

## We Sing to the God, Whose Giving Knows No End

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**CHORAL INTROIT** Winthrop University Chorale  
*Exsultate* Brian Galante

Rejoice, sing joyfully to God! O you blessed souls, sing sweet songs;  
in response to your singing the heavens sing with me!

You crown of virgins, grant us peace, console our afflictions,  
from which our hearts sigh. Alleluia!

**WORDS OF GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHURCH LIFE** Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

**A WORD ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP** Dr. Foust

**EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP** Congregation

**PRAYER OF SUBMISSION** Dr. Foust

**SONG OF PRAISE** J. Kevin Gray  
*Take My Life* Chris Tomlin

Take our lives, and let them be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take our moments and our days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take our hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.  
Take our feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Here we are, each of us; take our lives, presented in trust.

Take our lives, and let them be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Dr. Foust

**LEADER:** We have gathered on this day as the Church of Christ to give praise  
for all that God has done and is doing among us in the world.

**PEOPLE:** We raise our voices in praise to the God whose giving knows  
no ending.

**LEADER:** We have witnessed throughout the span of human history God's  
love for the children of the Earth.

**ALL:** We join you, O Lord, in Your mission of giving by offering  
ourselves for Your work in the world.

**\*HYMN OF STEWARDSHIP** God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending  
Chalice Hymnal No. 606 NETTLETON

**A WORD ABOUT STEWARDSHIP** Bert Green  
*Offering Ourselves for God's Work in the World*

**CHORAL ANTHEM** Winthrop University Chorale  
*Entreat Me Not to Leave You* Dan Forrest

## Being Prayerful and Attentive

**THE CHURCH AT PRAYER** Rev. Lee Gray

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

Betty Crenshaw - Northeast Medical Center, Concord  
Tom Bryson, Ken Childers, Carmen Howard,  
Chuck Jones, Jan Kerley & Lewis LeVie - home

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** Dr. Foust

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

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** Winthrop University Chorale  
*Ain't No Grave Can Hold My Body Down* Paul Caldwell & Sean Ivory

**\*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

**READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MARK** Evelyn Fortson

Mark 12:41-44



Jesus sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God!

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** Congregation  
*Jesus Sat and Watched the Crowd* HENDON  
(words by Carolyn W. Gillette)

Jesus sat and watched the crowd at the temple treasury.  
Some that day were rich and proud, making sure that all could see  
their great generosity.

Then a widow came along who had nothing she could spare.  
Yet her faith in God was strong, and she gave as few would dare;  
all she had, she chose to share.

Just a penny, nothing more, yet Christ said her gift was best.  
What a risk, for one so poor! What rich faith her gift expressed!  
Trusting, giving, she was blest.

Lord, You see the way we live; all within our hearts, You know.  
Like that widow, may we give. Trusting you, our gifts will grow  
and our joy will overflow.



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## Teach Us to Give as You Give, O God

**SERMON** *Money, Ministry and Mission* Dr. Foust

**\*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP** I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me  
Chalice Hymnal No. 614 I'M GONNA LIVE  
Verse 1. I'm gonna live...  
Verse 2. I'm gonna work...  
Verse 3. I'm gonna give...

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

**CHORAL BLESSING** Winthrop University Chorale  
*Amazing Grace* arr. Eriks Esensualds

**\*COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH**

**\*POSTLUDE** J. Noel Lance

*\* Invites the congregation to stand*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of yesterday's wedding of Kristen Johnson and Brandon Fields.*

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

## 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>.

### South Sudanese Ministry

On November 19, we will welcome our South Sudanese friends in worship, and commission them to create a worship service in Dinka, to be held at St. John's twice a month on Sunday afternoons. After worship, everyone is invited to join us for a reception in Broach Hall, celebrating our time together and our plans for the future.

### Family Movie Outing

On Saturday, November 18, we'll be going to Phillip's Place to see *The Star* at 1:20pm. The movie focuses on the animals present during the Christmas story. If you're interested, meet Allison at Phillips Place by 1:00, and we'll try to find some seats together. No RSVP required.

## GENESIS

A YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY  
St. John's

### New Sunday Morning Group for Young Adults

We will gather from 9:15 to 10:15 in the Lounge. 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/10c0d4caaac2eaafb6-room5](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4caaac2eaafb6-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 last 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.

### Upcoming Youth Events

- Sunday, November 5 - Sunday Night Live - 5:00-7:30 pm. Our youth group time will be on the subject of "Offering Our Best." 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Discipleship Kickoff from 6:00-7:30 pm (in the first floor lounge)

## ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH

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### THE ST. JOHN'S PULPIT

November 19 – Commitment Sunday  
Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD  
Sermon: *Money, Ministry & Mission – Part 2*  
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, Nov. 12	8:00 am	Church Council (Conference Room)
	9:15 am	Sunday School/Missions 101 (Classrooms/Lounge)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Godly Play (Room 221)
	5:00 pm	Sunday Night Live (Gym/Lounge/Chapel/3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor)
Monday, Nov. 13	6:00 pm	5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Discipleship (Lounge)
	8:00 am	Finance Resource Team (Conference Room)
	11:45 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Room 209)
	6:15 pm	Administrative Deacon Panel (Broach Hall)
	6:30 pm	Ministries Deacon Panel (Conference Room)
	6:30 pm	Pastoral Deacon Panel (Lounge)
	6:30 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
Tuesday, Nov. 14	7:30 pm	All Deacons' Meeting (Broach Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater 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)
	1:00 pm	Sandwich Ministry (Lounge)
	2:00 pm	Heritage Task Force (Heritage Room)
	4:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	6:00 pm	NAMI Support Groups (Rooms 114 & 116)
	7:30 pm	NAMI Educational Forum (Lounge)
Wednesday, Nov. 15	9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)
	10:00 am	Charlotte Family Housing (Broach Hall)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	6:00 pm	Membership Task Force (Lounge)
	6:15 pm	Handbells (Handbell Room)
	7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
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Thursday, Nov. 16	11:00 am	Uptown Ladies (Lounge)
	11:30 pm	Novant Health Medical Group (Broach Hall)
Friday, Nov. 17	6:30 am	Brotherhood of the Biscuit (Lounge)
	5:30 pm	Volunteers serve dinner at Uptown Men's Shelter
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, Nov. 18	1:00 pm	Family Moving Outing (Phillips Place)

### 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 Kears, 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



We will be faithful stewards, as God has prospered us, contributing our financial support to the Church and its ministries and offering ourselves for God's work in the world.  
~ Covenant of St. John's Baptist Church

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017**

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

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