

God of Grace and God of Glory

INTROIT J. Noel Lance

WORDS OF GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHURCH LIFE Rev. Allison Benfield

EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP Congregation

CALL TO WORSHIP

CHILD: We come to worship as children of God!
PEOPLE: We are one family consisting of many ages and stages of life.
ALL: Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE God of Grace and God of Glory
Chalice Hymnal No. 464 CWC RHONDDA

PRAYER OF PRAISE Rev. Benfield

On Thy People Pour Thy Power

MEDITATION J. Kevin Gray
Give me Jesus Traditional Spiritual

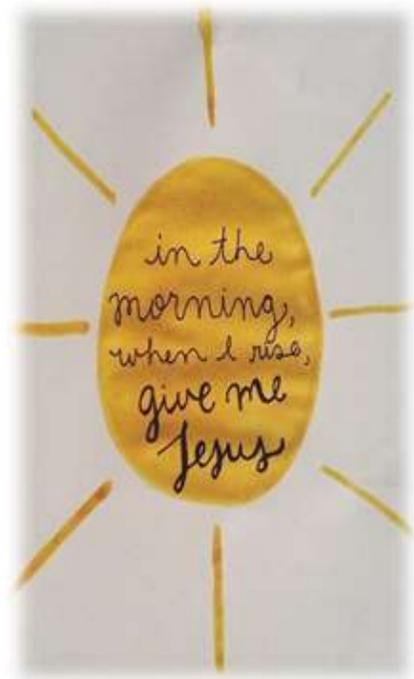
In the morning, when I rise,
in the morning, when I rise,
in the morning, when I rise,
give me Jesus.

Refrain
Give me Jesus,
give me Jesus.
You can have all this world,
give me Jesus.

When I am alone,
when I am alone,
oh when I am alone,
give me Jesus.

Refrain
And when I come to sing,
oh when I come to sing,
when I come to sing,
give me Jesus.

Refrain



Crown Thine Ancient Church's Story

SCRIPTURE READING Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD, Jay Baucom, and Renee' Hutchison



Acts of Apostolic People 4:32-5:11

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet. But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. "Ananias," Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him. After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price." And she said, "Yes, that was the price." Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

LEADER: This is the written word of God for the people of God.
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL AND DISCIPLE'S 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.

*HYMN OF PROCLAMATION Seek Ye First
Chalice Hymnal No. 354 SEEK YE FIRST

Bring Its Bud to Glorious Flower

SERMON "God's Economics" Dr. Foust

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

*LITANY OF GENEROSITY Dr. Foust

LEADER: Take, Lord, and receive all that we have
PEOPLE: For only Your life in us is real;
LEADER: We are stewards, holding all of Your gifts in trust.
PEOPLE: Teach us to be generous in faithful stewardship.
ALL: O God, we offer all that we have to You, and in our giving, transform these gifts into tools for Your ministry and resurrection gospel.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Chancel Choir
Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel arr. Roger Emerson

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH
Chalice Hymnal No. 46

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.

Grant Us Wisdom, Grant Us Courage, for the Facing of This Hour

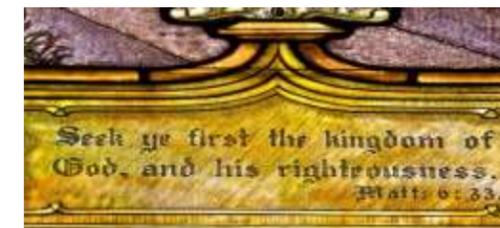
CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY Dr. Foust

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*POSTLUDE J. Noel Lance
Lift Up Your Heads Mary McDonald

* Invites the congregation to stand

Copies of Worship Bulletins and Sermon Manuscripts are available at www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Second Century Endowment Campaign

Today, we begin our 12-month campaign to secure current and estate gift commitments to strengthen our church's future. Our commitments will increase the endowment funds of St. John's well beyond the required \$500,000 thresholds to begin producing spendable revenue. Tithing and giving to our church's annual financial ministry plan continues to be our main stewardship focus. This campaign seeks gift commitments above and beyond each person's annual tithe. Our Second Century Legacy Campaign kick-off luncheon will follow worship today and is provided by Anderson's Catering.

Spring Church Clean-up - Saturday, April 23

Come and lend a hand. We will meet in Lasater Hall at 10:00 am and work until 1:00 pm. Snacks will be provided. For more information, contact Cathy Hartsell.

St. John's 101

The Membership Resource Team is pleased to offer the St John's 101 course to guests, prospective members and current members who just want a refresher. The dates will be April 24, May 1, May 8, and May 15 during the Sunday School hour. Please register with Jacquelyn McAbee in the church office by Tuesday, April 19th.

Terrific Tuesday Book Club

Tuesday, April 26 - Book of the month: *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande

Deacon Nominations

Each year, members of the congregation nominate other members of the church to serve as deacons. Our congregation is served by 48 active deacons each year on a three-year rotating basis with 16 deacons nominated annually. Please send your nominations to current chair of the deaconate, Doug Hammond (doug@redpart.com) or Jacquelyn McAbee (jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org). Please remember, you MUST have the person's permission before submitting their name as a candidate for deacon. Names need to be submitted no later than April 26.

St. John's/St. Martin's Vacation Bible School 2016

- June 13-17 from 9:00 am-12:00 noon - \$15/child
- Children Aged 4 (by June 1, 2016) - Rising 6th Graders
- To register, visit: vbs.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org

Inter-Racial Conversation - Thursday, May 12

Save the date for this special evening in Broach Hall as we host a conversation with Friendship Missionary Baptist members and other churches in our city. The program will include a joint choir, as well as a presentation by Tom Hanchett entitled "How Charlotte Became a Racially Segregated City."

Baseball Tickets

Tickets are here for the big night. See Todd Stillerman this morning, or pick them up in the church office beginning Monday, April 18.

Elevator Closure

Repair work on the Lasater Hall elevator is moving toward completion. We anticipate that the elevator will be available in early May. The Broach Hall elevator will be available for those who need assistance getting up to the sanctuary or other rooms.

Youth

Youth will be on regular Sunday evening 5:00-7:30 pm schedule for the next three weeks (April 17, 24 and May 1).

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

Prayer Concerns

Jacob Goodson - Levine Children's Hospital
Jim Austin - CMC Pineville

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THE ST. JOHN'S PULPIT

April 24 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Worship Theme: Living the Resurrection through Inclusive Grace

Sermon: *On Un-hindering God*

Scripture: Acts of Apostolic People 11:1-18

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, April 17	9:15 am	Sunday School Teacher Training (Conference Room)
	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Second Century Luncheon (Broach Hall)
	5:00 pm	Youth Sunday Night Live (Gym/Lounge/3rd Floor)
Monday, April 18	10:00 am	Mental Health America (Lounge)
	10:30 am	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
	5:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	5:15 pm	Men's Basketball (Gym)
	6:00 pm	Joy Class (Lounge)
Tuesday, April 19	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
	5:00 pm	CROP meeting (Lounge)
	5:30 pm	Right Moves for Youth (Broach Hall)
	6:00 pm	Zumba class (Lasater Hall)
	6:00 pm	Queen City Unlimited/AAU Basketball (Gym)
	6:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	6:15 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 304/305)
Wed., April 20	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
	9:00 am	Loaves and Fishes (Lounge)
	9:30 am	Yoga class (Room 114)
	1:00 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Lounge)
	6:30 pm	Membership Task Force (Conference Room)
	7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, April 21	10:00 am	HeadStart Parents Meeting (Room 114)
	11:00 am	Uptown Ladies (Lounge)
	12:30 pm	Novant Health Medical Group (Broach Hall)
	5:00 pm	Queen City Unlimited/AAU Basketball (Gym)
Saturday, April 23	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	9:30 am	Girls Basketball Workout (Gym)
	10:00 am	Church Spring Clean-Up

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 MinisterRev. Martha Kearse
Minister for Children and Their Families..... Rev. Allison Benfield
Minister for Worship and MusicJ. Kevin Gray
Minister for Youth and Young Adults.....Rev. Lee Gray

Church Staff

Administrative AssistantJacquelyn McAbee
Church Accountant..... Elaine Johnson
Church AdministratorSandra Rogers
Organist.....J. Noel Lance
Graded Choirs Director..... Sandy Holland
Custodians Awrin Ali, Paul Pugh
Weekday School Director..... Lydia Olmsted

The Worship of God



*Living the Resurrection
Through God's Economics*

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2016

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

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