

# Welcome to the Worship of God

## Youth Sunday

Please turn off all electronic devices

February 4, 2024

Ten-Thirty in the Morning

**Gathering Music** J. Noel Lance  
**Words of Greeting** Caroline Wallace  
**Preparing Our Hearts for Worship** J. Noel Lance

Entrance of the Christ Candle by **Hannah Harmon**

**Call to Worship** Natalie Turner

ONE: The world cries to us in its distress. How will we answer?

**ALL: We cannot pass by as though nothing is wrong.**

ONE: How will we answer?

**ALL: We cannot become so focused on ourselves that others mean nothing to us.**

ONE: How will we answer?

**ALL: We will be the neighbor in service, reconciliation, and compassion wherever we can.**

**Prayer of Submission** Warren Gray

**Reading of the Gospel** Caitlin Wallace, Lauren Wallace, Hutch Benton  
 Luke 10:25-37

**Narrator:** Just then a scholar of the Hebrew Scriptures tried to trap Jesus.

**Scholar:** Teacher, what must I do to experience the eternal life?



**Jesus** (answering with a question): What is written in the Hebrew Scriptures? How do you interpret their answer to your question?

**Scholar:** You shall love—"love the Eternal One your God with everything you have: all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind"—and "love your neighbor as yourself."

**Jesus:** Perfect. Your answer is correct. Follow these commands and you will live.

**Narrator:** The scholar was frustrated by this response because he was hoping to make himself appear smarter than Jesus.

**Scholar:** Ah, but who is my neighbor?

**Jesus:** This fellow was traveling down from Jerusalem to Jericho when some robbers mugged him. They took his

clothes, beat him to a pulp, and left him naked and bleeding and in critical condition. By chance, a priest was going down that same road, and when he saw the wounded man, he crossed over to the other side and passed by. Then a Levite who was on his way to assist in the temple also came and saw the victim lying there, and he too kept his distance. Then a despised Samaritan

journeyed by. When he saw the fellow, he felt compassion for him. The Samaritan went over to him, stopped the bleeding, applied some first aid, and put the poor fellow on his donkey. He brought the man to an inn and cared for him through the night.

The next day, the Samaritan took out some money—two days' wages to be exact—and paid the innkeeper, saying, "Please take care of this fellow, and if this isn't enough, I'll repay you next time I pass through."

Which of these three proved himself a neighbor to the man who had been mugged by the robbers?

**Scholar:** The one who showed mercy to him.

**Jesus:** Well then, go and behave like that Samaritan.

**\*Hymn of Discipleship # 517**

Chalice Hymnal

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

BEECHER

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down,  
 fix in us Thy humble dwelling; all Thy faithful mercies crown!  
 Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
 visit us with Thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!  
 Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.  
 Take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
 end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver; let us all Thy life receive;  
 suddenly return and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.  
 Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above;  
 pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
 let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee.  
 Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
 till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.



**The Church at Prayer**

Wyatt Sweet

Kelly Belcher, Tom Bryson, Jack Crymes, Jean Hutson, Carol Johnson,  
 Betty Mullins, Mary Rickenbaker, Dick Schafer, Jane Starnes,  
 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.**

**Moments with the Younger Church**

Kenna Benton  
 Laura Sorrell  
 Brooks Sorrell

**\*Hymn of Love # 540**

Chalice Hymnal

*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*  
 ST. MARGARET

O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee.  
 I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee.  
 My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee.  
 I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,  
 that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee.  
 I lay in dust, life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red,  
 life that shall endless be.

**Homily**

Melanie Goodson

**Offertory Prayer**

David Wallace

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

SJBC Youth

**\*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.

**Prayer Stations**

SJBC Youth and Congregation

**Celebrating Marvin Carter**

Rev. Lee Gray and Fran Cook-Mahood

**Commissioning the Scattered Church**

Caroline Wallace



# 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 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



## 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?

- 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
- Crafts, games, and cookie decorating
- 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!

## 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](http://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.

## 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.

## St. John's Baptist Church

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## The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: February 11, 2024

Scripture: 2 Kings 2:1-12; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

Message Theme: 'What Do You Say?'

Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

## This Week at St. John's

Sun., Feb. 4	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship (Broach Hall)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
	11:30 am	Marvin's Celebration (Broach Hall)
Mon., Feb. 5	10:00 am	Adventures in Learning: Shepherd's Center (Broach Hall)
Tues., Feb. 6	10:30 am	Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room)
Wed., Feb. 7	5:30 pm	Personnel Resource Team (Conference Room)
	7:15 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs., Feb. 8	10:00 am	Needle Ministry (Lounge)
Friday, Feb. 9	5:00 pm	Room in the Inn (Gym)
	6:30 pm	<b>Fat Friday (Broach Hall)</b>
	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Sat., Feb. 10	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  
Custodian..... Chris Mullis  
Church Administrator..... Amanda Morrison  
Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted



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