

O Lord, You Are
Full of Wisdom and Grace

INTROIT

J. Noel Lance

WORDS OF GREETING
& ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHURCH LIFE

Rev. Lee Gray

EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP

Congregation

PRAYER OF SUBMISSION

Rev. Gray

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Who comes from God, as Word and Breath?

PEOPLE: Holy Wisdom.

LEADER: Who holds the keys of life and death?

PEOPLE: Mighty Wisdom.

LEADER: Crafter and Creator too, Eldest, she makes all things new;
Wisdom guides what God will do,

ALL: Wisest One, Radiant One, welcome, Holy Wisdom.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Chalice Hymnal No. 586

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

O Lord, Speak and Reveal Yourself Anew

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Bert Green

Proverbs 8:1-3



SACRED PAUSE

Proverbs 8:4-14, 22, 32-36

Congregation

As you reflect over this reading, please circle words
that identify characteristics of wisdom.

“To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

O simple ones, learn prudence; acquire intelligence, you who lack it.
Hear, for I will speak noble things, and from my lips will come what is right;
for my mouth will utter truth; wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
All the words of my mouth are righteous; there is nothing twisted or crooked in
them.

They are all straight to one who understands and right to those who find knowledge.
Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold;
for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with
her.

I, wisdom, live with prudence, and I attain knowledge and discretion.
The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil
and perverted speech I hate.

I have good advice and sound wisdom; I have insight, I have strength.
The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.
And now, my children, listen to me: happy are those who keep my ways.
Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it.

Happy is the one who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside my
doors.

For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor from the Lord;
but those who miss me injure themselves; all who hate me love death.”

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Let There be Light

Congregation

Let there be light; let there be understanding.
Let all the nations gather; let them be face to face.

Let there be light; open our hearts to wonder.
Perish the way of terror; hallow the world God made.



Hear Us, O Lord

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Rev. Martha Kearse, DMin

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.

Prayer Concerns

Chuck Jones – Presbyterian;
Jim Austin, Byron Bullard, Ethel Harris,
Carmen Howard, Carl Phillips, and Elma Thomas – home
Sympathy to Hank Packman & family on the death of wife, Dana
and to Jack & Helen Moore on the death of their son, Keith

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Ancient Words

James Kevin Gray
Michael W. Smith

Please sing when invited on the last chorus



Ancient words, ever true,
Changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts;
Oh, let the ancient words impart.

Lord, Grant Us Wisdom,
for the Living of Our Days

SERMON

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Making Common Sense More Common

*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

Chalice Hymnal No. 595

Be Thou My Vision
SLANE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Foust

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Last Words of David

Chancel Choir
Randall Thompson

*DOXOLOGY

Chalice Hymnal No. 46

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY

Dr. Foust

*COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH

*POSTLUDE

J. Noel Lance

* Invites the congregation to stand

Copies of Worship Bulletins and Sermon Manuscripts are available at www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Worship Series

Ten Commandments for the Twenty-First Century: The Calling of Wisdom

This summer in our worship, we will explore the commandments at the core of our faith and talk about what it means to try to uphold those guidelines in the world in which we actually live. In addition, we will use our worship time this summer to explore different practices of worship—worship experiences that might be different than those we have practiced in the past, such as centering prayer, different musical styles, guided silence, drama, among others.

PS - The balcony will be closed for the summer—find a new friend to sit with!

Discerning Our Call: Identity and Purpose Through a Life of Faith

Next Sunday: Hearing Our Name: Mary/Baptist Peace Fellowship-LeDayne Polaski
Our Summer Sunday School Series begins June 11 in Lasater Hall and runs through August 20. Each week, we will explore one story from scripture or from church history and hear from one of our partner organizations about the work that they do, offering each of us a chance to discern, for ourselves, what call we hear God making on our own lives. Every lesson will be a “stand-alone” topic, so come any week you wish! Our coffee shop will be open this summer with pastries and other goodies available, along with our good Enderly Coffee. Join us this summer as we listen for the call of God!

Holy Spirits

Join us for conversation and discussion on our summer worship series at Hawthorne’s Pizza. The first one will be this Wednesday, June 14, at 6 pm. Hawthorne’s Pizza is located at 1701 E. 7th Street.

Vacation Bible School

This year, the children will be exploring the story of Joseph from the Old Testament through art. By focusing on learning and connecting to stories from the Bible through art, the children who come have the opportunity to engage deeply and creatively with God and God’s story. Children (and youth and adult volunteers) are allowed to think deeply about what the stories we find in the Bible teach us about God and living in God’s way. Thank you for supporting and praying for our children, staff, and volunteers during our busy week!

Brotherhood of the Biscuit

Friday, June 16, at 6:30 am in the Lounge. This month: “*State of the Biscuit*”
Email to reserve your biscuit: brotherhoodofthebiscuit@gmail.com

Road Construction

From May 17 to June 30, Hawthorne Lane between 5th Street and 7th Street will be closed to all thru traffic (local access only). Also, be advised that the intersection of Hawthorne Lane and East 7th Street will be closed from May 24 to June 19. You should use the entrances on 5th Street and Lamar Avenue to get to the church parking lots. Please remember to be extra cautious in the parking lot!

2017 State & Community Offering

Received \$3190 - Goal: \$5000

To meet the MT25 challenge our 2017 State and Community Offering will be given to the Galilee Refugee Support Center, Sewing Seeds, and Center for Community Transitions.

MT25

Over the summer, we will have a representative from the Mission Resource Team each Sunday at our Summer Sunday School series in Lasater Hall and available in the Main Entrance lobby after worship to give you a chance to sign up. Information will be available each Sunday on what each group is doing over the summer, and who your contact people will be for each group. Watch for your chance to connect!

Have you included St. John’s in your estate planning?

ST. JOHN’S BAPTIST CHURCH

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THE ST. JOHN’S PULPIT

June 18 - Second Sunday after Pentecost

Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Sermon Series: Ten Commandments for the 21st Century:

The Calling of Wisdom

Sermon: *The God We Must Have*

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-3

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S

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| Sunday, June 11 | 8:15 am | Church Council (Conference Room) |
| | 9:15 am | St. John’s 101 (Lounge) |
| | 9:15 am | Summer Sunday School (Classrooms/Lasater Hall) |
| | 10:30 am | Worship (Sanctuary) |
| | 2:45 pm | Carolina Voices’ Festival Singers recording (Sanctuary) |
| | 6:00 pm | Charlotte Family Housing (Lounge) |
| Monday, June 12 | 8:00 am | Finance Resource Team (Conference Room) |
| | 9:00 am | Vacation Bible School |
| | 2:00 pm | Staff Meetings (Conference Room) |
| | 6:45 pm | Zumba (Gym) |
| | 8:00 pm | AA (Room 114) |
| Tuesday, June 13 | 7:00 am | Tuesday Morning Men’s Group (Lounge) |
| | 9:00 am | Vacation Bible School |
| | 11:00 am | Co-ed Bible Study (Room 209) |
| | 1:00 pm | Sandwich Ministry (Lounge) |
| | 4:45 pm | Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room) |
| | 6:00 pm | Nat’l Alliance on Mental Illness (Rooms 114 & 116) |
| | 6:00 pm | Zumba class (Gym) |
| Wed., June 14 | 6:30 am | Benton Basketball Group (Gym) |
| | 9:00 am | Vacation Bible School |
| | 9:30 am | Yoga class (Room 114) |
| | 6:00 pm | Guard U (Gym) |
| | 6:00 pm | AA (Room 114) |
| | 7:15 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) |
| Thursday, June 15 | 9:00 am | Vacation Bible School |
| | 11:00 am | Uptown Ladies (Lounge) |
| | 12:30 pm | Novant Health Medical Group (Broach Hall) |
| | 6:00 pm | Zumba class (Gym) |
| Friday, June 16 | 6:30 am | Brotherhood of the Biscuit (Lounge) |
| | 9:00 am | Vacation Bible School |
| | 5:30 pm | Volunteers serve dinner at Uptown Men’s Shelter |
| | 8:00 m | AA (Room 114) |
| Saturday, June 17 | 7:00 am | Benton Basketball (Gym) |

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
Associate Minister.....Rev. Martha Kearse, DMin
Minister for Children and Their Families..... Rev. Allison Benfield
Minister for Worship and Music.....J. Kevin Gray
Minister for Youth and Young Adults.....Rev. Lee Gray

Church Staff

Administrative Assistant.....Jacquelyn McAbee
Church Accountant.....Elaine Johnson
Church Administrator.....Sandra Rogers
Custodians.....James Cowan, James Lee, Chris Mullis
Graded Choirs Director.....Sandy Holland
Organist.....J. Noel Lance
Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted

The Worship of God



Holy Trinity Sunday

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2017

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

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