

# The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ

INTROIT J. Noel Lance

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

CREATING A SECOND CENTURY LEGACY David Allen

EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP Congregation

PRAYER OF SUBMISSION Rev. Benfield

## CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: God who is active in the midst of creation,

PEOPLE: Give us eyes to see You.

LEADER: God who celebrates our joys and comforts us in our sorrows,

PEOPLE: Give us ears to hear Your voice.

LEADER: God of all places and times, help us to recognize Your movements in the past and especially the present.

ALL: Loving God, we give You thanks, for You are good!

\*HYMN OF PRAISE God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian  
Chalice Hymnal No. 450 verses 1, 2 & 4 HYFRYDOL

God the Spirit, guide and guardian, wind-spiced flame and hovering dove, breath of life and voice of prophets, sign of blessing, power of love: give to those who lead Your people, fresh anointing of Your grace. send them forth as bold apostles to Your church in every place.

Christ our Savior, sovereign, shepherd, word made flesh, love crucified, teacher, healer, suffering servant, friend of sinners, foe of pride: in your tending may all people learn and live a shepherd's care; grant them courage and compassion shown through word and deed and prayer.

Triune God, mysterious being, undivided and diverse, deeper than our minds can fathom, greater than our creeds rehearse: help us in our varied callings Your full image to proclaim, that our ministries uniting may give glory to Your name.

STATEMENT OF FAITH Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, missional and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

Leader and People: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all God's works, and whose will is ever directed to all peoples.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, empowering us to live in obedience to the truth of Christ, and strengthening us in time of need.

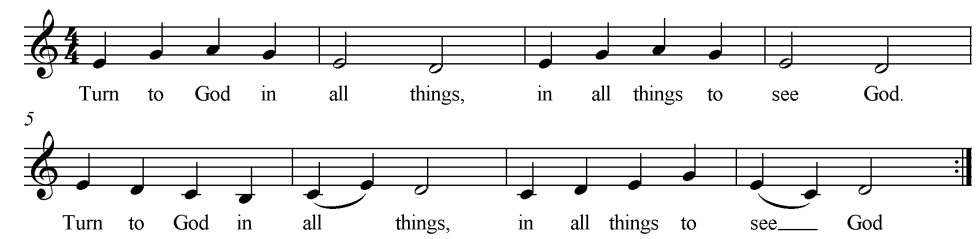
We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

\*SUNG MEDITATION Congregation

Turn to God in All things

1. Choir
2. Congregation and Choir
3. All repeat

Arr. David Glasgow



THE CHURCH AT PRAYER Rev. Martha Kearsse

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

James Carnes - Wake Forest Baptist Health Comprehensive Cancer Center

GOSPEL READING Matthew 28: 16-20 Stan Brown



Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE Lord, You Give the Great Commission  
ABBOT'S LEIGH

Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word." Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard, Help us witness to Your purpose with renewed integrity. With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

## The Love of God

SERMON Dr. Foust

"Whatever Happened to the Jebusites?"

\*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP Lord, You Give the Great Commission  
Chalice Hymnal No. 459 verses 2 & 5 ABBOT'S LEIGH

OFFERTORY PRAYER Dr. Foust

## GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Chancel Choir

Kum Ba Yah (Come by here) Gullah language

Arr. Ed Lojeski

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah.

Hear me crying Lord, kum ba yah.

Hear me praying Lord, kum ba yah.

Oh I need You Lord, kum ba yah.

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah.



## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*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.

## And the Communion of the Holy Spirit Be With You

CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY Dr. Foust

## \*COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH

\*POSTLUDE J. Noel Lance  
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven Don Wyrzten

\* Invites the congregation to stand

Copies of Worship Bulletins and Sermon Manuscripts are available at [www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org](http://www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Church Conference & Luncheon Today**

Today at 11:30 am in Broach Hall  
 Bi-annual update on the church will be presented. Lunch will be provided (donations accepted) - super salad bar and pie from Anderson's Catering.

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

June 13-17 from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon  
 · \$15/child - ages 4 (by 6/1/16) - rising 6th graders  
 · Registration closes June 8, 2016  
 · To register, visit: [vbs.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org](http://vbs.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org)

**Freedom School**

This year, we will be hosting a Freedom School site in cooperation with our friends at QC Family Tree. Freedom School is a literacy program which helps to keep children reading through the summer. Pick up a pair of flip flops from our Summer Missions Tree over the next few weeks. Be part of something great this summer—it's not really summer until you have your flip flops!

**Global Missions Offering 2016**

Benefitting the Raising South Sudan Project and the Nyarweng Primary School  
 Goal: \$5000 - Received to date - \$3,730

**Carolina Voices' Festival Singers Concert - Today at 4 pm**

*ELEMENTS -- Earth, Water, Air & Fire*

Under the direction of Donna Hill, the ensemble will explore the simplest forms of our existence -- the classical elements -- through a remarkable collection of choral music. They will also premiere a new choral work by our own James Kevin Gray. Deepen your appreciation of the core substances of our world with this musical reflection of earth, water, air and fire. Tickets available at the door.

**Men's Softball**

Games will start in early June and be played at Providence Baptist (4921 Randolph Rd.) on weeknights. Please let Lee Gray know if you are interested in playing - [LGray@sjcharlotte.org](mailto:LGray@sjcharlotte.org).

**Youth Habitat Workdays**

The High School Habitat work schedule is each of the next 3 Saturdays from 9 am-12 noon – May 28, June 4, and June 11. They will also work on Sunday, June 5, after worship if needed. Please make every effort to attend these workdays and remember to bring your hammers and work gloves.

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

**ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH**

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**THE ST. JOHN'S PULPIT**

May 29 - Second Sunday after Pentecost  
 Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD  
 Worship Theme: Clarifying Our Commitment to God  
 Sermon: *Limping with Two Opinions*  
 Scripture: 1 Kings 18:17-21; Luke 7:1-10

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S**

Sunday, May 22	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Church Conference & Lunch (Broach Hall)
	3:15 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Youth Lounge)
	4:00 pm	Carolina Voices' Festival Singers Concert (Sanctuary)
Monday, May 23	10:30 am	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
	5:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	5:15 pm	Men's Basketball (Gym)
Tuesday, May 24	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
	11:00 am	Terrific Tuesday Book Club (Library/Lounge)
	5:30 pm	Weekday School Board meeting (Lounge)
	6:00 pm	Zumba class (Broach Hall)
	6:00 pm	Queen City Unlimited/AAU Basketball (Gym)
	6:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
Wed., May 25	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
	9:30 am	Yoga class (Room 114)
	12:00 pm	CROP luncheon (Broach Hall)
	7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, May 26	5:00 pm	Queen City Unlimited/AAU Basketball (Gym)
Saturday, May 28	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	9:00 am	Youth Habitat workday (Lasater Hall)
	4:00 pm	South Sudanese Gathering (Broach Hall)

**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 Minister .....Rev. Martha Kearse  
 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

Church Staff

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

The Worship of God



*Trinity Sunday*  
*The Living God Experienced in Numerous Ways*

**SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016**

**10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY**

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