

Alleluia, Christ Is Risen!

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PRELUDE David Benton

WORDS OF GREETING Rev. Allison Benfield

*EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP Congregation

A WORD ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP Rev. Benfield

PRAYER OF SUBMISSION Rev. Benfield

CALL TO WORSHIP Judy Biber

ONE VOICE: From various life experiences, we gather as part of the people of God.

ALL VOICES: We gather to celebrate God's resurrection of Jesus Christ, Lord of our faith.

ONE VOICE: The Living Christ Jesus is with us, as we worship The Living God.

ALL VOICES: Christ is risen! He lives within our hearts!

*HYMN OF PRAISE He Lives! ACKLEY
Chalice Hymnal No. 226

Open Our Eyes, Lord

A LITANY OF WALKING THE TALK Durning Moore, Janet Wade
John Fries, Casey Perkins, Jacob Callaway, Kathy Bragg

Durning: We have many conversations as we walk life's pathways alongside one another.

Janet: We talk about weather, family, politics and movies...

John: Hobbies, history, current events and neighbors...

Casey: Pets, music, books and emotions...

Jacob: Friends, school, goals and sports...

Kathy: And, sometimes, we sense a Holy Presence is with us in our conversations.

Durning: We even talk about what we do not yet understand;

Janet: Experiences and surprises and aha moments – life is full of them.

John: Some surprises are gifts of joy and grace.

Casey: Other surprises are accompanied by sorrow and disappointment.

Jacob: God walks every pathway of life alongside us.

Kathy: Yet, we are often unaware of God's Presence with us.

Casey: When we realize God is with us, it is always Good News!

John: God's Good News is always astonishing us!

Jacob: God's Good News pierces darkness with light! Christ is risen!

Janet: God's Good News overcomes grief with hope! Christ is risen indeed!

Kathy: God's Good News invades death with life! Christ is risen!

Durning: God transforms normal conversations into answered prayers! Christ is risen in us!

SONG OF RESPONSE

I Can See

J. Kevin Gray
Meese & Gaither

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

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

Joe Ehrenberger, Camille Green, Polly Hull, Chuck Jones, Janie Kendrick, Elizabeth Laney, Laura McGuire, Brad Sifford & Carole Ann Simpson – home
Sympathy to the families of Doris Tedder and Tom Peacock

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Chalice Hymnal No. 231

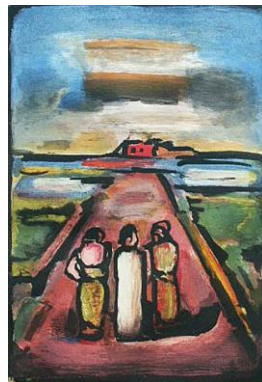
Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us
HOLY MANNA

TELLING OF THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

Tami Dietz, David Erdman
Steve Hoffman, Ken Raynor

The Road to Emmaus



SONG OF RESPONSE

♩ = 76

D D⁹/E D/F# G²(#4) G G/A A Bm⁷ A⁷/C# G/D D A/C# Bm

O - pen our eyes, Lord, _____ we want to see Je - sus, _____ to

9 D/A Gmaj⁹ Em A⁷ Bm⁷ A⁷/C# G/D D Dmaj⁷ D D⁹/E D/F#

reach out and touch Him, _____ and say that we love Him. _____ O - pen our

18 G²(#4) G Em⁷ A Bm⁷ A⁷/C# G/D D A/C# Bm

ears, Lord, _____ and help us to lis - ten. _____

25 D/A Gmaj⁹ Em A⁷ G²/B A⁷/C# Em/D D

O - pen our eyes, Lord, _____ we want to see Je - sus. _____

SERMON

Talking the Walk?

Dr. Foust

*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

Chalice Hymnal No. 602, verses 1, 3 & 4

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee
MARYTON

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Robby Ray, Deacon

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Chancel Choir
arr. Kevin J. Sadowski

We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."

We may not touch Your hands and side, nor follow where You trod;
but in Your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
to call on You when You are near and seek where You are found:

That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
we may behold You as You are, with full and endless sight.

*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.

Eyes Opened, Send Us Forth

*CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY & ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHURCH LIFE

Dr. Foust

*COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH

*POSTLUDE

J. Noel Lance

*Invites the congregation to stand.

Copies of worship bulletins are available on the St. John's website: stjohnsbaptistchurch.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Open Table: Intergenerational Evenings with Purposeful Play

To strengthen opportunities for our multiple generations to interact and learn from one another and play together, we are scheduling 5 or 6 Wednesday evenings per year. Our first OPEN TABLE is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25. **Please make reservations on or before April 20** by emailing or calling Jacquelyn McAbee in the church office at jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org or 704.333.5428, ext. 11. Meal costs will be \$10/adults and \$6/child under 12 with a maximum of \$30 per household. Dinner will be served beginning at 5:50 and will continue to be served until 6:30. We will gather in Broach Hall and dismiss by 7:00 pm. All generations will be together for this time as we enjoy intergenerational table games, storytelling, conversations, etc.



The St. John's Pulpit

This Spring, the St. John's Pulpit will respond to the resurrection of Jesus and this new life we share in Christ. We will explore ***Adapting to God's Light: New Ways of Seeing***. The risen Christ offered new ways of seeing to Mary Magdalene, Cleopas, Didymus, Simon Peter and others in the early Jesus Movement. Like them, we are adapting to God's light revealed through an empty tomb.

April

22: **Genetics of Faith?** John 20:19-31
 29: **Love, a Slippery Word?** John 21:1-17

May

6: **Why Church, Why?** Matthew 28:18-20
 13: **Home Making?** Joshua 24 and John 6
 20: **Winds of Change?** Acts 2:1-11
 27: **Legacy Living?** 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Concerts at St. John's

This afternoon at 3:00 pm, the Gay Men's Chorus of Charlotte will present One Day, a hopeful and uplifting concert during which they will reflect on the lives and loss of men killed in acts of senseless violence. Featured works include *Be At My Side*, a setting of *The Police Officer's Prayer*, and *Seven Last Words of the Unarmed*.

On Friday evening at 7:30 pm, Emmet Cahill, one of Ireland's most exciting young tenors and a principal vocalist with the well-renowned Irish music show Celtic Thunder, will be in concert here. Cahill's concert will include selections from his number-one World Music album, "Emmet Cahill's Ireland," with classics such as "Danny Boy," "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" and "An Irish Lullaby." He'll also perform Broadway and movie hits, folk favorites and sacred hymns. General admission tickets for Cahill's concert are \$30 and may be purchased online at www.emmetcahill.com/tour-dates.

A Year in the Church: St. John's/St. Martins VBS 2018

June 11-15 from 9 am-12 noon each day - For children aged 4 - rising 6th Graders \$15/Child - We'll be learning about the life of Jesus as we walk through the seasons of the church year together with stories and art.

Terrific Tuesday Book Club

Tuesday, April 24, 12 noon, Library - This month's book: *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood. Books are available in the church office.

Youth

- **April 15** - Youth will play Paintball. Meet at the church at 2:30 and return 6:15. Cost will be \$20.
- **April 22** - Sunday Night Live 5:00-7:30. The evening will include a walking scavenger hunt (in and around the church), dinner, and Bert Green will share with us about Habitat for Humanity.

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

St. John's Baptist Church

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The St. John's Pulpit

April 22 – Fourth Sunday in Eastertide
 Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
 Sermon Series: *Adapting to God's Light: New Ways of Seeing*
 Sermon: *Genetics of Faith?*
 Scripture: John 20:19-31

This Week at St. John's

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| Sunday, April 15 | 8:00 am | Church Council (Conference Room) |
| | 9:15 am | Sunday School/Worship 101 (Classrooms) |
| | 10:30 am | Worship (Sanctuary) |
| | 2:30 pm | Youth/Paintball (offsite) |
| | 3:00 pm | Gay Men's Chorus of Charlotte concert (Sanctuary) |
| Monday, April 16 | 11:45 am | Faith Journey Book Study (Room 209) |
| | 5:15 pm | SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym) |
| | 6:30 pm | Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room) |
| | 8:00 pm | AA (Lasater Hall) |
| Tuesday, April 17 | 7:00 am | Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge) |
| | 10:00 am | Staff meeting (Conference Room) |
| | 11:00 am | Bible Workbench (Room 209) |
| | 4:15 pm | Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room) |
| | 6:00 pm | Memory Center Charlotte (Broach Hall) |
| Wed., April 18 | 6:30 am | Benton Basketball Group (Gym) |
| | 9:30 am | Yoga (Room 114) |
| | 5:30 pm | Charlotte Family Housing (Lounge) |
| | 6:00 pm | AA (Lasater Hall) |
| | 6:00 pm | Handbells (Handbell Room) |
| | 6:30 pm | Charlotte Nets AAU (Gym) |
| | 7:15 pm | Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) |
| Thurs., April 19 | 11:00 am | Uptown Ladies (Lounge) |
| | 12:30 am | Novant Monthly Managers meeting (Broach Hall) |
| Friday, April 20 | 6:30 am | Brotherhood of the Biscuit (Lounge) |
| | 5:30 pm | Volunteers serve dinner at Uptown Men's Shelter |
| | 7:30 pm | Emmet Cahill concert (Sanctuary) |
| | 8:00 pm | AA (Lasater Hall) |
| Saturday, April 21 | 7:00 am | Benton Basketball (Gym) |
| | 8:30 am | Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305) |

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

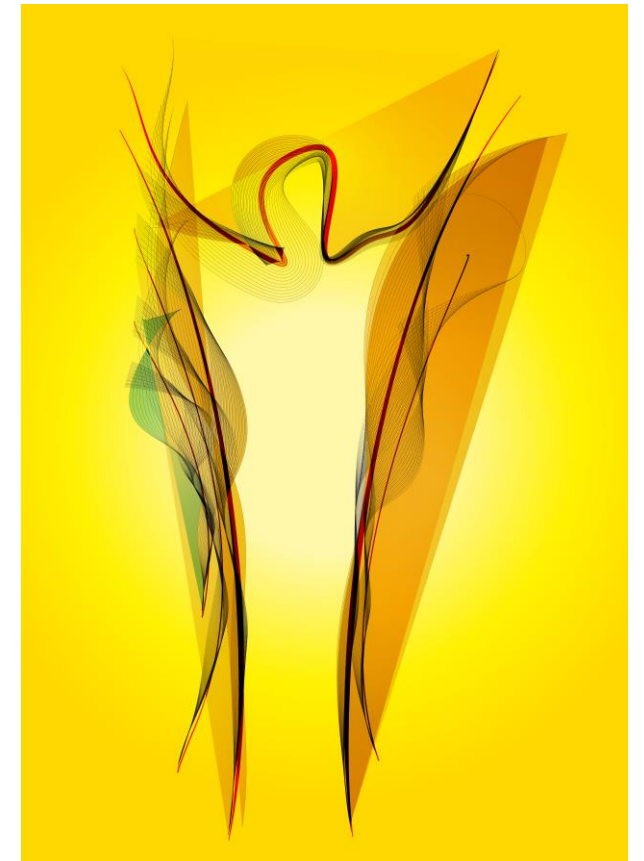
Equipping Ministers

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
 Senior Minister.....Dr. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Church Staff

Administrative Assistant.....Jacquelyn McAbee
 Church Accountant..... Elaine Johnson
 Church Administrator.....Sandra Rogers
 Custodians..... Chris Mullis, Sonny Ross, Debora Thon
 Graded Choirs Director..... Anna Ball
 Organist.....J. Noel Lance
 Weekday School Director..... Lydia Olmsted

The Worship of God



Third Sunday in Eastertide

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

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