

# Welcome to the Worship of God

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January 28, 2024

Ten-Thirty in the Morning

**Gathering Music** J. Noel Lance, Organist

**Words of Greeting & Announcements of Church Life** Rev. Lee Gray

**Prayer of Submission** Rev. Gray

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

**The Call to Worship** Rev. Gray

ONE: In reverence, in wonder, in hope, we gather.

**ALL: With unsettled questions in our hearts,**

ONE: With the mystery of God enshrouding us,

**ALL: Acknowledging that we who were lost are now found and loved,**

ONE: Let us worship God.

**\*Hymn Of Praise, No. 22** All Creatures of Our God and King  
The Chalice Hymnal LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Reading of the Psalmist** Addison Norris  
Psalm 111:1-10

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures for ever. He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established for ever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

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.**

**The Church at Prayer** Rev. Kheresa Harmon

Kelly Belcher, Tom Bryson, Jack Crymes, Joyce Ehrenberger, Jean Hutson, Jim Kessie, 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 Prayer, No. 306**  
The Chalice Hymnal

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord  
HEAR OUR PRAYER

**Reading of the Gospel** Becky Skidmore  
Gospel of Mark 1:14-20

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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**\*Hymn of Discipleship, No. 467** Fill the World with Love  
The Chalice Hymnal COMPASSION

**The Offertory Prayer** Meredith Sorrell

**The Presentation of Tithes Plus Offerings** Deaconate and Congregation

**The Chancel Choir Anthem** Directed by Russell Nelson  
*Be Thou My Vision* Arr. by Alice Parker

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Nought be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, And I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance, now and always; Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heav'ns joys.

O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,

Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**\*The Doxology** OLD HUNDRETH

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** 'When Demons Come to Church' Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

**\*Hymn of Witness**

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace  
Sung by Chloe Hall and Congregation

**Congregation sings on verses 2 and 4**

## Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Verses 1, 2, 4



1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where  
2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where  
4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It



there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where  
there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where  
is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in



there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, And  
there is dark-ness, on-ly light, And  
giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in

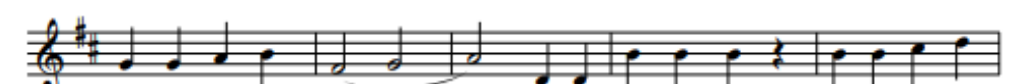


where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.  
dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

Verse 3



3. Oh, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek So much to be con-



soled as to con-sole. To be un-der-stood as to un-der-



stand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Text: Prayer of St. Francis; adapt. by Sebastian Temple, 1928-1997  
Tune: Sebastian Temple, 1928-1997; acc. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942  
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Dedicated to Mrs. Frances Tracy

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**The Commissioning**

**The Postlude**

J. Noel Lance

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Youth Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> in Broach Hall

With a theme of "Love Your Neighbor" the SJBC Youth will be leading worship in Broach Hall next Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. The youth have been working on experiential "prayer stations" that they will invite the congregation to participate in! Come with an open heart as we are lead in worship by our youth.

## 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 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!

## St. John's Baptist Church

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### The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: February 4, 2024, Youth Sunday

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

Message Theme: 'Love Your Neighbor'

Proclaimer: SJBC Youth

### This Week at St. John's

Sun., Jan. 28	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
	5:00 pm	Youth SNL
Mon., Jan. 29	10:00 am	Adventures in Learning: Shepherd's Center (Broach Hall)
Tues., Jan. 30	10:30 am	Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room)
Wed., Jan. 31	7:15 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs., Feb. 1	6:00 pm	Thursday on the Town @ NAPA on Providence
Friday, Feb. 2	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Sat., Feb. 3	6:30 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	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 Care .....Rev. 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 Coordinator .....Mallory Brown  
Children's Music Director .....Chloe Hall  
Organist .....J. Noel Lance  
Associate Organist..... Dr. Matthew Manwarren  
Custodian..... Chris Mullis  
Church Administrator..... Amanda Morrison  
Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted



## Sunday, January 28, 2024

### 10:30 AM Worship

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