

As Your Gathered People, We Wait, O God

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INTROIT

A Joyful Ring

Handbell Choir
Barbara B. Kinyon

WORDS OF GREETING

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP

Congregation

PRAYER OF SUBMISSION

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

Chancel Choir
Arr. K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
help me know Thy grace to see, I would be like Thee;
and, with words that help and heal, Thy life would mine reveal;
and, with actions, bold and meek for Christ my Savior speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
help me now Thy truth to see, I would be like Thee;
and, with wisdom kind and clear, Thy life in mine appear;
and, with actions sisterly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
show Thy mercy tenderly, make me more like Thee;
separate from sin I would and cherish all things good,
and whatever I can be give Him who gave me Thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be,
help me now Thy power to see, I would be like Thee;
'gainst all weapons hell can wield, be Thou my strength and shield;
let Thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS Acts 2:1-11 Evelyn Fortson



When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

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

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Speak Your Love

Congregation
MENDELSSOHN

If the old now dream Your dreams
and the young Your visions see,
come then, Spirit, make us bold,
that these wonders may be told:
Holy Fire, come and renew -
change us to bring change for You.
Heal our land, transform the world,
flood our hearts and make us bold.
May we now, both old and young,
speak Your love in every tongue.



If you show Your wonders, Lord,
both in heaven and on earth,
show them in the way we love -
since Your love showed us our worth.
Breath of God, come and renew -
change us to bring change for You.
Heal our land, transform the world,
flood our hearts and make us bold.
May we now, both old and young,
speak Your love in every tongue.

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Rev. Allison Benfield

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 - Asbury; Nancy Burgess, Camille Green, Genice Harper,
Polly Hull, Dale Johnson, Laura McGuire, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson,
Mattie Stillerman - home; Johnnie Morcock - upcoming surgery
Sympathy to Melissa and Ken Millette on the death of Ken's father, Samuel Millette

*HYMN

by Charles Wesley

Come Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire
O HOW I LOVE JESUS

Come Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire, let us Thine influence prove:
source of the old prophetic fire, fountain of life and love.

Refrain Fill us with Your spirit, fill us with Your spirit,
fill us with Your spirit and send us to do Thy will.

Come, Holy Ghost, for moved by Thee the prophets wrote and spoke;
unlock the truth, Thyself the key, unseal the sacred book. **Refrain**

Expand Thy wings, celestial Dove, brood o'er our nature's night;
on our disordered spirits move, and let there now be light. **Refrain**

Fill Us with Your Spirit

SOLO

God is God

Kenneth Overton
Wendell Whalum

SERMON

Winds of Change?

Dr. Foust

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Chalice Hymnal No. 464

God of Grace and God of Glory
CWM RHONDDA

CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY & ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHURCH LIFE

Rev. Benfield
& Jane Winn

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Morgan Newman

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Handbell Choir
arr. Lloyd Larson

*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.

The Communion of the Holy Spirit Be with You

*COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH

*HYMN OF COMMISSIONING

Speak Your Love

MENDELSSOHN

Body: one! in Spirit: one!
Build your Body, make us strong.
One in Christ to serve the One;
send us out - Your will be done.
God of Love, come and renew -
change us to bring change for You.
Heal our land, transform the world,
flood our hearts and make us bold.
May we now, both old and young,
speak Your love in every tongue.

*POSTLUDE

Chip Mays

** Invites the congregation to stand*

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in Gratitude for 30 Years of Happy Marriage with my Wonderful Wife Kimberly by David Allen.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Conference

Our Church Council has scheduled a Church Conference for today (Sunday, May 20) following worship in Broach Hall. A report from our Investing in the Future Task Force and the Endowment Resource Team are on the agenda.

Guest Soloist

This morning, we welcome Kenneth Overton. Kenneth released his first solo CD in the fall of 2013. *Been In De Storm So Long: Songs My Fathers Taught Me*, is his homage to the spiritual tradition that has been formative in his artistic life. In step with this legacy, Kenneth is also co-founder and artistic director of Opera Noire of New York, a performing arts organization created to empower African-American artists to reach their full creative potential in a creative supportive environment. He is currently playing the role of Ralph in *I Dream*, being performed by Opera Carolina at the Knight Theatre from May 18-25. Because St. John's participated in the Singing Sunday programs, our congregation has been extended a code for 20% off when ordering tickets online. Use the code COMMUNITY at www.carolinatix.org.

Open Table: Intergenerational Evenings with Purposeful Play

Our next dinner will be on Wednesday, May 23. The menu will be roasted chicken thighs in a white wine and lemon sauce, sautéed vegetables and roasted potatoes. Please email or call Jacquelyn McAbee in the church office **TODAY** to make your reservation (jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org or 704.333.5428, ext. 11). Meal costs will be \$10/adults and \$6/child under 12 with a maximum of \$30 per household. Dinner will be served beginning at 5:50 and will continue to be served until 6:30. We will gather in Broach Hall and dismiss by 7:00 pm. All generations will be together for this time as we enjoy intergenerational table games, storytelling, conversations, etc.



VBS Volunteers – Register or Volunteer Today!

St. John's/St. Martins VBS 2018: A Year in the Church

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 still need a few volunteers. Contact Allison Benfield for information or sign up. VBS can't happen without you!

Church Office Volunteers

Jacquelyn will be out of the office from May 23 - June 4 on vacation. If you would be willing to help in the church office for a few hours during this time, please contact her at 704-333-5428 ext. 11 or jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org. No office skills needed!

St. John's Wi-Fi

The Technology Resource Team is excited to announce that Wi-Fi connectivity is now available at St. John's! Members and guests to our facilities can now connect smart phones, tablets and laptops to the Internet wirelessly throughout the building, including in Sunday School classrooms and in other meeting spaces like Broach Hall and the church lounge. The new Wi-Fi system was made available through the first distribution from the St. John's Baptist Church Endowment Fund.

Men's Softball

The season will begin in early June. All games are played on weeknights at Providence Baptist Church. Please let Lee Gray know if you are interested in playing. We are looking for a few new players as several of our regulars have moved out of town.

Save the Date!

The 10th Annual Women of the Church Luncheon will be held on Sunday, September 9. We are excited to announce that our very own Julie Scoggins will be the guest speaker. This is one luncheon you don't want to miss! More details to follow but mark your calendars now.

Senior Graduate Recognition Sunday is scheduled for June 3.

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The St. John's Pulpit

May 27 – Holy Trinity Sunday
Proclaimer: Rev. Lee Gray
Sermon: *Legacy Living?*
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

This Week at St. John's

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| Sunday, May 20 | 8:00 am | Church Council (Conference Room) |
| | 9:00 am | Guest Reception (Parlor) |
| | 9:15 am | Sunday School (Classrooms) |
| | 10:30 am | Worship (Sanctuary) |
| | 11:30 am | Church Conference/Luncheon (Broach Hall) |
| | 1:00 pm | South Sudanese Worship (Chapel) |
| | 3:00 pm | CROP (Lasater Hall) |
| Monday, May 21 | 6:00 pm | Joy Class (Lounge) |
| | 6:30 pm | Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room) |
| | 8:00 pm | AA (Lasater Hall) |
| Tuesday, May 22 | 7:00 am | Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge) |
| | 10:00 am | Staff meeting (Conference Room) |
| | 10:00 am | HeadStart closing program (Broach Hall) |
| | 11:00 am | Bible Workbench (Room 209) |
| | 12:00 pm | Terrific Tuesday Book Club/Lunch (Library/Lounge) |
| | 4:15 pm | Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room) |
| | 5:15 pm | SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym) |
| Wed., May 23 | 6:30 am | Benton Basketball (Gym) |
| | 9:30 am | Charlotte Family Housing (Lounge) |
| | 9:30 am | Yoga (Room 114) |
| | 5:50 pm | Open Table (Broach Hall) |
| | 6:00 pm | AA (Lasater Hall) |
| | 6:30 pm | Charlotte Nets (Gym) |
| | 7:15 pm | Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) |
| Thurs., May 24 | 6:30 pm | Elizabeth Community Association (Broach Hall) |
| Friday, May 25 | 8:00 pm | AA (Lasater Hall) |
| Saturday, May 26 | 7:00 am | Benton Basketball (Gym) |
| | 9:30 am | Kids Basketball (Gym) |

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

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



Pentecost Sunday

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

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