

We Sing Praise Unto the Lord

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PRELUDE J. Noel Lance

WORDS OF GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHURCH LIFE Rev. Martha Kearse, DMin

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

EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP Congregation

PRAYER OF SUBMISSION J. Kevin Gray

CALL TO WORSHIP J. Kevin Gray

LEADER: Where the Lord leads,

PEOPLE: Let us follow.

ALL: As we submit ourselves to follow Jesus, we are transformed into leaders through the gospel.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Chalice Hymnal No. 622 CWM RHONDDA

We Listen

SPOKEN MEDITATION Matt Comer

As we hurry through life, we can be guilty of neglecting the still small voice of God calling us into communion. Like a flower that needs to be watered, so is the bloom of our spiritual life. For in our silence can come the directions for our living, the map for our journey ahead.

SUNG MEDITATION Congregation
Turn to God in All Things Arr. David Glasgow
1. Solo
2. Congregation

Musical notation for the sung meditation. The first line shows the melody for the first two phrases: "Turn to God in all things, in all things to see God." The second line shows the melody for the final phrase: "Turn to God in all things, in all things to see God." The notation includes a treble clef, a 4/4 time signature, and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Rev. Kearse

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

Dee Turner – CMC, Brad Sifford – Presbyterian Matthews
Joe Ehrenberger – Asbury
Betty Crenshaw, Cathy Hartsell, Carmen Howard,
Chuck Jones & Jan Kerley– home

READING FROM GOSPEL Matthew 4:18-22,10:1-7 Ken Hungate

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’”



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

HYMN OF RESPONSE Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult
Chalice Hymnal No. 337 GALILEE

We Will Follow

SERMON *Leading by Following* Dr. Foust

***HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP** Where He Leads Me
Chalice Hymnal No. 346 NORRIS

I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling, “Take my cross and follow me.”

Refrain: Where He leads me I will follow, where He leads me I will follow,
where He leads me I will follow – I’ll go with him, with him all the way.

I’ll go with Him thru the judgment, I’ll go with Him thru the judgment,
I’ll go with Him thru the judgment, I’ll go with Him, with Him all the way. *Refrain*

He will give me grace and glory, He will give me grace and glory,
He will give me grace and glory, and go with me, with me all the way. *Refrain*

As we follow our Lord’s teachings, as we follow our Lord’s teaching,
as we follow our Lord’s teachings, we lead others, others in His ways. *Refrain*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Chancel Choir
I Have Felt the Hand of God Pamela Martin & Craig Courtney

I have felt the hand of God in your hand. Holding me, you gave me strength to stand. When I was all alone, you came and met my need. And when I lost my way, your hand was there to lead. Through your touch, God’s hand reached out to me. I have felt the hand of God in your hand.

I have heard the voice of God in your voice. Singing praise, you taught me to rejoice. Your voice of comfort caused my grief to end. And when my faith was gone, you called me home again. When you spoke, God’s voice called out to me. I have heard the voice of God in your voice.

I have seen the face of God in your face. Giving all, you shared with me God’s grace. And you were faithful to guide me as I grew. I saw your love for God, and I saw God in you. When you smiled, God’s love surrounded me. I have seen the face of God, I have heard the voice of God, I have felt the hand of God through you.

***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

***COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH** Dr. Foust

***POSTLUDE** J. Noel Lance

**Invites the congregation to stand.*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Financial Stewardship Commitment Campaign 2018

Offering Ourselves for God's Work in the World

Budget Pledge Report: Amount Received: \$864,206 - Commitments Received: 178

If you have not turned in your Pledge Card to the church office, please do so as soon as possible.

Welcome George Williamson!

On Sunday, February 11, we invite you to join us in welcoming George Williamson, former Vassar professor, pastor and chaplain (and brother-in-law of Wanny Hogewood) as he comes to share with us in worship and in readings from his memoir. George's own self-description is that he was born "on the wrong side of every moral social issue of the twentieth century." His memoir tells of the ways he has been addressing those moral social issues through his life and career. George, along with others, was instrumental in starting the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America/Bautistas Por La Paz (which has its offices housed in our building); BPFNA published his book and LeDayne Polaski, the Executive Director of BPFNA, will join us on that day. Join us for worship, and then lunch and discussion with George—he is lots of fun and will keep us all entertained as well as informed! Call or email the church office to make your reservation for lunch (required), but those who do not want lunch can join the conversation without making a reservation.

VBS Registration Is Open!

A Year in the Church: St. John's/St. Martins VBS 2018 - June 11-15 from 9 am-12 noon each day - For children aged 4 - rising 6th Graders - \$15/Child - We'll be learning about the life of Jesus as we walk through the seasons of the church year together with stories and art. We do have a maximum number of children we can care for at VBS, so don't wait to sign up!

Youth

- **January 28** – Both 5th/6th and 11th/12th Grade Discipleship groups meet at 9:00 am. Sunday Night Live from 5:00-7:30 pm.
- **February 4** – Youth Sunday (Youth lead most of the 10:30 am worship service) & Super Bowl Party at the Smith's.
- **February 11** – Hornets Game after church (1:00 pm). You will be contacted by your basketball coaches or Lee Gray to sign up.

St. John's Winter Weather Closing Policy

Weekdays: When the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools cancel school because of bad weather, all church activities, including meetings and Weekday School, will be canceled and the church office will be closed.

Sundays: In the case of extreme weather conditions affecting Sundays, we will announce alterations/closings no later than 7:00 am Sunday through the following media: Automated greeting on church phone (704.333.5428); church web site; Facebook and Twitter; e-mail to St. John's Family News list; local TV stations (WBTV, WCNC, WSOC and Channel 14 News).

Heritage Sunday - March 18

This year's theme is "Making a Difference." What comes to mind when you think about how St. John's presence at Fifth and Hawthorne has made a difference during the past 96 years? Please let us know your answer by contacting Jacquelyn in the church office or Fredda Kimball.

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

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The St. John's Pulpit

January 28 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Sermon: *Come and See*

Scripture: Gospel of John 1:35-46

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, Jan. 21	8:00 am	Administrative Deacon Panel (Conference Room)
	9:15 am	Sunday School/Worship 101 (Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
Monday, Jan. 22	9:30 am	Mental Health America (Lounge)
	11:45 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Room 209)
	6:30 pm	Investing in the Future Task Force (Lounge)
	6:30 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, Jan. 23	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
	10:00 am	Staff meeting (Conference Room)
	11:00 am	Bible Workbench (Room 209)
	11:00 am	CROP (Lasater Hall)
	12:00 pm	Terrific Tuesday Book Club (Library)
	4:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	5:15 pm	Men's Basketball (Gym)
Wed., Jan. 24	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
	9:30 am	Yoga Class (Room 114)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, Jan. 25	5:30 pm	Right Moves for Youth (Lasater Hall)
Friday, Jan. 26	5:00 pm	Room in the Inn (Lounge, Gym)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, Jan. 27	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	10:00 am	Basketball games (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.....	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.....	Anna Ball
Weekday School Director.....	Lydia Olmsted
Organist.....	J. Noel Lance
Custodians	James Ford, Chris Mullis, Debora Thon

The Worship of God



Third Sunday after Epiphany

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

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