed., Jan. 17	11:15 am 7:15 pm	On the Way Lunch @ Red Rocks Cafe Choir Practice
Thurs., Jan. 18	10:00 am	WOC Spiritual Growth Team (Prayer Room)
Friday, Jan. 19	6:30 am 8:00 pm	Brotherhood of the Biscuit (Lounge) Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Sat., Jan. 20	6:30 am 11:00 am 8:00 pm	Benton Basketball (Gym) Karen Kamara Funeral Service (TIC) (Sanctuary) 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
Minister for Worship and Music.....Russell Nelson

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, January 14, 2024

10:30 AM Worship

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