

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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PRELUDE J. Noel Lance

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

EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP Congregation

A WORD ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP Dr. Foust

CALL TO SILENCE Dr. Foust

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Benfield

LEADER: And with the sound of a hammer, on October 31, 1517, 500 years ago, a new call for the spiritual renewal of Christ's Church emerged. Calls for spiritual renewal continue in every age challenging people to open their lives to God.

PEOPLE: We respond to this ongoing call for spiritual renewal as we bear witness to Jesus as the Lord of our faith in God.

LEADER: Our relationship with God is named 'salvation,' a process of being saved from sinful living by God's grace alone through faith alone.

ALL: Let us open our lives to God, allowing the divine hammer of God's grace to shape us by the teachings of Jesus, as we worship The Living God, who leads us in the path of salvation!

*HYMN OF PRAISE A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Chalice Hymnal No. 65 EIN' FESTE BURG

Our Present Help Amid the Flood of Mortal Ills Prevailing

READING FROM THE GOSPEL Mark 11:15-17 Steve Carter

Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves; and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. He was teaching and saying, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers."

HOMILY From Jerusalem to Wittenberg: Centralization Dr. Foust

HYMN OF RESPONSE The Church of Christ in Every Age
Chalice Hymnal No. 475, verse 1 WAREHAM
(Children may come forward at this time)

MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH Rev. Benfield

HYMN OF RESPONSE The Church of Christ in Every Age
Chalice Hymnal No. 475, verse 2 WAREHAM

READING FROM THE GOSPEL Matthew 21:10-13 Rev. Benfield

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee." Then

Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a den of robbers."

HOMILY From Wittenberg to Charlotte: De-Centralization Dr. Foust

HYMN OF RESPONSE The Church of Christ in Every Age
Chalice Hymnal No. 475, verse 3 WAREHAM

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER Rev. Martha Kearse, DMin

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

Carmen Howard, Chuck Jones, Jan Kerley & Tom Bryson - home
Sympathy to Becky Bullard and family in the death of husband, Jack Bullard

HYMN OF RESPONSE The Church of Christ in Every Age
Chalice Hymnal No. 475, verses 4 & 5 WAREHAM

READING FROM THE GOSPEL John 2:13-16 Clara Grace Howell

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!"

HOMILY Indulging a New Reformation: Collaboration Dr. Foust

The Spirit and the Gift Are Ours

OFFERTORY PRAYER Dr. Foust

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Chancel Choir
The Hands of God Michael A. Miller

We gather 'round the water, the word, the wine, the wheat. Repentant and forgiven, from bondage we are freed. Singing songs of gladness, mercy, grace and love, then we are sent from this place to be the hands of God. Baptized in the water, nurtured by the word, and fed at the table where the bread and wine are served. Blessed to be a blessing with strength to heed the call, we are sent from this place to be the hands of God. Hands of God, hands of faith, offering hope, offering grace; hands of blessing, hands of love, we are the hands, the hands of God. From every land and nation, every tribe and tongue, united by the spirit, in Christ we join as one. With saints who've gone before us, whose spirits still live on, we are sent from this place to be the hands of God.

*DOXOLOGY

Chalice Hymnal No. 46

OLD HUNDREDTH

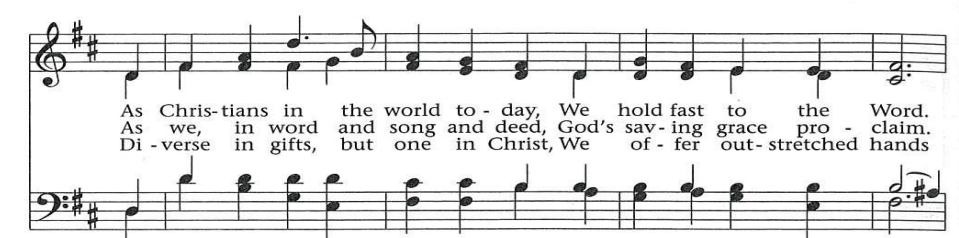
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY

Dr. Foust

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Believers All, We Bear the Name



*COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH

Dr. Foust

*POSTLUDE

J. Noel Lance

*Invites the congregation to stand.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Saints' Sunday - November 5

We will remember members of St. John's who have passed on in the past 12 months during worship on All Saints' Sunday.

Upcoming Concerts at St. John's

- [Young Voices of the Carolinas](#) - Saturday, November 4, at 5:00 pm
- [Carolina Voices' Festival Singers](#) - Sunday, November 5, at 4:00 pm
- [The Winthrop University Chorale](#) - during worship on Sunday, November 12

Men's Chorus

On Wednesday, November 1, any men who would like to sing in a one-time men's chorus for the following Sunday, November 5, are invited to choir rehearsal at 7:15 pm. They will sing one song that Sunday from the choir loft. Kevin promises the song will have energy and spirit, and you will have fun learning it!

Offering Ourselves for God's Work in the World

The St. John's Stewardship Resource Team has been developing plans for this year's annual Commitment Campaign in support of the 2018 Financial Ministry Plan (budget). This year's theme is lifted from our St. John's Covenant – "*Offering Ourselves for God's work in the world.*" This theme connects the good works that St. John's folks are committed to - along with the financial resources required to support those efforts. Leading up to Commitment Sunday (November 19), we are asking members to share a brief personal reflection on our theme. Please write 2 or 3 sentences we can include in the Family News. Some questions you might consider include, '*How have you experienced or offered God's work in the world?*' or, '*How have you seen God's work in the world transpire in the life and ministries of St. Johns?*' or, '*How does scripture or experience influence your perspective on financial giving for God's work in the world?*' Please send your sentences to Jacquelyn at jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org. Thank you in advance for sharing your thoughts!!

New Sunday Morning Group for Young Adults

On Sunday, November 5, a new Sunday morning group of young adults will begin meeting. They will gather from 9:15 to 10:15 in the Lounge. Their name is **GENESIS**, because we are beginning something new. If you are interested in finding out more about **GENESIS**, please contact Chase Bailey at dcbailey7@gmail.com or Eric McCombs at ericmcombs@gmail.com.

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

Upcoming Youth Events

- Sunday, October 29 - Sunday Night Live - 5:00-7:30 pm. Our youth group time will be on the subject of "What do we do when we pray?"

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



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The St. John's Pulpit

November 5 – All Saints' Sunday
Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
Sermon: *A Future Not Your Own*
Scripture: John 14:1-3; 1 John 3:1-3; Revelation 7:9-17

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, Oct. 29	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	5:00 pm	Sunday Night Live (Gym/Lounge/Chapel/3rd Floor)
Monday, Oct. 30	11:45 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Room 209)
	5:30 pm	SJ Kids Basketball Clinic-6&U, 8&U (Gym)
	6:30 pm	SJ Kids Basketball Clinic-10&U (Gym)
	6:30 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	7:00 pm	Festival Singers' concert rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, Oct. 31	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
	9:00 am	Weekday School Fall Festival (Lasater Hall)
	10:00 am	Staff meeting (Conference Room)
	11:00 am	Co-ed Bible Study (Room 209)
	4:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
Wednesday, Nov. 1	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
	9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)
	11:00 am	WOC/retreat prep (Lounge)
	11:15 am	CROP (Lasater Hall)
	6:00 pm	Personnel Resource Team (Conference Room)
	6:00 pm	Mission Resource Team (Lounge)
	6:00 pm	AA (Room 114)
	6:15 pm	Handbells (Handbell Room)
	7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, Nov. 2	9:00 am	Unity Coalition (Lounge)
	12:00 pm	HeadStart (Lounge)
	6:00 pm	Sales Proceeds Task Force (Lounge)
	6:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Friday, Nov. 3	7:00 pm	Festival Singers' concert rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	8:00 pm	AA (Room 114)
Saturday, Nov. 4	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	9:30 am	Girls Basketball (Gym)
	5:00 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas Fall 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, PhD
Associate Minister.....Rev. Martha Kearse, DMin
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
Graded Choirs Director.....Sandy Holland
Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted
Organist.....J. Noel Lance
Custodians.....James Cowan, Chris Mullis

The Worship of God



Reformation Sunday

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA