# Welcome to the Worship of God

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May 11, 2025 — *Ten-Thirty in the Morning*

**Gathering Music** — J. Noel Lance

**Prelude** — Ursula Bowen-violin
*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* — Ludwig van Beethoven

Entrance of the Christ Candle by Joy Follis

**Words of Gathering** — Rev. Kheresa Harmon

**Choral Call to Worship** — Chancel Choir
*Woke Up This Morning*

Oh, I woke up this morning with my mind, and it was stayed on Jesus.
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah.

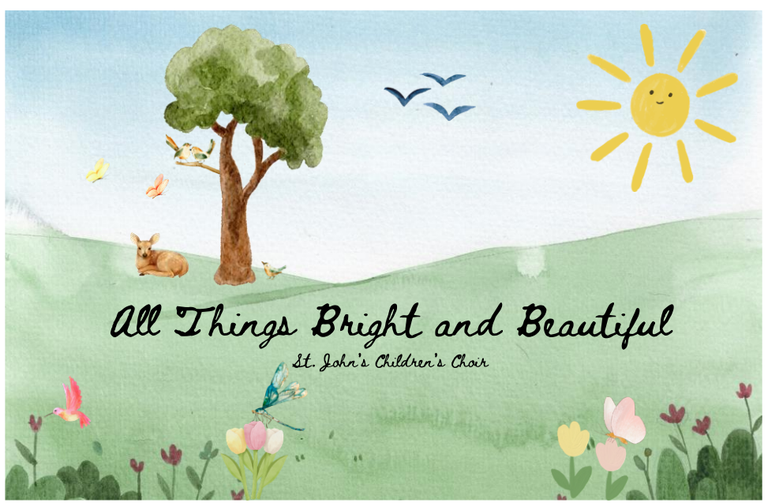
Can't hate your neighbor in your mind, if you keep it stayed on Jesus.
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah.

Makes you love ev'rybody with your mind, when you keep it stayed on Jesus.
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah

**Prayer of Submission** — Rev. Kheresa Harmon

***Hymn of Praise, No. 4** — *Holy, Holy, Holy*
The Chalice Hymnal — NICEA

**Children's Song of Praise** — Children's Choir
*All Things Bright and Beautiful* — Directed by Chloe Hall




**Reading of the Gospel** — Rev. Dennis Foust, PhD
John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not, has not, will not, cannot overtake it.

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.**

**Handbell Meditation** — Directed by Jacquelyn McAbee
*Air with "Holy, Holy, Holy"* — arr. Linda R. Lamb

**The Church at Prayer** — Rev. Lee Gray

**Prayer Concerns**

Joseph Freeman, Jacob Goodson, Richard Sealy, Anne Sutton

**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 Brightness** — *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

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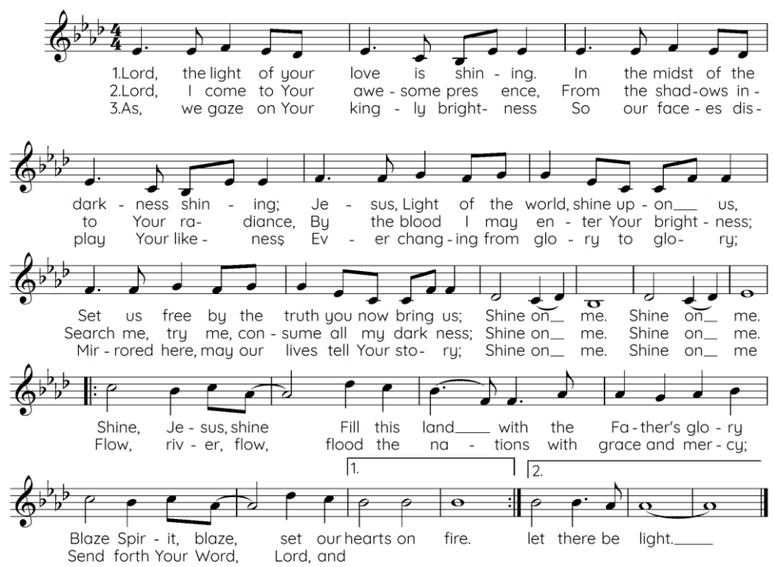
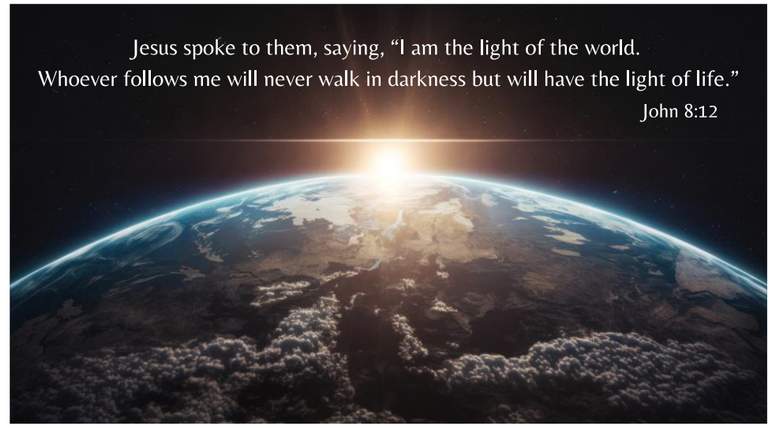


**The Message** — Rev. Foust

*"Jesus, The Light of the World"*

***Hymn of Light, No. 469** vs. 2-4 — *I Am the Light of the World*
The Chalice Hymnal — LIGHT OF THE WORLD

**Offertory Prayer** — Jeff Almond

**Handbell Offertory** — Directed by Jacquelyn McAbee
*Nearer, Lord, With Me* — arr. Douglas Wagner

***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.

**Announcements of Church Life** — Rev. Foust

**Church at Conference** — Phillips Bragg, Chair of the Diaconate

**The Commissioning** — Rev. Foust

**Postlude** — J. Noel Lance

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**Today is the last day to register for the**
**Grand Slam Picnic**
Hosted by Children and their Families.
All are welcome to join as we batter up for a Grand Slam Picnic on May 18, next Sunday, in the Broach Hall Ball Park
to honor one great catch, our pastor, Dr. Dennis Foust.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thursdays on the Town: An Outing for Parents on May 15**

- Join us for dinner at Copper, Modern Indian Cuisine, on May 15 at 6pm
- Register by TODAY May 11 to reserve childcare!

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**Grand Slam Picnic Honoring Dr. Foust: A Meal hosted by Children and Families on Sunday, May 18**

- Children and families invite you to join us for Grand Slam Picnic on May 18 honoring one great catch, our pastor, Dr. Dennis Foust.
- Register by May 11. All are welcome!

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**Calling All Senior Adults (ages 75+): Senior Adult Picnic June 29**

Save the date of Sunday, June 29 for the annual Senior Adult Picnic held in Broach Hall immediately following the worship service. Details coming soon! Sponsored by Women of the Church.

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**Youth and Young Adult Mission Trip to Western North Carolina**

If you would like to be part of our Youth and Adult Mission Trip to Western NC the week of June 15-20, please volunteer by calling the church office and asking Amanda to place you on the list. You do not need to stay all week. If your schedule only allows you to be with the group a day or two, your help will be appreciated. The needs literally change every week.

We will be in touch with potential efforts during May to have all our ducks in a row by June 1. We will be staying with Mars Hill Baptist Church and working at various sites in the area.

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**Softball Season Coming Up!**

Softball season is right around the corner, and signups are now active. The softball season starts the first week of June and runs through the end of July. If you are 18 years old or older and are interested in playing, please email Dan Redding at dpredding2@gmail.com. It's a co-ed league, and there are 2 games a week played at Providence Baptist Church on Randolph Road. We hope you will join in on the fun!

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**On the Way: Captain Steve's on May 21**

On The Way (St. John's Retired adults and friends) are going to lunch at Captain Steve's on Wednesday, May 21. The address is 5645 NC-49 Harrisburg NC. We will meet there to eat at 11:30am. Feel free to meet us there at 11:30 am or carpool from the church and leaving at 10:55 am. Please email Lee Gray LGray@sjcharlotte.org if you plan to participate. The deadline to sign up is Monday May 19.


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**The St. John's Pulpit**

**Worship:** May 18, 2025 | Music Celebration Sunday
**Message Title:** *'The God of Music'*
**Proclaimer:** Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

## This Week at St. John's

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| Sun., May 11 | 9:15 am | Sunday School |
| | 10:30 am | Worship (Sanctuary) |
| | 10:30 am | Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel) |
| Mon., May 12 | 10:00 am | Adventures in Learning (Broach Hall) |
| Tues., May 13 | 10:30 am | Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room) |
| Wed., May 14 | 7:15 pm | Choir Practice (Choir Room) |
| Thurs., May 15 | 10:00 am | WOC Spiritual Growth Team (Prayer Room) |
| | 6:00 pm | Thursdays on the Town (Copper Modern Indian) |
| Fri., May 16 | 8:00 pm | Eastway AA (Broach Hall) |
| Sat., May 17 | 6:30 am | Benton Basketball (Gym) |
| | 8:00 pm | Together We Rise NA (Lasater Hall) |

## Membership and Ministry

If you would like information about the church or 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. You can also scan the included QR code to fill out the guest card online. 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 Care .....Rev. Lee Gray
Minister for Children and Their Families..... Rev. Kheresa Harmon
Interim Minister for Worship and Music.....J. Noel Lance

### Church Staff

Media Coordinator .....Mallory Brown
Children's Music Director .....Chloe Hall
Weekday School Assistant Director.....Kristina Hartzell
Handbell Director.....Jacquelyn McAbee
Church Administrator..... Amanda Morrison
Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted
Sunday Custodian.....Joshua Overbay

# St. John's
## BAPTIST
A SERVANT CHURCH

**Sunday, May 11, 2025**
**10:30 AM Worship**
**St. John's Baptist Church**