

Welcome to the Worship of God

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**Invites the congregation to stand*

November 17, 2024

Ten-Thirty in the Morning

Gathering Music J. Noel Lance, Organist

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

Call to Service Room in the Inn Dale Johnson
& Alice Wirz

Stewardship Moment Marc Cardella
& Phillips Bragg

Prayer of Submission Rev. Gray

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship J. Noel Lance
Entrance of the Christ Candle by Grace Harmon

***The Call to Worship** Riley Cardella

ONE: How good it is to gather, to hear the Spirit's call, urging us with challenge and change and blessing us with hope;

ALL: Calling us to come home to space that is more than mine and love beyond things.

ONE: The Spirit whispers, "Blessing and Grace" come leave your long-lists behind, draw the water of life to parched lips and be refreshed.

ALL: Call us beyond old expectations and ego driven rules.

ONE: The Spirit proclaims, "Blessing" come be the change and the hope made flesh, come not to be served but to serve;

ALL: We gather, celebrating the Spirit's brave call, we gather side-by-side to celebrate life gifted with grace.

Written by Debra McKnight

***Hymn Of Praise, No. 5** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*
The Chalice Hymnal AZMON

Reading of the Gospel

Luke 12:13-21; 19:1-10

Kim Ray

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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

Current Prayer Concerns

Shirley Ballard, Pauline Funderburk, Arnold Philemon,
Bill Roseman, Ken Sanford

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. 526** *The Gift of Love*
The Chalice Hymnal GIFT OF LOVE

The Offertory Prayer Phil Vavra

The Presentation of Tithes Plus Offerings Diaconate
& Congregation

The Chancel Choir Anthem

Creation Sings

With Chloe Hall, Flute

Directed by Russell Nelson

Arr. Patti Drennan

Creation sings the Father's song.
He calls the sun to wake the dawn,
And run the course of day,
'Til evening falls in crimson rays.
His fingerprints in flakes of snow,
His breath upon this spinning globe;
He charts the eagle's flight,
Commands the newborn baby's cry.
Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing.
Hallelujah! Fill the earth with songs of worship,
Tell the wonders of creation's King.

Creation gazed upon his face.
The ageless One in time's embrace
Unveiled the Father's plan
Of reconciling God to man.

A second Adam walked the earth,
Whose blameless life would break the curse,
Whose death would set us free
To live with Him eternally.

Creation longs for his return,
When Christ shall reign upon the earth.
The bitter wars that rage
Are birth pains of a coming age.

When He renews the land and sky,
All Heav'n will sing and earth reply
With one resplendent theme:
The glory of our God and King.

***The Doxology** OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below:
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Homily Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Foust
'What Did Jesus Say About Money?'

***Hymn of Witness, No. 575** *Come and Find the Quiet Center*
The Chalice Hymnal BEACH SPRING

The Commissioning Rev. Dr. Foust

The Postlude J. Noel Lance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendsgiving Lunch & Thankful Art Party Today in Broach Hall

CBF NC Regional Meeting @ St. John's

Thursday, November 21 from 9:45 AM to 1:30 PM - Gather with CBFNC coordinators and friends for a Regional Gathering at St. John's. The gathering will consist of a morning workshop session followed by a fellowship lunch. All are invited to attend. The cost is \$10 per person for lunch.

Registration deadline has been extended to Monday, November 18.



Room in the Inn Volunteer Signups

For the 2024-25 season, St. John's and our partners at Caldwell Presbyterian Church will again jointly host 8 homeless neighbors vetted by Roof Above within the Room in the Inn program. **Overnight volunteers, drivers, and food prep volunteers are needed.** Use the QR code to sign up as a volunteer.



Join the usher and greeter team!

The church is seeking additional members to volunteer and serve as morning greeters and ushers for the upcoming 2025 year. The greeters serve from 10:05 am to 10:35 am at both the Broach Hall and Main (Gym) Entrances (1 person per entrance). The ushers serve from 10:05 am to 10:35 am inside the Narthex (2 persons) and inside the sanctuary entrance near the piano (1 person).

If interested, please contact Chip Wilson at seatimewilson@gmail.com for more information.

The St. John's 100th Anniversary Book is ready to send to the printer!

Pre-order your copy today for \$20! The deadline date is December 1. Pre-orders can be made at a table in the alcove behind the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings (cash or check) and also on Realm in events section.



Please contact Fredda Kimball if you have any questions.

Winter Wear and Other Items for those affected by Helene

As we continue to support those affected by Hurricane Helene, we are asking you to: Please consider donating winter wear such as **coats, hoodies, gloves, hats, and scarves**. Please donate **self-rising flour and sugar**. We have been made aware that these items are needed in Mars Hill and surrounding areas.

All items can be placed in the Giving Nook in the Main Entrance Lobby.

Youth Discipleship Class Tonight

Tonight, our youth will have a Discipleship Class hosted by Dennis Foust and Lee Gray, with special guests Ken Benton and Ethel Haris who will share what St. John's has meant to them throughout the years.

Thank you to Debbie Pittman for providing dinner this Sunday!

Register for the 2024 Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon

Date: Thursday, Dec. 5th

Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm

Place: Broach Hall

If you are 75+ years young please RSVP to Bobbie Hinson by Friday, November 29th. You can call/text Bobbie at 704-806-1947 or email her at bobbie.hinson@providenceday.org

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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: November 24, 2024 | Commitment Sunday

Message: 'Commitment Matters.'

Scripture: Proverbs 16:1-3

Proclaimer: Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Foust

This Week at St. John's

Sun., Nov. 17	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
	11:30 am	Friendsgiving Lunch & Thankful Art Party (Broach Hall)
Mon., Nov. 18	11:00 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge)
Tues., Nov. 19	8:00 am	Finance Resource Team (Zoom)
	10:00 am	Sandwich Ministry (Lounge)
	10:30 am	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
	6:30 pm	Membership Resource Team (Zoom)
Wed., Nov. 20	7:15 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs., Nov. 21	9:00 am	CBF NC Regional Meeting (Broach Hall)
Fri., Nov. 22	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Sat., Nov. 23	6:30 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	10:00 am	CFH Jubilee Store (Broach Hall)
	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
Handbell Director.....Jacquelyn McAbee
Church Administrator..... Amanda Morrison
Custodian.....Chris Mullis
Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted



Sunday, November 17, 2024

10:30 AM Worship

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