

We Gather as God's Church

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PRELUDE J. Noel Lance

WORDS OF GREETING Rev. Lee Gray

*EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP Congregation

A WORD ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

A PRAYERFUL CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Gray

ONE: O Lord, light a candle within our hearts that we may see what is there.

ALL: Help us sweep away the rubbish from Your dwelling place and create a worthy space for Your spirit. Amen.

-adapted from "Prayer of an African Girl"

*HYMN OF PRAISE There's a Spirit in the Air
Chalice Hymnal No. 257, verses 1, 2 & 4 LAUDS

Teach Us to Speak and Live with Humility

READING OF THE EPISTLE James 3:13-4:10 Meredith Sorrell



Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you,

where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so, you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so, you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Adulterers! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore, whoever wishes to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. Or do you suppose that it is for nothing that the scripture says, "God yearns jealously for the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? But he gives all the more grace; therefore, it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy into dejection. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF WISDOM Holy Wisdom
Chalice Hymnal No. 258, verses 1 & 3 SALVE REGINA COELITUM

OFFERTORY PRAYER Bert Green, Deacon

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.

We Reflect on God's Healing Hope

A MOMENT OF MEDITATION

Wisdom from God is much more than having good ideas. Wisdom from God has to do with Actively Faithful Faithfully Active Living.

INTRODUCTION TO ANTHEM J. Kevin Gray

ANTHEM OF HEALING Chancel Choir
Requiem Eliza Gilkerson, Arr. Craig Hella Johnson

Mother mary, full of grace, awaken all our homes are gone, our loved ones taken, taken by the sea. Mother mary, calm our fears, have mercy drowning in a sea of tears, have mercy, hear our mournful plea. Our world has been shaken.

We wander our homelands forsaken. In the dark night of the soul bring some comfort to us all. Oh, mother mary come and carry us in your embrace that our sorrows may be faced.

Mary, fill the glass to overflowing illuminate the path where we are going. Have mercy on us all in funeral fires burning. Each flame to your mystery returning.

In the dark night of the soul your shattered dreamers make them whole. Oh, mother mary find us where we've fallen out of grace. Lead us to a higher place.

In the dark night of the soul our broken hearts you can make whole. Oh, mother mary come and carry us in your embrace. Let us see your gentle face, mary.

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER Dr. Foust

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
Larry Batts, Nancy Burgess, Bill Finger, McLain Hall, Gene Poole, Dot Propst,
Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson, Elma Thomas & Dee Turner – home

*SONG OF THE SPIRIT There's a Spirit in the Air
Chalice Hymnal No. 257, verses 5, 6 & 7 LAUDS

We Proclaim and Respond to God's Good News

MESSAGE Wise or Otherwise Dr. Foust

*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP "Are Ye Able," Said the Master
Chalice Hymnal No. 621, verses 1 & 4 BEACON HILL

CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY Dr. Foust
& ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHURCH LIFE

*COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH Dr. Foust

*POSTLUDE J. Noel Lance

**Invites the congregation to stand.*

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Creating a Long-Range Facilities Plan

Last year, the Investing in the Future Task Force listened to the congregation for ideas related to the future of St. John’s. The process resulted in several ideas and one of the most repeated messages was ‘Let’s update our facilities and create a master plan.’ The church set aside Bill Hartsell to assemble a group of members to guide this effort and appropriated up to \$50,000 to establish a contract with an architect who could guide us in development of such a long-range facilities plan. Bill Hartsell (retired architect) chose the following members to work with him as an Architectural Review and Master Plan Development Task Force: Kathy Spence (builder), Kevin Turner (architect), Bobbie Sherrill (realtor) and Don Hinson (electrical contractor and chair of our House and Grounds Committee). After written presentations by five firms and three in-person interviews, Bill Monroe, Founder and President of WGM Design, Inc. was chosen to serve as our church’s architect in this Master Plan Development. Bill Monroe will begin conversations with members next Monday, October 1st and you can make your appointments through the church office by contacting our administrative assistant, Mallory Brown.

Global Missions Offering

Goal - \$15,000—Received \$14,760

Please participate in our Global Mission Offering by giving and by writing a letter to a student, a teacher, or a parent. What do you want to share with your friends in Nyarweng? A part of yourself? An encouraging word? Your favorite bible verse? A picture of your family?

World Communion Sunday and Global Mission Offering

On Sunday, October 7, we will gather in Broach Hall immediately after worship for a light lunch and a time to hear from James Lubo Majak in person about the development of the Nyarweng School in South Sudan. We will present to Lubo our Global Mission Offering and the messages we have prepared for him to deliver to the students, teachers, and families. If you have not already done so, please contact Mallory in the church office to sign up for lunch.

Undie Sundays

We will be collecting new underwear to be distributed to our Room in the Inn program, Hope Chapel and Charlotte Rescue Mission. Items needed are athletic socks, boxer shorts, and t-shirts. Sizes most needed are medium and large. On each of the Sundays in October, containers will be at both the Main Entrance and Broach Hall entrance.

Craft & Bake Sale

Sunday, October 21 - Sponsored by The Craft & Needle Ministry. We need your help to donate handmade crafts and baked goods! All proceeds will be used to reduce hunger in the Charlotte region! Contact Ruth Jackson or the church office to volunteer or for more information.

Ehrenberger Service

The service for Joe Ehrenberger was rescheduled to Saturday, October 27 at 11am in Ray Chapel at Aldersgate.

Women of the Church Retreat

Join us Saturday, November 3, from 9am-3pm with Rev. Barbara Boyd Mayo for fellowship, learning, meditation and worship. The title of our retreat is: *Come to the Well*. We will retreat at Ramah Creek Farm in Huntersville. The cost is \$30 for all meals, snacks, and materials. Make checks payable to SJBC with “Retreat” in the memo line.

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The St. John’s Pulpit

Sunday, October 7 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost,
World Communion Sunday

Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Worship Theme: Supremacy of Christ

Sermon Series: The Love that Christ Revealed

Message: *One Father—Many Children*

Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-3a; 2:10-18

This Week at St. John’s

Sunday, Sept. 30	8:00 am	Small Group Leader Meeting (Conference Room)
	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	5:00 pm	Sunday Night Live
Monday, Oct. 1	11:30 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge)
	5:30 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, Oct. 2	5:30 am	Mecklenburg Radiology Group (Lasater Hall)
	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men’s Group (Lounge)
	7:00 am	CROP (Room 114)
	9:30 am	HeadStart (Broach Hall)
	10:00 am	Staff meeting (Conference Room)
	11:00 am	Bible Work Bench (Room 209)
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men’s Basketball (Gym)
	6:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
Wed., Oct. 3	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
	9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)
	6:00 pm	Personnel Resource Team (Conference Room)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	6:00 pm	Handbells (Handbell Room)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	7:30 pm	Sherrill Basketball (Gym)
Thursday, Oct. 4	9:00 am	Unity Coalition (Lounge)
	2:30 pm	WDS Staff Training (Lounge)
	6:00 pm	Memory Center (Broach Hall)
	7:30 pm	CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)
Friday, Oct. 5	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, Oct. 6	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	10:00 am	Communion Task Force (Conference Room)

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.....Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Church Staff

Administrative Assistant.....Mallory Brown
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

The Worship of God



ACTIVELY FAITHFUL FAITHFULLY ACTIVE LIVING
LEARNING TO LIVE BY CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD’S SPIRIT OF LOVE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

ST. JOHN’S BAPTIST CHURCH
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