

Welcome to the Worship of God

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October 13, 2024 *Ten-Thirty in the Morning*

Gathering Music J. Noel Lance, Organist

**Words of Greeting
& Announcements of Church Life** Rev. Kheresa Harmon

Prayer of Submission Rev. Harmon

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship J. Noel Lance

Entrance of the Christ Candle by Alex Norris

***The Call to Worship** Russell Nelson

ONE: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;

ALL: My soul thirsts for you; As in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

ONE: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

ALL: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

ONE: So I will bless you as long as I live;

ALL: In your name I will lift up my hands.

***Hymn Of Praise, No. 6** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*
The Chalice Hymnal MIT FREUDEN ZART

Moments With the Younger Church Rev. Harmon



*"Ezekiel in the Valley of the Dry Bones"
St. Nicholas Church - Carving*

Reading of the Old Testament
Ezekiel 37:1-14

Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Foust
& Paula Foust

EZEKIEL: The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me,

GOD: "Mortal, can these bones live?"

EZEKIEL: I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me,

GOD: "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

EZEKIEL: So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me,

GOD: "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live."

EZEKIEL: I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me,

GOD: "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

EZEKIEL: Through these written words of scripture, we listen for the Living Word of God.

ALL: Those who have ears to hear, let them hear.

Choral Anthem
Dry Bones

Men's Quartet
Arr. Donald Moore

Quartet: James Laney, Randy Mahnesmith,
Russell Nelson and Aidan Salmeron

The Church at Prayer

Rev. Lee Gray

Current Prayer Concerns

Shirley Ballard, Nancy Fuller, Pauline Funderburk, Charles Gordon,
Bill Hartsell, Arnold Philemon

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. 254**
The Chalice Hymnal

Breathe on Me, Breath of God
TRENTHAM

The Offertory Prayer

Anna Cushman

The Presentation of Tithes Plus Offerings

Diaconate
& Congregation

The Chancel Choir Anthem

Who At My Door Is Standing?

Directed by Russell Nelson
Arr. K. Lee Scott

Who at my door is standing, there patiently drawing near,
who entrance is demanding? Whose is the voice I hear?
Sweetly the tones are falling: "Now open the door for me!
If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee."
Within, the rooms are darken'd, all filled with dust and sin;
how shameful, how unworthy for Christ to enter in.
Yet, the tones are falling: "Now open the door for me!
If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee."
Door of my heart, I hasten! Thee will I open wide.
Though he rebuke and chasten, He shall with me abide.
Sweetly the tones are falling: "Now open the door for me!"
Lord God, I hear thee calling, come now, abide with me. Dear Lord, abide with me!

***The Doxology**

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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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The Homily

'The Beehive Principle'

Rev. Dr. Foust

***Hymn of Witness, No. 610**
The Chalice Hymnal

Living for Jesus
LIVING FOR JESUS

The Commissioning

Rev. Dr. Foust

The Postlude

J. Noel Lance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supporting Hurricane Helene Disaster Victims

As we continue to support those affected by Hurricane Helene, we are asking you to add one or more of these actions to your prayers:

- Making Disaster-Relief Buckets. We will take our buckets to FBC of Asheville and FBC of Mars Hill as they serve others.
- Giving to Our Designated Fund for Hurricane Relief. Our designated funds for disaster relief will only be distributed when we are sure monies will be used to help legitimate needs.
- Connecting Volunteer Teams with Ashe County Short-Term Projects of Clean-up and Chain Saws.
- Provision of Necessary Supplies. (Ex.: current need for flat face shovels -like snow shovels to scoop mud.)

As we respond to the recovery in Western North Carolina, we will offer God's love in tangible ways. Even the buckets we provide express faithful servanthood as we continue Jesus' ministry through God's mission.

Annual Craft & Bake Sale

The Needle and Craft Ministry will be having a Craft and Bake Sale NEXT Sunday October 20th in Lasater Hall from 11:30 to 1:00pm. All proceeds will go to support the playground renovations. If you are interested in participating with craft items and/or baked goods please contact Ruth Jackson or Tricia Miller. Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated. We will only accept cash or checks on the day of the sale. Thank you for your support, our children will benefit from these renovations

On the Way for October and November

Friday, October 25 - We will meet the church at 11:00 am to coordinate our carpools and then go to Big Ben British Pub & Restaurant for lunch at 11:15 am. After lunch we will go to the Sullenberger Aviation Museum. (4108 Minuteman Way 28208). We have tickets for 1:30 pm and they can receive us up to 25 minutes before or after that time. Please let LGray@sjcharlotte.org know if you plan to attend by October 17. Please bring \$20, cash or check payable to St. John's, the day we leave in order to pay for your ticket at them museum.

Thursday, November 14 - We have reservations for 20 at Mama Ricotta's Italian Restaurant (601 S. Kings Dr.) at 11:30 am. We will carpool from the church and depart at 11:15 am or you can meet us there. Please let LGray@sjcharlotte.org know if you plan to attend by Tuesday, November 12.

How to End Christian Nationalism Book Release

At 6:30pm, on Tuesday, October 22 in Broach Hall, we will host the book release of Amanda Tyler's significant writing, *How to End Christian Nationalism*. This event is free, but registration is required. Register here by scanning QR code.



Fall Festival with Trunk-Or-Treat: Need Volunteers!

We need volunteers for our Fall Festival Trunk or Treat community event on Sunday, October 27, 3-5pm at SJBC.

How can you volunteer?

- Provide your vehicle that you can decorate.
- Candy, stickers, pencils, etc. as treats for your trunk.
- You in costume, too!

Sign up on Realm by October 20. Prizes will be given to the most festive trunk! Questions? Contact Liz Benton or Kheresa Harmon.

NAMI Walks!

Come join your church family and one of our residential ministry partners, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), on Saturday, October 26 for a mental health awareness walk at The Mint Museum - Randolph. Contact Amanda Morrison with questions at Amorrison@sjcharlotte.org. Scan the QR code to join the team or support us by donating!



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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: October 20, 2024
Message: 'Beyond Budgets and Buildings'
Scripture: Nehemiah 2:17-20
Proclaimer: Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Foust

This Week at St. John's

Sun., Oct. 13	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
Mon., Oct. 14	10:00 am	Adventures in Learning (Broach Hall)
	11:00 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge)
Tues., Oct. 15	8:00 am	Finance Resource Team (Zoom)
	10:30 am	Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room)
Wed., Oct. 16	5:30 pm	Mission Resource Team (Room 204)
	7:15 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs., Oct. 17	10:00 am	WOC Spiritual Growth Team (Prayer Room)
Fri., Oct. 18	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Sat., Oct. 19	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

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
Weekday School Assistant Director.....Kristina Hartzell
OrganistJ. Noel Lance
Church Administrator..... Amanda Morrison
Custodian.....Chris Mullis
Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted



Sunday, October 13, 2024
10:30 AM Worship
St. John's Baptist Church