

Welcome to the Worship of God

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August 11, 2024

Ten-Thirty in the Morning

Gathering Music J. Noel Lance, Organist
With Addison Norris, Buddy on the Bench

Words of Greeting & Announcements of Church Life Russell Nelson

Call to Service Amanda Morrison

Prayer of Submission Russell Nelson

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Entrance of the Christ Candle by Kayleigh Mac Whipple

The Call to Worship Russell Nelson

ONE: Children of God: welcome!

ALL: Welcome to this place of love and grace,

ONE: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

ALL: God invites all of us to be part of the beloved community,

ONE: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

ALL: We are welcome just as we are. We are loved just as we are.

ONE: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

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

***Hymn Of Praise, No. 56** *For the Beauty of the Earth*
The Chalice Hymnal DIX

Moments With the Younger Church Rev. Kheresa Harmon

Reading of the Gospel Nancy Wilson
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."

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. Harmon

Current Prayer Concerns

Becky Benton, Jack Crymes, Charles Gordon, Carolyn Hall,
Lanny Loftis, Arnold Philemon, Shelly Zeigler

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Johnnie Morcock. Johnnie passed on ahead of us on Wednesday, August 7th. A memorial service will be held at St. John's on Thursday, August 15th at 11:00 in the Sanctuary.

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. 99** *O, How I Love Jesus*
The Chalice Hymnal O, HOW I LOVE JESUS

The Offertory Prayer Addison Norris

The Presentation of Tithes Plus Offerings Diaconate
and Congregation

The Chancel Choir Anthem Directed by Russell Nelson
Come Sing Unto the Lord By Joseph Martin

Come, sing unto the Lord, sing a song of joy,
A grateful hymn of praise; and let His glory fill the earth,
Let every voice be raised.
O sing unto the Lord, let the earth respond,
His awesome deeds proclaim.
Declare His works to everyone and praise His holy name.
All oceans, hills, and trees reply:
"Let His praise be lifted high. Let the valleys now be raised
And every mountain shout His awesome praise."
Come, sing unto the Lord, let the song go forth,
All nations join as one.
Ascribe to God, the Lord of hosts, the wonders He has done.
Come, sing unto the Lord a song of joy,
His love for endless days,
And celebrate the one true God who's worthy of our praise.

***The Doxology** OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Reading of the Epistles Rev. Lee Gray
Ephesians 6:18

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

James 5:13-16

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

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The Message Rev. Gray
'A Church That Actually Notices People'

Song of Witness Sung by Renée Hutchison
His Eye Is on the Sparrow By Charles Gabriel

The Commissioning Rev. Gray

The Postlude J. Noel Lance

*I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Summer of Worship Continues with St. John's

This summer, our worship continues to explore practical applications of Jesus' example of love and how we can emulate this model today. See this summer's preaching schedule below.

August 18 – A Church that Moves the World Forward, by Dr. Dennis Foust
 August 25 – A Church that Shapes a People for God, by Dr. Dennis Foust
 September 1 – A Church of Beautiful Grace in Action, by Rev. Haley Blackwell

Charlotte Pride Volunteer Signup

Want to tell Charlotte that "God Loves Everyone"? Charlotte Pride is Saturday and Sunday August 17 and 18! Volunteer at the St. John's booth on Saturday or Sunday. Please sign up to volunteer in Realm by Sunday, Aug. 11! Also, walk with us in the parade. We are 25th in line this year. Contact Amanda at amorrison@sjcharlotte.org with any questions.



Weaving Our Community Fabric

We invite you to participate in a literal weaving of our community fabric in the form of a tapestry made on a vertical loom. What we need from each of you is a simple strip of cloth, 12-18" long X 3" wide and may be cut or torn, any color, pattern, or type of fabric. You may choose to sign it or write something meaningful on it.

Bring fabric to the Sanctuary over the next few weeks to the table in the front corner with a tapestry collection basket on it. Please join us in this journey of collaboration. Reach out to Cindy Osborne through Realm or email her at loupaints@gmail.com.

On the Way August and September: Retired Adults & Friends

AUGUST – We will have a lunch outing at **The Famous Toastery** (2400 Park Rd) on **Wednesday, August 21**. Leave from the church at 11:15 am or meet us there at 11:30 am.

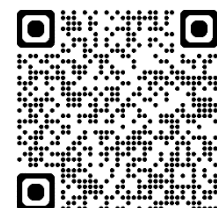
SEPTEMBER – We are going to see "Jesus Christ Superstar" at the **Flat Rock Playhouse** on **Thursday September 19**. ALL TICKETS ARE ACCOUNTED FOR AT THIS TIME.

Please Email Lee Gray LGray@sjcharlotte.org to make reservations for the August lunch.

Have you ever wondered WHY we make banana pudding every month for the shelter?

Nancy Fuller says that everyone who makes pudding should serve at the shelter at least once. Becky Skidmore agrees! It is an experience that will enrich your life.

August 16 is our date for this month. To volunteer scan the QR code and scroll down to August. It is that easy!



Check your calendar now. You will have the pudding answer if you go. Lynn Bishop is in charge at the shelter this month.

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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: August 18, 2024

SJBC Summer Series: Woven Together in Love - The Kind of Church Our World Needs

Message: 'A Church that Moves the World Forward'

Proclaimer: Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Foust

This Week at St. John's

- Sun., Aug. 11 **James 5:16 - Gratitude for God's Gift of Prayer**
Youth In-Town Mission Immersion
 9:15 am Sunday School
 9:15 am Holy Grounds (Parlor)
 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 10:30 am Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
4:00 pm Charlotte Pride Interfaith Service (Sacred Souls United Church of Christ)
- Mon., Aug. 12 **1 John 2:7-14 - Taiwan Chinese Baptist Convention**
Youth In-Town Mission Immersion
 10:00 am Adventures in Learning – Shepherd's Center (Broach Hall)
- Tues., Aug. 13 **1 John 2:15-17 - Baptist Church of Tanzania**
Youth In-Town Mission Immersion
 10:30 am Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room)
- Wed., Aug. 14 **1 John 3:1-3 - Thailand Baptist Convention**
 5:30 pm Personnel Resource Team (Conference Room)
- Thurs., Aug. 15 **1 John 3:4-6 - College Students & Faculty**
 11:00 am Memorial Service for Johnnie Morcock (Sanctuary)
- Fri., Aug. 16 **1 John 3:11-15 - Turkish Baptist Alliance**
 8:00 pm Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
- Sat., Aug. 17 **1 John 3:16-17 - Tripura Baptist Union of India**
12:00 pm St. John's @ Charlotte Pride (Uptown)
 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 CareRev. Lee Gray
 Minister for Children and Their Families..... Rev. Kheresa Harmon
 Minister for Worship and Music.....Russell Nelson

Church Staff

Media CoordinatorMallory Brown
 Children's Music DirectorChloe Hall
 OrganistJ. Noel Lance
 Church Administrator..... Amanda Morrison
 Custodian..... Chris Mullis
 Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted



Woven Together in Love:
 The Kind of Church Our World Needs
 St. John's Summer Worship Series 2024
 Sunday, August 11, 2024
 10:30 AM Worship
 St. John's Baptist Church
 Charlotte, North Carolina