

Alleluia! Hear God's Story Still Unfolding with Each Dawn

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INTROIT J. Noel Lance

WORDS OF GREETING Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

***EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP** Congregation

A WORD ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP Dr. Foust

PRAYER OF SUBMISSION Dr. Foust

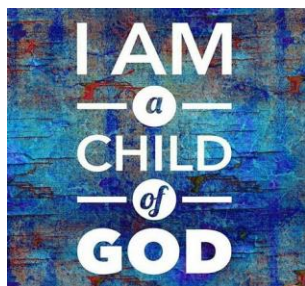
CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Foust

ONE: Seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, seasons, years, decades, centuries... Does anybody really know what time it is?

ALL: These minutes are not about clocks or calendars. These moments acknowledge God's faithfulness. It is time to worship The Living God!

***HYMN OF PRAISE** Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Chalice Hymnal No. 86 FAITHFULNESS

READING FROM THE EPISTLE Galatian 4:4-6 Randy Mahnesmith



But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF RESPONSE Alleluia! Hear God's Story
Chalice Hymnal No. 330, verse 2 W ZLOBIE LEZY

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER Rev. Lee Gray

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.

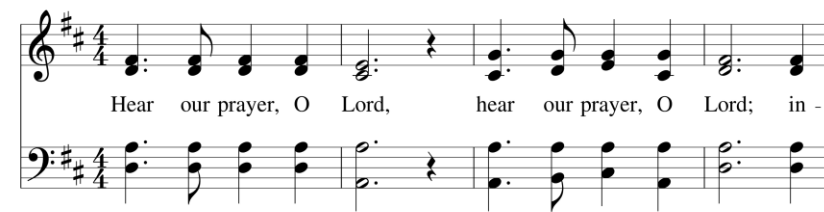
Prayer Concerns

Joe Ehrenberger - Asbury

Nancy Burgess, Bill Claytor, Camille Green, Genice Harper, Polly Hull, Lee Hutchison, Dale Johnson, Pat Lloyd, Johnnie Morcock, Brad Sifford & Carole Ann Simpson - home

SONG OF RESPONSE

Congregation



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Melissa Millette, Deacon

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Jesus Loves Me

Chancel Choir

Michael Hassel

*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.

REFLECTION

The Circle of the Church Year

Rev. Allison Benfield

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Paula Foust

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.



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Turn, Turn, Turn

Pete Seeger

Refrain:

To everything (turn, turn, turn)
There is a season (turn, turn, turn)
And a time to every purpose under heaven

A time to be born, a time to die
A time to plant, a time to reap
A time to kill, a time to heal
A time to laugh, a time to weep **Refrain**

A time to build up, a time to break down
A time to dance, a time to mourn
A time to cast away stones
A time to gather stones together **Refrain**

A time of love, a time of hate
A time of war, a time of peace
A time you may embrace
A time to refrain from embracing **Refrain**

A time to gain, a time to lose
A time to rend, a time to sew
A time to love, a time to hate
A time of peace, I swear it's not too late **Refrain**

God of History, Tune Our Voices

HOMILY

The Color and Shape of Time

Dr. Foust

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Chalice Hymnal No. 589

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY & ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHURCH LIFE

Dr. Foust

COMMISSIONING OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PARTICIPANTS

Make Our Hopeful Witness Strong

*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

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

Vacation Bible School is this week! All our guilds are full, and we have some wonderful volunteers from both St. John's and St. Martin's ready to help. Over the week, we will be learning about the seasons of the church year and how they help us to remember Jesus' life. We'll celebrate Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost all in one week! At the end of the week the children will have created art, learned important stories, visited the sanctuaries of St. John's and St. Martin's, and had lots of fun in the process. You'll get to see some of the art we create around our building after VBS is over, and we'll be sharing pictures of all the fun we are having.

High School Mission Trip with Sea Island Habitat on John's Island, SC

There will be a brief Parents' meeting in the chapel following worship. Youth will be commissioned during the worship service on June 17. A what-you-need-to-know-and-bring email has been sent to participants. Youth participants are asked to contribute \$100 to the "Youth Mission Auction Designated Fund" if you can. Due to the fact that we could not pre-build in Charlotte with donated materials, we are paying the standard per person material fee to Sea Island Habitat.

Stories to Help Us Grow: *For the Bible Tells Us So*

A St. John's Summer Series

This summer we're going to do something a little different. From June 10-August 19, we will have an Intergenerational Summer Sunday School. We'll gather together and learn about some of the most important stories of our faith. We have a lot to learn from each other! During these weeks, this will be the only option for families with children during the Sunday School hour. (We will offer worship care for the Nursery/2s Class and the PreK/K Class from 10:15-11:30 each week of Summer Sunday School.) Adult individuals/classes have the option of joining our time of learning together. Come join the circle as we wonder together about the stories of faith! These stories will continue in worship each week.

St. John's Wi-Fi

The Technology Resource Team is excited to announce that Wi-Fi connectivity is now available at St. John's! Members and guests to our facilities can now connect smart phones, tablets and laptops to the Internet wirelessly throughout the building, including in Sunday School classrooms and in other meeting spaces like Broach Hall and the church lounge. The new Wi-Fi system was made available through the first distribution from the St. John's Baptist Church Endowment Fund.

2018 Charlotte Pride

Save the dates! This year's Festival is Saturday-Sunday, August 18-19, with the 2018 Bank of America Charlotte Pride Parade starting at 1 pm on Sunday, August 19. The Pride Interfaith Service will be held at St. John's on Sunday, August 12, at 4 pm. If you would like to volunteer to do more than march in the parade, e-mail Todd Stillerman at stillerman@gmail.com or text Mattie Stillerman at 704-362-6743.

Men's Softball

The season will begin on June 13. Lee will send out the schedule as soon as he receives it. If you are not already on the list and would like to be, please let Lee Gray know. All games are played on weeknights at Providence Baptist Church.

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The St. John's Pulpit

Sunday, June 17 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
Sermon Series:
Sermon: *You Are Invited to a Party*
Scripture: Genesis 1:1-2:2

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, June 10	8:00 am	Administrative Deacon Panel (Conference Room)
	8:00 am	Deacon Leadership Training (Lasater Hall)
	9:15 am	Summer Sunday School (Lasater Hall/Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Habitat Parents' meeting (Chapel)
	2:00 pm	Room in the Inn training (Chapel)
Monday, June 11	8:00 am	Finance Resource Team (Conference Room)
	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, June 12	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School
	2:00 pm	Staff meeting (Conference Room)
	4:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
	6:00 pm	NAMI Support Groups (Room 114 & 116)
Wed., June 13	6:30 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School
	6:00 pm	Mission Resource Team (Conference Room)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	6:30 pm	Charlotte Nets (Gym)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thurs., June 14	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School
Friday, June 15	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 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, June 16	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	9:30 am	Kids Basketball (Gym)
	10:30 am	Pride Interfaith Service meeting (Conference Room)
	1:30 pm	South Sudanese gathering (Broach Hall)

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

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

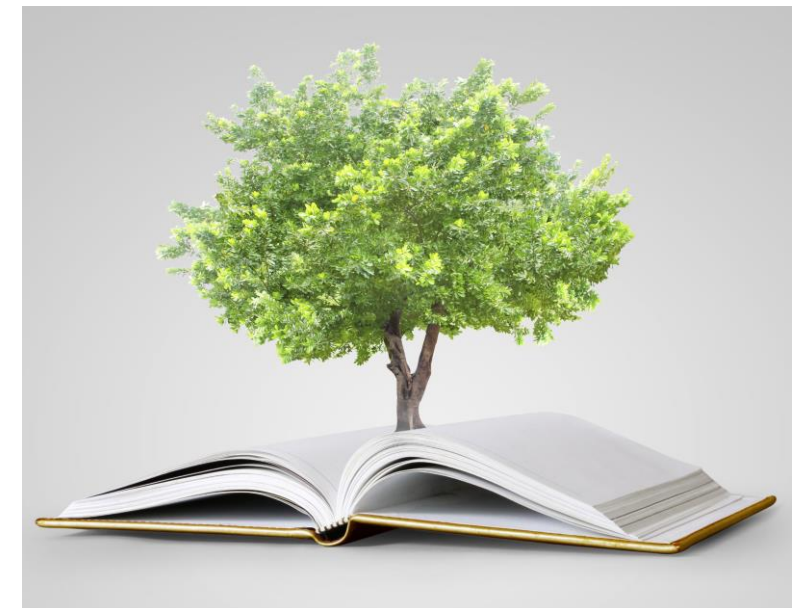
Equipping Ministers

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
Custodians Chris Mullis, Sonny Ross, Debora Thon
Graded Choir Director..... Anna Ball
Organist.....J. Noel Lance
Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted

The Worship of God



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SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2018

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

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