

Lord, We Raise to Thee an Altar

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INTROIT	J. Noel Lance
WORDS OF GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHURCH LIFE	Rev. Lee Gray
EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP	Congregation
PRAYER OF SUBMISSION	Rev. Gray
CALL TO WORSHIP	Rev. Gray

LEADER: In our worship of God,
PEOPLE: May we be found faithful.
 LEADER: In our daily interactions with all of God's children,
PEOPLE: May we be found faithful.
 LEADER: In our living and sharing the light of God's hope,
PEOPLE: May we be found faithful.
ALL: May all those who follow us find footprints that inspire them to do the same! Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** Great Is Thy Faithfulness
 Chalice Hymnal No. 86 FAITHFULNESS
 (Children are invited to come forward during last verse)

READING OF THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE Joshua 4:1-7, 19-24 Stan Brown



When the entire nation had finished crossing over the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua: "Select twelve men from the people, one from each tribe, and command them, 'Take twelve stones from here out of the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the priests' feet stood, carry them over with you, and lay them down in the place where you camp tonight.'" Then Joshua summoned the twelve men from the Israelites, whom he had appointed, one from each tribe. Joshua said to them, "Pass on before the ark of the LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you take up a stone on his shoulder, one for each of the tribes of the Israelites, so that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, 'What do those stones mean to you?' then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off in front of the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the Israelites a memorial forever." The people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and they camped in Gilgal on the east border of Jericho. Those twelve stones, which they had taken out of the Jordan, Joshua set up in Gilgal, saying to the Israelites, "When your children ask their parents in time to come, 'What do these stones mean?' then you shall let your children know, 'Israel crossed over the Jordan here on dry ground.' For the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan for you until you crossed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up for us until we crossed over, so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the LORD is mighty, and so that you may fear the LORD your God forever."

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

MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
 Chalice Hymnal No. 16, verses 2 & 3 NETTLETON

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER Rev. Allison Benfield

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

Byron Bullard, James Carnes, Libby Collier, Ethel Harris, Carmen Howard, Deacon Jones, Tish Philemon & Dot Propst - home

VOCAL MEDITATION J. Kevin Gray
Find Us Faithful John Mohr

Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful.
 May the fire of our devotion light their way.
 May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe,
 and the lives we live inspire them to obey.

Find Us Faithful

SERMON Dr. Foust
'God's Legacy and Ours'

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** Believers All, We Bear the Name
 Milburn Price/EDGE

Be - liev - ers all, we bear the name of Christ our li - ving Lord; as Chris - tians in the
 Be - liev - ers all, our com - mon task is ser - vice to His name as we, in word and
 Be - lie - vers all, in u - ni - ty we fol - low God's com mands; di - verse in gifts, but
 world to - day we hold fast to the word. From sim - ple trust to grow - ing faith our
 song and deed, God's sa - ving grace pro - claim. Yet, min - is - try has broad - er aims, so
 one in Christ, we of - fer out - stretched hands to all with - in the bonds of faith, to
 pil - grim - age we trace T'ward full ma - tur - i - ty in Christ, led there thro' God's good grace.
 we pur - sue the goal of meet - ing per - sons' full - er needs of bod - y mind, and soul.
 those out - side faith's call, that thro' our love the world may know our God as Lord of all.

OFFERTORY PRAYER Dr. Foust

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY Chancel Choir
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing James Mulholland

***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.

May the Fire of Our Devotion Light Their Way

***CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY** Dr. Foust

***COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH**

***POSTLUDE** J. Noel Lance

**Invites the congregation to stand.*

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in appreciation for your generous support in creating a second century legacy through St. John's endowment funds.

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MT25

Please review the MT25 brochure this week and consider where you want to renew or make new commitments for involvement in the life and ministries of the church. Next Sunday, May 7, you will be able to meet with your MT25 community and begin to connect with mission events!

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. Classes will continue on May 7 & 21 and June 4 in the church lounge during the Sunday School hour.

2017 State & Community Offering

Received \$1685 - Goal: \$5000

To meet the MT 25 challenge our 2017 State and Community Offering will be given to the Galilee Refugee Support Center, Sewing Seeds, and Center for Community Transitions.

Brotherhood of the Biscuit Trivia Night

On Thursday, May 11, the Brotherhood of the Biscuit presents "Trivia Night" at the Birdsong Brewing Company! Tickets are \$25 per person, a portion of which will go to a St. John's charity selected by the winning team. Tickets must be purchased in advance (deadline is April 30). To reserve tickets, e-mail or call Todd Stillerman: brotherhoodofthebiscuit@gmail.com or 704-763-6611.

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

Women of the Church

Register today for a fun-filled evening of wreath-making on Thursday, May 18, from 7-9 pm in the church lounge. The theme is Americana - Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, etc. Cost is \$35 per person, and checks should be made out to Linda Crowder. You may register through Linda or the church office.

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 Fredda Kimball (freddafk@aol.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 May 14. Thank you.

Vacation Bible School

Have you registered for VBS yet? Do your children have friends who would enjoy the most awesome week of VBS Charlotte has to offer? Help us spread the word! Invite your friends and post about it on social media! This year, VBS is June 12-16 from 9am-noon each day, and we'll be exploring the story of Joseph from the Old Testament through art. VBS is for children aged 4 (by June 1) - Rising 6th Graders. To register, visit: <https://stjohns-stmartins-vbs2017.eventbrite.com>. To volunteer, visit the Sign Up Genius or contact Allison Benfield.

Upcoming Youth Events

- **April 30 & May 7** - Regular Evening Schedule 5:00-7:30 pm
- **May 21** - Youth Banquet (last Sunday until fall)

St. John's Baptist Church

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The St. John's Pulpit

May 7 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Sermon: *Living God's Mission*

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-3; Isaiah 49:5-7;
Matthew 25:31-35, 28:16-20; Acts 2:44-47

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, April 30	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms)	
	9:15 am	St. John's 101 (Lounge)	
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)	
Monday, May 1	11:30 am	Endowment Celebration/Church Conference (Broach Hall)	
	5:00 pm	Sunday Night Live (Lounge/Gym/3rd Floor)	
	10:30 am	Staff meetings (Conference Room)	
	11:45 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Room 209)	
	5:15 pm	Men's Basketball (Gym)	
	8:00 pm	AA (Room 114)	
	Tuesday, May 2	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
		11:00 am	Co-ed Bible Study (Room 209)
		4:45 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
		5:30 pm	Queen City Unlimited AAU (Gym)
Wed., May 3	6:00 pm	Zumba class (Lasater Hall)	
	6:00 pm	Enneagram class (Room 222)	
	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)	
	9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)	
	6:00 pm	AA (Room 114)	
	6:00 pm	Guard U (Gym)	
	6:00 pm	Mission Resource Team (Lounge)	
	6:00 pm	Personnel Resource Team (Conference Room)	
	7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)	
	9:00 am	Unity Coalition (Lounge)	
Thursday, May 4	12:00 pm	Interiors Focus Group (Lounge)	
	4:00 pm	Queen City Unlimited AAU (Gym)	
	6:00 pm	Zumba Class (Lasater Hall)	
	6:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Sanctuary)	
Friday, May 5	8:00 pm	AA (Room 114)	
Saturday, May 6	7:00 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)	
	9:30 am	Kids Basketball (Gym)	
	5:00 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas concert (Sanctuary)	

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.....Dr. Dennis W. Foust
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 Assistant..... Jacquelyn McAbee
Church Accountant..... Elaine Johnson
Church AdministratorSandra Rogers
Graded Choirs Director..... Sandy Holland
Weekday School Director..... Lydia Olmsted
Organist..... J. Noel Lance
Custodians James Cowan, James Lee, Chris Mullis

The Worship of God



Third Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2017

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

**ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
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