

Sing for Joy, and Bless God's Holy Name!

INTROIT J. Noel Lance

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

EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP Congregation

MOMENT WITH FREEDOM SCHOOL

PRAYER OF SUBMISSION Rev. Benfield

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 100

CHOIR: Sing for joy. Give thanks and bless God's name.

LEADER: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

PEOPLE: Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

LEADER: Know that the Lord is God.

PEOPLE: It is God who made us, to whom we belong; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

LEADER: Enter God's gate with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.

ALL: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His mercy endures forever!

CHOIR: Sing for joy. Give thanks and bless God's name.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** Rejoice, You Pure in Heart
Chalice Hymnal No. 15 MARION

TELLING OF THE GOSPEL STORY Rev. Benfield

Luke 11:1-13



MEDITATION

Interlude

J. Kevin Gray

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As you listen to our music for meditation, take a moment to be thankful for all that you have been given. Think of those who love you, those who have taught you, those who make you feel safe, and give thanks. Think of the ways God has been at work in your life, and give thanks. Experience what it means to be filled with the love of God.

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

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, Libby Collier, Jacob Goodson, Corson Hicks,
Ray Mullins, Melissa Nash & Florine Olive – home
Family of Genevieve (Genks) Gantt

Give Thanks and Praise, for God's Love Endures Forever

READING OF THE PSALM Gearlene Hoffman

Psalm 23



The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Chalice Hymnal No. 80

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

We Nothing Lack If We Are God's

SERMON "More" Rev. Martha Kearse

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Chancel Choir
H. R. Shelley

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me,
and on His shoulder gently laid and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight from Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.

***HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP** Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
Chalice Hymnal No. 560 SHOWALTER

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Kearse

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Greg Jarrell
Bourree J.S. Bach

***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.

CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY Rev. Foust

***COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH**

***POSTLUDE** J. Noel Lance

** Invites the congregation to stand*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Heritage Room Open House

The Heritage Room will be open Thursday, July 28, from 10:00 am-12:00 noon for visiting. Anyone interested in helping in the Heritage Room is also welcome.

Back to School Uniform Drive

We are collecting uniform items for Highland Renaissance School in sizes 5-14: navy and khaki shorts, pants, and skirts, white and navy collared shirts (new or gently used); new socks and underwear. Please place items on the rack by the gym in the Main Entrance foyer by August 21. For more information, contact Betty Harkey.

Crisis Assistance

Crisis Assistance Ministry is seeking 15 volunteers from St. John's to help in their Free Store August 13th from 2:30-4:30 pm. Volunteers are encouraged to sort/inspect donations, hang clothing, stock the Free Store and assist the Free Store Production Area as needed. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Kimberly Follis at 704-650-3809 or kimberly_follis@outlook.com.

Building Sabbath

Our annual "building sabbath" is scheduled for the weeks of August 8-12 (first floor/outside) and August 15-19 (second & third floors). This is a time when most weekday and evening meetings at the church are cancelled or rescheduled so that needed maintenance can be done. Thank you for being flexible with meetings during this time!

Annual St. John's Farmers' Market

Thank you to all the donors for their items for this year's market! And to everyone who supported this event with their purchases! A total of \$1,060 was raised to benefit Community Culinary School and QC Family Tree's Kinfolk Coffee.

Save the Date

Tuesday, September 13 - 6:30 - 8:00 pm - Broach Hall
Is the Bible Relevant in the 21st Century? - Encountering Scripture at the Intersections of Our Lives. Guest speaker: Mary K. Foskett, Wake Forest Kahle Professor of Religion

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

St. John's Pulpit

This summer, Dr. Foust and Rev. Kearse are offering a summer sermon series based on the parables of Jesus entitled "STORIES TO LIVE BY." Jesus used stories because stories identify us, explain us, define us, call us back, call us forward, represent us, inspire us, sustain us, guide us, renew us, etc. From June 26th – September 4th, sermons will be based on some of Jesus' parables. Jesus' parables are 'stories to live by.'

Upcoming Youth Events

- Lunch and fellowship for college students at 1900 Mexican Grill on Elizabeth Avenue (this includes graduated high school seniors) - Sunday, August 7
- Middle School Local Mission Trip - August 13-16

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THE ST. JOHN'S PULPIT

July 31 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
 Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
 Summer Sermon Series: STORIES TO LIVE BY
 Sermon: *Keep On Keeping On*
 Scripture: Gospel of Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, July 24	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms & Broach Hall)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	3:30 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
Monday, July 25	8:30 am	Freedom School Harambee (Lasater Hall)
	10:30 am	Staff meeting (Conference Room)
	11:00 am	Freedom School lunch (Broach Hall)
	5:15 pm	Men's Basketball (Gym)
Tuesday, July 26	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
	8:30 am	Freedom School Harambee (Lasater Hall)
	11:00 am	Freedom School lunch (Lasater Hal)
	1:30 pm	Memorial Service (Sanctuary) & Reception (Broach Hall)
	6:00 pm	Zumba class (Gym)
Wed., July 27	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
	8:30 am	Freedom School Harambee (Lasater Hall)
	9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)
	11:00 am	CROP (Lounge)
	12:30 pm	Freedom School Finale (Broach Hall)
Thursday, July 28	8:30 am	Freedom School Harambee (Lasater Hall)
	10:00 am	Heritage Room Open House
Saturday, July 30	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	9:30 am	Boys Basketball workout (Gym)

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



*Stories to Live By:
 Friend at Midnight*

SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2016

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

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