

We Lift Our Voices to the God of All Time and Space

INTROIT J. Noel Lance

**WORDS OF GREETING
& ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHURCH LIFE** J. Kevin Gray

EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP Congregation

PRAYER OF SUBMISSION J. Kevin Gray

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,

PEOPLE: God was.

LEADER: Here and now among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven,

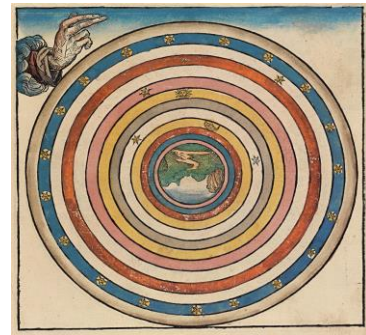
PEOPLE: God is.

LEADER: In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfilment,

PEOPLE: God will be.

LEADER: Not denying the world, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it, through the power of Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

ALL: God was, God is, God will be!



***HYMN OF PRAISE** The God of Abraham Praise LEONI
Chalice Hymnal No. 24

O Lord, Speak and Reveal Yourself Anew

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Steve Hoffman

Exodus 20:1-3



Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

LEADER: This is the written word of God for the people of God.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

SACRED PAUSE Congregation

*As you reflect on this reading, consider what you want
in your journey with God.*

“If we want isolation, despair, and the right to be our own god, God graciously grants us that option. If we insist on using our God-given power and strength to make the world in our own image, God allows us that freedom. If, however, we crave light, we’re drawn to truth, we’re desperate for grace; If we’ve come to the end of our plots and schemes and we want a path that is better for us, God gives us what we want. If we desire shalom and we long for a peace that transcends all understanding, God pours out peace on us until we’re overwhelmed. It’s like a feast where the food and the wine do not run out.”
(Words of Rob Bell in *Love Wins*)

HYMN OF RESPONSE Congregation
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand; Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.

Hear Us, O Lord

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER Rev. Allison Benfield

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

Jim Austin, Byron Bullard, Ethel Harris, Carmen Howard,
Chuck Jones, Carl Phillips, Jane Starnes & Elma Thomas - home

MUSICAL MEDITATION Chancel Choir
Thy Kingdom Come Frederick L Hosmer/ Irish Folk Song



Thy kingdom come! on bended knee the passing ages pray; And faithful souls have yearned to see on earth that kingdom’s day. But the slow watches of the night not less to God belong; And for the everlasting right the silent stars are strong. And lo, already on the hills the flags of dawn appear; Gird up your loins, ye prophet souls, proclaim the day is near.

The day in whose clear shining light all wrong shall stand revealed, When justice shall be throned in might, and every hurt be healed. When knowledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth abroad; The day of perfect righteousness, the promised day of God.

Lord, Help Us to Truly Know You

SERMON Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
The God We Must Have

***HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP** O God of Every Nation
Chalice Hymnal No. 680 NYLAND

OFFERTORY PRAYER Dr. Foust

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY J. Noel Lance

***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

St. John’s Pulpit Summer Series
Ten Commandments for the Twenty-First Century: The Calling of Wisdom

June 25 $A^2 + B^2 = C^2$ - Martha Kearsce
2nd Commandment: Graven Image

July 2 *A Rose, By Any Other Name* - Martha Kearsce
3rd Commandment: Wrongful Use of the Name

July 9 *You Are Not a Robot* - Dennis Foust
4th Commandment: Sabbath

July 16 *Live Long and Prosper* - Martha Kearsce
5th Commandment: Honor Your Parents

July 23 *Choosing Life* - Dennis Foust
6th Commandment: Murder

July 30 *Thou Shalt Commit Commitment* - Dennis Foust
7th Commandment: Adultery

August 6 *Thief* - Martha Kearsce
8th Commandment: Steal

August 13 *Southern Gentle Lady, Be Good* - Martha Kearsce
9th Commandment: False Witness

August 20 *Craving Simplicity* - Dennis Foust
10th Commandment: Covet

August 27 *Our Sweet Husband* - Martha Kearsce
Love the Lord with heart soul mind & strength

Sept. 3 *Labor of Love* - Dennis Foust
Love One Another

Summer Worship

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. Also, 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: Moses/Charlotte Rescue Mission - Jeff Glenn
Our Summer Sunday School Series began 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 next one will be on Tuesday, June 27, at 7 pm. Hawthorne’s Pizza is located at 1701 E. 7th Street.

NYC Mission Trip

Twenty-six of our youth and chaperones departed Friday morning for a week of mission, learning and fun in New York City. Please be in prayer for them during their week and look for photos from the trip in the next few Family News.

Vacation Bible School

This past week, about 70 children explored the story of Joseph from the Old Testament through art. Thank you for volunteering, supporting and praying for our children, staff, and volunteers during our busy week. VBS doesn’t happen without you!

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 closing of the intersection of Hawthorne Lane and East 7th Street has been extended until June 30. 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 \$3255 - 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 25 - Third Sunday after Pentecost

Proclaimer: Rev. Martha Kearse, DMin

Sermon Series: Ten Commandments for the 21st Century: The Calling of Wisdom

Sermon: $A^2 + B^2 = C^2$

Scripture: Exodus 20:4-6, Proverbs 8:22-31, John 3:1-15

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S

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| Sunday, June 18 | 9:15 am | Summer Sunday School (Classrooms/Lasater Hall) |
| | 10:30 am | Worship (Sanctuary) |
| Monday, June 19 | 10:30 am | Staff Meeting (Conference Room) |
| | 6:30 pm | Leadership Task Force (Broach Hall) |
| | 6:45 pm | Zumba (Gym) |
| | 8:00 pm | AA (Room 114) |
| Tuesday, June 20 | 7:00 am | Tuesday Morning Men’s Group (Lounge) |
| | 4:45 pm | Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room) |
| | 6:00 pm | Zumba class (Gym) |
| Wed., June 21 | 6:30 am | Benton Basketball Group (Gym) |
| | 8:00 am | Novant Super User Group (Broach Hall) |
| | 9:30 am | Yoga class (Room 114) |
| | 1:00 pm | Charlotte Family Housing (Lounge) |
| | 6:00 pm | Guard U (Gym) |
| | 6:00 pm | AA (Room 114) |
| | 6:00 pm | Membership Task Force (Lounge) |
| | 6:00 pm | WOC Spiritual Growth Team (Room 209) |
| | 7:15 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) |
| Thursday, June 22 | 10:00 am | Craft Class (Lounge) |
| | 5:00 pm | HeadStart Job Fair (Lasater Hall) |
| | 6:00 pm | Zumba class (Gym) |
| Friday, June 23 | 8:00 m | AA (Room 114) |
| Saturday, June 24 | 7:00 am | Benton Basketball (Gym) |
| | 8:00 am | HeadStart Job Fair (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
 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



Second Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2017

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

**ST. JOHN’S BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA**