

Welcome to the Worship of God

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February 11, 2024

Ten-Thirty in the Morning

Gathering Music

J. Noel Lance, Organist

Words of Greeting

Rev. Kheresa Harmon

& Announcements of Church Life

Prayer of Submission

Rev. Lee Gray

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

J. Noel Lance

Entrance of the Christ Candle by James Moore

The Call to Worship

Rev. Gray

ONE: As the sun rises in the morning,

ALL: As the cool breeze ushers in the evening,

ONE: As the heat of noonday sun spreads across the land,

ALL: God is present with us.

ONE: Let us worship God.

Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What is Good."

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***Hymn Of Praise**

Anniversary Hymn

The Chalice Hymnal

HANOVER

(see inside back cover of hymnal)

Words by Dr. Sharon Murray, written for our church's 75th anniversary.

Music attr. William Croft, 1708.

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Moments With the Younger Church

Rev. Harmon

The Church at Prayer

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Current Prayer Concerns

Tom Bryson, Carol Johnson, Dick Schafer, Jerry Stephens, Jane Winn

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 Discipleship, No. 182**

Transform Us

The Chalice Hymnal

LAUDA ANIMA (alternate tune)

The Offertory Prayer

Lynn Bishop

The Presentation of Tithes Plus Offerings

Deaconate
and Congregation

The Chancel Choir Anthem

Write Your Blessed Name

Directed by Russell Nelson

by K. Lee Scott

Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart,

there to remain so indelibly engraved that no prosperity, that no adversity shall ever move me from your love.

Be to me a strong tower of defense, a comforter in tribulation, a deliv'rer in distress, and a faithful Guide to the courts of heav'n through the many temptations and dangers of this life. O Jesu, my only Savior!

***The Doxology**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Reading of the Gospel

Caitlin Wallace

Mark 9:2-8

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

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 Homily

'What Do You Say?'

Rev. Foust

***Hymn of Witness**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

(see next page)

HOUSTON



I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
2. I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3. I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.



I want to fol-low Je-sus. God set the
I want to look at Je-sus. Clear Sun of
I want to be with Je-sus. When we have



stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is
Righ-teous ness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the
run with pa-tience the race, we shall know the joy of



Je-sus.
Fa-ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
Je-sus.



all. The night and the day are both a-like. The



Lamb is the light of the cit-y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je-sus.

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The Commissioning

Rev. Foust

The Postlude

J. Noel Lance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the Way for February: Open Kitchen

St. John's retired adults will be On the Way for lunch at the Open Kitchen on Wednesday, February 21 at 11:30am.

Please let Lee Gray LGray@sjcharlotte.org know if you plan to leave from the church with staff at 11:15 am or meet at 11:30 am at The Open Kitchen 1318 W Morehead St. We have a private room in the back of the restaurant.

Kindermusik Classes

We invite you and your little ones to join St. John's for Kindermusik with Missy through our Academy of the Arts. There are currently openings for the Foundations Class (3-13 months), which meets on Saturdays at 8:30am at St. John's (300 Hawthorne Lane). We also have a new class at 11:30am on Saturdays. New classes are coming Tuesdays in March as well! Visit kindermusikwithmissy.kindermusik.com to view all classes at our location.



A Few More Room in the Inn Volunteers Needed

We are almost full with our volunteer needs for this season of Room in the Inn! However, we need 1-2 overnight hosts on March 8 and 22. Can you help fill this need? Sign up by scanning the QR code.

Writing from the Heart: March 9, 2024

Are you interested in how writing can become a spiritual practice?

You are invited to learn and experience how the art of writing can transform your spiritual life along with writer and author, Carol Fore Injaychock.

Twenty years ago, Carol was diagnosed with breast cancer and, after the treatments, she turned to writing as therapy. A by-product of her writing is her book, *Matters of the Heart—A Cancer Journey*, about her cancer's emotional journey. In addition, she has contributed to anthology books, participates in writing groups, and does motivational speaking to small groups about life lessons. Carol believes writing is the way to tap into our spiritual essence. She leads from the heart and guides such that the core spiritual-self permeates, once pen is put to paper and participants let go.



Register on Realm, scan QR code, or call the office. This will be limited to 15 participants and there is no charge

SAVE THE DATE for Converge on April 21 at 9am

Please save the date and plan to attend our Converge meeting on April 21 at 9am (tentative). During Converge, we will discuss and collaborate about the future direction of our church - our goals, areas of focus, needs, and more. We need your voice at the table.

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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: February 18, 2024, First Sunday of Lent
Scripture: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15
Message Theme: 'The Church as a Rainbow'
Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

This Week at St. John's

Sun., Feb. 11	8:30 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Church Council (Conference Room) Sunday School Worship (Broach Hall) Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel) Super Valentine's Day Party (Broach Hall/Gym)
Mon., Feb. 12	10:00 am 11:30 am	Adventures in Learning: Shepherd's Center (Broach Hall) Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge)
Tues., Feb. 13	10:30 am 10:45 am 6:00 pm	Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room) Immigration & Refugee Group (Room 204) CrownsGate HOA Annual Meeting (Lounge)
Wed., Feb. 14	7:15 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs., Feb. 15	10:00 am	WOC Spiritual Growth Team (Prayer Room)
Friday, Feb. 16	6:30 am 8:00 pm	Brotherhood of the Biscuit (Lounge) Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Sat., Feb. 17	6:30 am 8:00 pm	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
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
Custodian..... Chris Mullis
Church Administrator..... Amanda Morrison
Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted



Sunday, February 11, 2024

10:30 AM Worship

St. John's Baptist Church Charlotte, North Carolina