

Welcome to the Worship of God

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January 21, 2024 *Ten-Thirty in the Morning*

Gathering Music J. Noel Lance, Organist

**Words of Greeting
& Announcements of Church Life** Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

The Church Conference Russell Norris

Prayer of Submission Rev. Kheresa Harmon

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship J. Noel Lance
Entrance of the Christ Candle by **Caleb Carney**

The Call to Worship Dr. Foust

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

ALL: Although we are his disciples, we are sometimes hesitant to listen.

ONE: In this hour, let us hear God's immediate call.

ALL: Let us worship the God of Decision who calls us to be fishers of people.

***Hymn Of Praise, No. 100** *When Morning Guilds the Skies*
The Chalice Hymnal LAUDES DOMINI

Reading of the Psalmist Ashley Maready
Psalm 62:5-12

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. *Selah* Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them. Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

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. 461** *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*
The Chalice Hymnal BEACH SPRING

Moments With the Younger Children Rev. Harmon

Reading of the Gospel Jan Kerley
Gospel of Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.' As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

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The Church at Prayer Rev. Lee Gray

Kelly Belcher, Tom Bryson, Jack Crymes, Joyce Ehrenberger, Jean Hutson, Jim Kessee, Betty Mullins, Mary Rickenbaker, Dick Schafer, Jane Starnes, Jerry Stephens

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.

***Hymn Of Mission, No. 621** *"Are Ye Able," Said the Master*
The Chalice Hymnal BEACON HILL

The Offertory Prayer Jason Benton

The Presentation of Tithes Plus Offerings Deaconate and Congregation

The Chancel Choir Anthem Directed by Russell Nelson
He Comes to Us by Jane Marshall

He comes to us as one unknown, without a name,
As of old, by the lakeside He came to those men who knew Him not.
He speaks to us, he speaks the same word: "Follow thou me!"
And sets us to the tasks which he has to fulfill for our time.
He commands. And to those who obey Him,
Whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal Himself
In the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings
Which they shall pass through in His fellowship,
And, as an ineffable mystery,
They shall learn in their own experience who He is.

***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 Homily 'Immediately' Dr. Foust

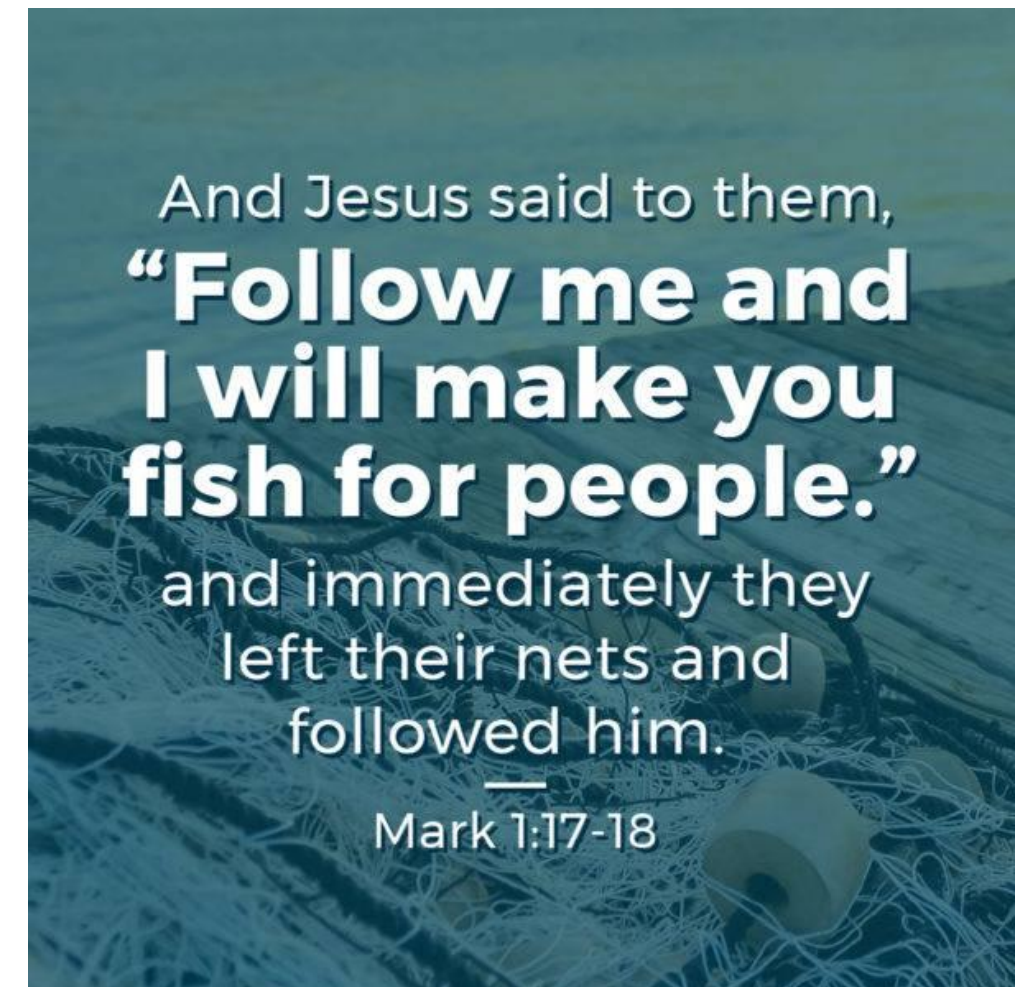
***Hymn of Witness, No. 346** *Where He Leads Me*
The Chalice Hymnal NORRIS

The Commissioning Dr. Foust

The Postlude J. Noel Lance

A Divine Center

- **Monday, January 22, 2024:** Psalm 95 Music Ministries of St. John's
- **Tuesday, January 23, 2024:** Psalm 46 St. John's Academy for the Arts
- **Wednesday, January 24, 2024:** Proverbs 8:1-11 People of South Sudan
- **Thursday, January 25, 2024:** Proverbs 8:12-21 Sunday School Ministry of St. John's
- **Friday, January 26, 2024:** Luke 4:31-37 Immigrant & Refugee Ministry Group
- **Saturday, January 27, 2024:** Psalm 111 Habitat for Humanity
- **Sunday, January 28, 2024 - Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany:** Mark 1:21-28 Kim Ray



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcoming Russell Nelson!

Please join us after worship in Broach Hall today for a reception as we celebrate this new beginning with Russell as our Minister for Worship and Music.

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 are collecting the following items in the Giving Nook:

- 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.



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 28, 2024
Scripture: Psalm 111:1-10; Mark 1:21-28
Message Title: 'When Demons Come to Church'
Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

This Week at St. John's

Sun., Jan. 21	9:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am 5:00 pm 5:00 pm	Sunday School Worship (Sanctuary) Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel) Welcome Reception for Russell Nelson (Broach Hall) Membership Resource Team (Room 204) Youth SNL
Mon., Jan. 22	10:00 am	Adventures in Learning: Shepherd's Center (Broach Hall)
Tues., Jan. 23	10:30 am 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room) NAMI Family Support Group NAMI Peer Support Group
Wed., Jan. 24	5:30 pm 7:15 pm	MRT Meeting (Room 204) Choir Practice
Thurs., Jan. 25	6:30 pm	Community Meeting for Rezoning Petition No. 2023-053 (Broach Hall)
Friday, Jan. 26	5:00 pm 8:00 pm	Room in the Inn (Gym) Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Sat., Jan. 27	6:30 am 2:00 pm 8:00 pm	Benton Basketball (Gym) Memorial Service for Helen Solitario (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 21, 2024

10:30 AM Worship

St. John's Baptist Church Charlotte, North Carolina