

# He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!

INTROIT J. Noel Lance

WORDS OF GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHURCH LIFE Rev. Lee Gray

A WORD ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP Congregation

PRAYER OF SUBMISSION Rev. Gray

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Gray

LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord, for God bestows steadfast love upon you. God's love is forever!

PEOPLE: See what love God has given us that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are; we are God's children.

LEADER: The Lord is the God of our salvation. What we will be has not yet been revealed.

PEOPLE: What we do know is this; we will be like Jesus. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as Jesus is pure.

ALL: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

\*HYMN OF PRAISE Praise Him! Praise Him! Chalice Hymnal No. 93 JOYFUL SONG

# O Words with Heavenly Comfort Fraught!

READING OF THE GOSPEL John 14:1-3 Elizabeth Rodden

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also."

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

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

SONG OF RESPONSE J. Kevin Gray

Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.



READING OF THE REVELATION Revelation 7:9-10, 16-17 Dr. Foust

## LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

Leader: We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Luther:

People: Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.

Leader: We thank you for the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands, wives and parents who have passed on ahead of us.

People: Those close in our heart, we remember you.

All: We lift up to You, O God, the names of those among our church family who have passed on ahead of us this past year, trusting they are in better hands than our own.

## REMEMBERING ST. JOHN'S SAINTS

Judy Morris	Walter Tedder	Al Estridge
Sharon Williams	Tom Wilson	Virginia Caldwell
James Carnes	Dana Packman	Marie Peacock
Leon Coulter	Harry Herr	Jack Bullard



## THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

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

Tom Bryson, Carmen Howard, Chuck Jones, Jan Kerley & Lewis LeVie - home

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE For All the Saints Chalice Hymnal No. 637 SINE NOMINE

# Whate'er I Do, Where'er I Be

SERMON A Future Not Your Own Dr. Foust

\*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought! Chalice Hymnal No. 545 HE LEADETH ME

A WORD ABOUT STEWARDSHIP David Allen & John Bragg Offering Ourselves for God's Work in the World

OFFERTORY PRAYER Todd Stillerman, Deacon

## WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

ANTHEM Men's Chorus Swing Down Chariot Adapted from performance by The Imperials

\*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.

# Still 'Tis God's Hand that Leadeth Me

\*CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY Dr. Foust

\*COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH Dr. Foust

\*POSTLUDE J. Noel Lance

\* Invites the congregation to stand.

Copies of Worship Bulletins and Sermon Manuscripts are available on the St. John's website.



Communion of Saints by Ira Thomas

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Financial Stewardship Commitment Campaign 2018 - *Offering Ourselves for God's Work in the World*

Our St. John's Covenant includes these words: "...*offering ourselves for God's work in the world.*" This year, our Stewardship Resource Team has chosen this phrase as our focus as we enter a season of prayerful commitment related to our church's vision for 2018. Our Financial Ministry Plan for 2018 will continue ongoing ministries as well as offer some new ministry initiatives and plans. Commitment Sunday is November 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Upcoming Concerts at St. John's

- [Carolina Voices' Festival Singers](#) will be performing today at 4:00 pm.
- [The Winthrop University Chorale](#) will be with us during worship on Sunday, November 12.

**GENESIS**  
A YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY  
St. John's

### New Sunday Morning Group for Young Adults

On Sunday, November 5, a new Sunday morning group of young adults will begin meeting. We will gather from 9:15 to 10:15 in the Lounge, near the Gym and just inside the Main Entrance. We have already identified more than twenty young adults who can help us begin this new community. Our name is **GENESIS**, because we are beginning something new. We are focused around the following Touchpoint Teams: *Caring, Social Support, Hospitality/Welcoming, Leadership, Outreach/Promotion, Learning and Service.* Several young adult individuals and couples have already committed to roles of involvement to make sure **GENESIS** is successful. Dennis Foust is our learning guide. **GENESIS** members will input the planning of learning sessions. If you are interested in finding out more about **GENESIS**, contact Chase Bailey ([dcbaily7@gmail.com](mailto:dcbaily7@gmail.com)) or Eric McCombs ([ericmccombs@gmail.com](mailto:ericmccombs@gmail.com)).

### Homelessness Team News

Once again, St. John's will partner with our friends at Caldwell Presbyterian Church to host 12 homeless guests each Friday night this winter (starting December 8) as part of the Urban Ministry Center's Room in the Inn program. This year we are asking our volunteers to sign up on our RITI form found on the Sign-Up Genius website. To become a Room in the Inn volunteer, please visit this link: [www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4c4aae2eaafb6-room5](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4c4aae2eaafb6-room5). If you have questions, please contact Alice Wirz or Dale Johnson.

### Peacebuilding Team News

Bert Green has been forming a new Habitat Team, which met this past Wednesday to work on marking the floor plans of a new build off of Rozzelle's Ferry. For more information, contact Bert Green at [bert111@att.net](mailto:bert111@att.net).

### St. John's Community Building News

The Craft & Needle Ministry is sponsoring a Craft & Bake Sale on Sunday, December 3, from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm in Lasater Hall. We need your help to donate handmade crafts and baked goods! All proceeds donated to fight hunger! Contact Ruth Jackson or Tricia Miller for information.

### Global Mission Offering

Last Sunday, our Mission Resource Team announced the final amount of our gifts toward our Global Mission Offering goal. Our goal was to raise \$10,000 to support the faculty salaries of Nyarweng Primary School in Pariang County, Ruweng State, South Sudan. Once again, our accumulative active faithfulness has surpassed a goal: Total Gifts = \$23,050. Well done St. John's! Well done!!

### Upcoming Youth Events

- Sunday, November 5 - Sunday Night Live - 5:00-7:30 pm. Our youth group time will be on the subject of "Saying Yes to God"

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### The St. John's Pulpit

November 12 – Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost  
Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD  
Sermon: *Money, Ministry and Mission – Part 1*  
Scripture: Mark 12:41-44

### This Week at St. John's

Sunday, Nov. 5	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms/Lounge)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	4:00 pm	Festival Singers' concert (Sanctuary)
	5:00 pm	Sunday Night Live (Gym/Lounge/Chapel/3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor)
Monday, Nov. 6	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)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, Nov. 7	6:30 am	General Election (Broach Hall)
	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
	10:00 am	Staff meeting (Conference Room)
	11:00 am	Co-ed Bible Study (Room 209)
	2:45 pm	Weekday School (Lounge)
	4:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
Wednesday, Nov. 8	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
	9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)
	6:00 pm	Women of the Church Board Meeting (Lounge)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	6:15 pm	Handbells (Handbell Room)
	7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, Nov. 9	10:00 am	Craft & Needle Ministry (Room 209)
Friday, Nov. 10	4:30 pm	Wedding rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, Nov. 11	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	9:30 am	Girls Basketball (Gym)
	3:00 pm	Johnson-Fields wedding (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



## ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

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