

Gathering to be the Church in Worship

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Praise

PRELUDE MUSIC	J. Noel Lance
WORDS OF GREETING	Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
CALL TO SERVICE • Naturalization Workshop	Todd Stillerman
*EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP	Congregation
A WORD ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP	Dr. Foust
PRAYER OF SUBMISSION	Rev. Lee Gray
CALL TO WORSHIP	Rev. Gray
ONE: This is the day that the Lord has made; ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.	
*HYMN OF PRAISE	Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise Chalice Hymnal No. 66, verses 1, 3 & 4
READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES	Joanne Compton & Joe Millsaps

Exodus 1:8-14, 5:1-2, 6:1-9, 12:29-34



ONE: This is the written word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God!

OFFERTORY PRAYER	Kathy Mahnesmith, Deacon
WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD	
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	Chancel Choir <i>Lord, Here Am I</i> John Ness Beck
*DOXOLOGY	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.

HOMILY	<i>Why Freedom?</i>	Dr. Foust
SONG OF PREPARATION	All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly	HOLY MANNA
	Chalice Hymnal No. 419, verses 1 & 3	

Communion



INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE	Dr. Foust
CHRIST'S CHURCH IS SERVED COMMUNION	
SERVING THE BREAD	1st Corinthians 11:23-24
SERVING THE CUP	1st Corinthians 11:25-26

READING FROM THE PSALM	J. Kevin Gray PSALM 118
CANTOR: O give thanks to the LORD, who is good, whose steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say,	
PEOPLE: "God's steadfast love endures forever."	
CANTOR: Let the house of Aaron say,	
PEOPLE: "God's steadfast love endures forever."	
CANTOR: Let those who fear the LORD say,	
PEOPLE: "God's steadfast love endures forever."	
CANTOR: The LORD is my strength and my might;	
PEOPLE: the LORD has become my salvation.	
CANTOR: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:	
PEOPLE: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."	
CANTOR: I shall not die, but I shall live.	
PEOPLE: and recount the deeds of the LORD.	
CANTOR: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.	
PEOPLE: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.	
CANTOR: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.	
PEOPLE: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.	

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING	Now Thank We All Our God	NUN DANKET
	Chalice Hymnal No. 715	

CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY	Dr. Foust
Prayer Concerns	
	Joe Ehrenberger – Asbury; Martha Brown, Nancy Burgess, Betty Fuller, Genice Harper, Johnnie Morcock, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson & Dee Turner - home

PRESENTING NEW MEMBERS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST	Peter Kerley, Durning Moore, Katherine Rodden
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Covenant

READING OF THE CHURCH COVENANT

United in the faith that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, revealed in history, disclosed in the Scriptures, and experienced in human life, we do solemnly and joyfully make this Covenant together:

We will be faithful to the public worship of God, gathering with the family of the church to celebrate His glory and remember His grace.

We will take seriously the responsibility and privilege of personal Christian growth, diligently seeking to establish and maintain a Christian atmosphere in our homes.

We will love and encourage each other in the family of the Church, and admonish each other as occasion may require. Our differences will not separate us but rather increase our understanding and strengthen the bonds of Christian love.

We will be faithful stewards, as God has prospered us, contributing our financial support for the Church and its ministries and offering ourselves for God's work in the world.

We will, with God's help, so live our lives that others, seeing the joy of Christian living, may seek to know Jesus Christ our Lord.

We will be a servant Church, recognizing the infinite worth of every person and believing that Christ has called us to active involvement in behalf of human brotherhood.

In the spirit of this covenant, we pray together:

Almighty God, Father of us all, witness this Covenant which we make with each other and with Thee. Guide us as we try to do that which pleases Thee, to the glory of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER	The Lord's Prayer
	Chalice Hymnal No. 307
	Albert Malotte

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.

*SCATTERING TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD	
	<i>As you depart the sanctuary, deacons will be at the exits to receive your gifts to the Fellowship Fund. These funds are used to assist with crisis ministry needs among our church family. If you know of someone who is experiencing a crisis, please contact a ministry staff member.</i>

*POSTLUDE	J. Noel Lance
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church offices will be closed on Wednesday for the July 4th holiday.

There will be no publication of the Family News this week.

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

From June 10-August 19, we will have an Intergenerational Summer Sunday School in Lasater Hall. We'll gather together and learn about some of the most important stories of our faith. 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.) Come join the circle as we wonder together about the stories of faith! These stories will continue in worship each week.

Global Missions Offering

Goal - \$15,000—Received \$4,835

During this year's offering, we are hoping to raise \$15,000 (send checks to St. John's and write "The Nyarweng School" on the memo line) AND we want to send a backpack to Nyarweng full of goodwill in the form of letters and art. Members of all ages are asked to address the letters to a young or older child or to a teacher or parent. Share a piece of yourselves in your letter, perhaps even a picture of your family. Remember that these people have heard of you and St. John's, and they pray for you when they worship on Sundays in the school.

Naturalization Workshop Ministry Opportunities!

Todd Stillerman has been working through the Bank of America Legal Department with the Latin America Coalition to staff naturalization workshops in Mecklenburg County. These workshops provide free legal advice to immigrants with permanent resident status on how to fill out their N-400 forms to apply for naturalized U.S. citizenship. One of these workshops will be held at St. John's in Broach Hall on Saturday, July 14, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please consider being involved in this important ministry to members of our community who are seeking to become naturalized citizens! Contact Beverly Hester (beverlyrhester@earthlink.net) or Todd Stillerman (todd.stillerman@bankofamerica.com) to volunteer.

Summer Reading List

The Farside Sunday School class has put together their annual summer reading list. Pick up a copy in the church office or library and enjoy a good book this summer!

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. St. John's will host the Pride Interfaith Service 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.

Deacon Nominations

Please send your nominations to current chair of the diaconate Randy Brantley (rlb1@ctc.net) or Jacquelyn McAbee (jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org) by July 2. Please remember, you MUST have the person's permission before submitting their name.

Heritage Resource Team

It is hard to believe that in less than 4 years, St. John's will be 100 years old. If you are interested in helping plan our celebration by being a member of the Heritage Resource Team, please contact Fredda Kimball or Jacquelyn McAbee in the church office.

St. John's Baptist Church

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The St. John's Pulpit

Sunday, July 8 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Proclaimer: Rev. Allison Benfield

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

Story: *The Exile and Return*

Scripture: Psalm 137:1-4, Psalm 126

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, July 1	8:00 am	Administrative Deacon Panel (Conference Room)
	9:15 am	Summer Sunday School (Lasater Hall/Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
Monday, July 2	1:00 pm	South Sudanese Worship (Chapel)
	6:00 pm	Youth Resource Team (Lounge)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lounge)
Tuesday, July 3	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
	10:00 am	Staff meeting (Conference Room)
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
Wed., July 4		Church offices closed
Friday, July 5	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	11:00 am	King's College Graduation (Sanctuary)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, July 6	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	9:30 am	Kids Basketball (Gym)

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

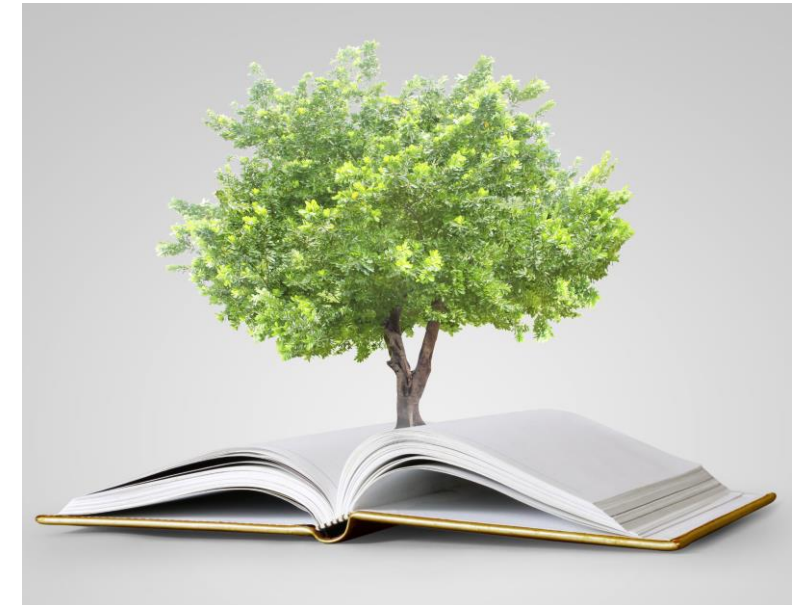
Minister for Children and Their Families..... Rev. Allison Benfield
Minister for Worship and Music.....J. Kevin Gray
Minister for Youth and Young Adults.....Rev. Lee Gray
Senior Minister.....Dr. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Church Staff

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

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

The Worship of God



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

SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2018

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA