

Hosanna in the Highest!

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INTROIT

All Glory, Laud and Honor

J. Noel Lance
David Paxton

WORDS OF GREETING

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

A WORD ABOUT WORSHIP

Dr. Foust

*EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP

Congregation

*SONG OF PRAISE

Instrumentalist, Chancel Choir, Congregation

Glory to God

Taizé

1. Solo
2. Choir
3. Congregation (when cued)

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Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

David Allen

ONE VOICE: There is a murmur of excitement in our hearts today, O God.
ALL VOICES: We are entering Holy Week. Our thoughts are turned toward Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

ONE VOICE: We like the pageantry of Palm Sunday and the idea of welcoming Christ into the life of our community.

ALL VOICES: There is always something exciting about this day, when children sing “Hosanna” and we echo “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!”

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
ELLACOMBE

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had held them close folded to His breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

'Hosanna in the highest!' that ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of Heaven our King.
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,
and in God's joyful presence eternally rejoice!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Janet Jones

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

J. Noel Lance
Diane Bish

*DOXOLOGY

Chalice Hymnal No. 46

OLD HUNDREDTH

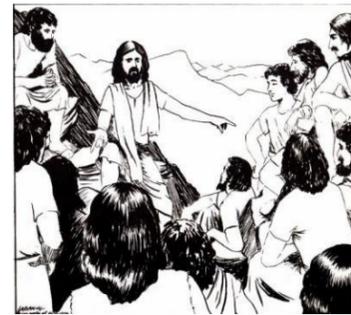
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

We Are Given Life to Give Life

READING OF THE GOSPEL

Luke 11:5-13

Ashley Maready



Jesus said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. So I say to you, ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Chalice Hymnal No.354

Seek Ye First
SEEK YE FIRST

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

Joe Ehrenberger & Polly Hull - Asbury;
Betty Crenshaw, Camille Green, Carmen Howard, Chuck Jones,
Janie Kendrick, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson & Doris Tedder – home

Turn Us Inward and Upward

LITANY OF JESUS' PASSION

Sam Vavra

ONE VOICE: Life consists of all kinds of days. Some days are darker and more somber, just as the shadowy hours of Good Friday will appear later this week.

ALL VOICES: O God, lead us to be faithful through all kinds of days – bright, as well as dark. Help us relate with You through a quiet, unwavering will, living in the light of Jesus' resurrection. Amen.

ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Chancel Choir
arr. Gilbert Martin

SERMON

Given

Dr. Foust

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” (Mark 14:22)

MEDITATION

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Handbell Choir
arr. Ronald Kauffmann

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Chalice Hymnal No.195

Verse 1 – Solo

Verse 3 & 4 – Congregation

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
HAMBURG

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

We Go Forth as Witnesses of Jesus' Passion

CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY

Dr. Foust

ENTERING HOLY WEEK

And He Said

J. Noel Lance, Nick Gattis, David Kern
James Kevin Gray

*COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH

*POSTLUDE

“Toccata” from *Suite Gothique*

J. Noel Lance
Leon Boëlleman

** Invites the congregation to stand.*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday – March 29 - 7:30 pm - Sanctuary
The Seven Last Words To and From The Cross -
Remembrance and Communion

Easter – April 1
Citywide Sunrise Service -
Romare Bearden Park at 7:00 am
Worship at 10:30 am in the sanctuary

Easter Lilies

Easter Lilies are a long-standing tradition and are loved by many — except those who are allergic to them. This year, we are offering an alternative, Calla Lilies, to reduce the pollen and help everyone enjoy this glorious day. The cost this year is \$18, and order form is below. Proceeds from the Easter flowers are used to decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. Today is the deadline to order.

Easter Music

On Easter Sunday, we will be singing Handel’s *Hallelujah Chorus*. If you have ever sung this piece and think that with music and a run-through you could join in and make a joyful sound with us, then join us either next Wednesday night, March 28, from 7:15-7:35, or at 10:05 Easter Sunday morning. That morning, you will be invited to come forward to join the choir at the end of the service. Please email Kevin Gray to let him know you are coming if you can.

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.

Memorial Garden Volunteers

Do you enjoy gardening? Have you considered working with the volunteers who keep the Memorial Garden looking inviting and welcoming? Volunteers take turns watching over the garden — pulling weeds, pruning plants, planting fresh flowers, and making sure that plants are watered during the hot, dry months. Please contact Kathy Bragg or Wanny Hogewood to learn more about this opportunity.

Youth

- **March 25** – Regular Sunday Night Live from 5:00-7:30 pm.
- **April 1 & 8** - Youth will not meet on Sunday evenings (CMS Spring Break)

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

Lilies for Easter Sunday

Your lily purchase helps provide funds for Christmas poinsettias/décor.

I will give ____ lilies at \$18 each.

____ in memory of _____

____ in honor of _____

Donor name and telephone: _____

_____ I wish to pick up my lilies.

_____ I do not wish to pick up my lilies.

Last date to sign up for lilies is Sunday, March 25.

ST. JOHN’S BAPTIST CHURCH

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THE ST. JOHN’S PULPIT

Sunday, April 1 - Easter Sunday
Proclaimer: Dr. Dennis W. Foust
Sermon: *Mindfulness and Jesus’ Resurrection*
Scripture: Colossians 3:1-17

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S

Sunday, March 25	8:00 am	Church Council (Conference Room)
	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	5:00 pm	Sunday Night Live (Gym/Lounge/3 rd Floor)
Monday, March 26	11:45 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Room 209)
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men’s Basketball (Gym)
	6:30 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, March 27	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 (Lounge)
	12:00 pm	Terrific Tuesday Book Club (Library/Lounge)
	4:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
Wed., March 28	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
	9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thurs., March 29	7:30 pm	Maundy Thursday service (Sanctuary)
Friday, March 30	5:00 pm	Room in the Inn (Lounge, Gym)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, March 31	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (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

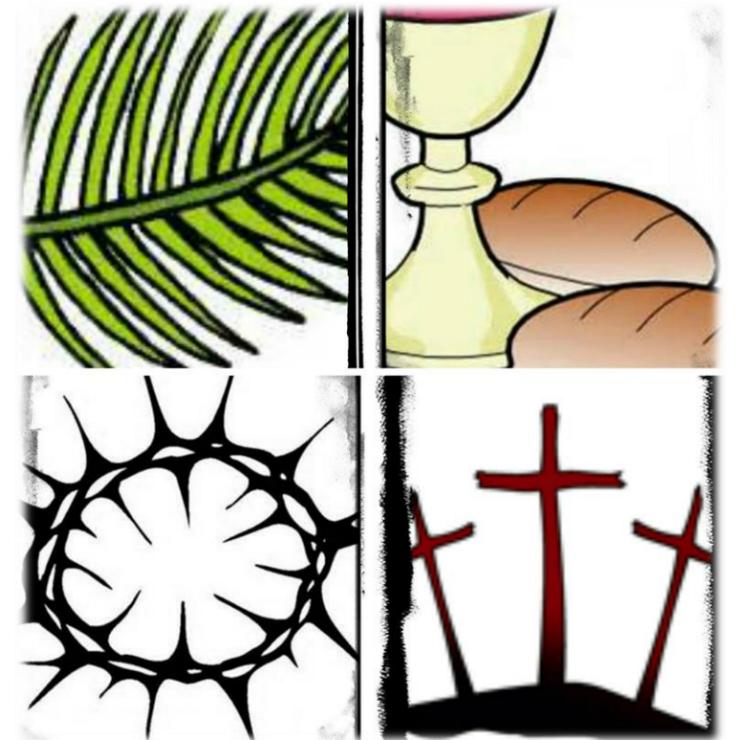
Equipping Ministers

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
Senior Minister.....Dr. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Church Staff

Administrative Assistant..... Jacquelyn McAbee
Church Accountant..... Elaine Johnson
Church Administrator..... Sandra Rogers
Custodians..... Chris Mullis, Sonny Ross, Debora Thon
Graded Choirs Director..... Anna Ball
Organist..... J. Noel Lance
Weekday School Director..... Lydia Olmsted

The Worship of God



Palm/Passion Sunday
Sunday, March 25, 2018
10:30 A.M. in the Sanctuary

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