

We Lift Our Praise to You, O Lord!

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INTROIT	Chip Mays
WORDS OF GREETING	Rev. Lee Gray
EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP	Congregation
A WORD ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP	J. Kevin Gray
PRAYER OF SUBMISSION	Rev. Gray
CALL TO WORSHIP	

ONE: We gather this morning, young and old.
ALL: We gather as the people of God.
 ONE: We gather in the name of the Lord, to open ourselves to the Spirit of the Lord.
ALL: We gather as the people of God. As a community of disciples seeking to be faithful, we gather and sing praise unto the Lord.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
 Chalice Hymnal No. 16 NETTLETON

Show Us Your Ways

READING FROM THE EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Allan Dietz



Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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

HYMN OF RESPONSE Congregation
Go Walk With God O WALY, WALY
 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Go walk with God in all you do,
 and may God's love bring joy to you.
 May gifts of peace fill all your days,
 and may God's truth guide you always.

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

Pat Lloyd – CMC; Joe Ehrenberger - Asbury;
 Nancy Burgess, Camille Green, Harold Funderburk, Genice Harper,
 Polly Hull, Dale Johnson, Laura McGuire, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson,
 Mattie Stillerman, Lee Hutchison - home; Johnnie Morcock - upcoming surgery

REFLECTION



“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” ~ Matthew 5 :13-16

***SONG OF RESPONSE** Youth Choir, congregation joins on refrain

You are salt for the earth, O people: salt for the Kingdom of God!
 Share the flavor of life, O people: life in the Kingdom of God! **Refrain**

Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the
 King-dom of peace; Bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,
 Bring forth the Cit - y of God!

You are the light on the hill, O people: light for the City of God!
 Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the Kingdom of God! **Refrain**

You are a seed of the word, O people: bring forth the Kingdom of God!
 Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice grow in the Kingdom of God! **Refrain**

We Are Your Church

SERMON *Legacy Living?* Rev. Gray

***HYMN OF DISCIPESHIP** This Little Light of Mine

- This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
 This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
 This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
 Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!
- Even when I'm afraid...
- Everywhere I go...

CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY & ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHURCH LIFE Rev. Benfield

OFFERTORY PRAYER Stan Brown

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Chancel Choir
Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning Andre Thomas

***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** O WALY, WALY
Go Walk With God

O may the grace of Christ our Lord,
 the wondrous love that comes from God,
 the Spirit's fellowship now be
 God's gifts to you eternally.

***POSTLUDE** Chip Mays

** Invites the congregation to stand*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

Holiday

The church offices will be closed on Monday, May 28, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

Senior Graduate Recognition

During worship on Sunday, June 3, we will recognize our graduates. This year, St. Johns' has four graduation high school seniors.
Kirby Bragg, Zachary Foy Joshua Sealey and Rodney "Trey" Spence
More information and pictures will be in next week's Family News.

Freedom School Worknight

Freedom School Set-Up Night is Wednesday, May 30 at 5:30pm. We have 4 classrooms we need to make sure are ready for Freedom School this summer. Getting the classrooms ready will involve making sure that the Head Start furniture is stacked neatly to maximize space for students and moving the furniture that Freedom School will use into the classrooms. The classrooms are on the 1st floor on the Preschool Hall (just go straight down the hall from the Main Entrance). We'll work for no more than 2 hours (with a good crew, it will definitely be finished faster than that), and we can grab dinner afterward if folks are interested. Any help you can provide is appreciated and will set Freedom School up for success.

Pass Me the Jazz

You will not want to miss the "Pass Me the Jazz" concert at St. John's on Saturday, June 9th.

This concert is presented by VOX, directed by David Tang, and will feature many Jazz standards, as well as the Jazz Mass by James Kevin Gray, and Rick Bean.

Kevin will be conducting the ensemble for the mass, and Rick Bean will be playing the piano.

Tickets are \$20 for general admission, with a senior ticket option for \$15 and \$10 for students.

Summer Sunday School

This summer we're going to do something a little different. From June 10-August 19, we will have an Intergenerational Summer Sunday School. We'll gather together and learn about some of the most important stories of our faith. We have a lot to learn from each other! During these weeks, this will be the only option for families with children during the Sunday School hour. We will offer worship care for the Nursery/2s Class and the PreK/K Class from 10:15-11:30 each week of Summer Sunday School. This gives all of our children's teachers a bit of a break, and it also allows the church family to get to know our children while our children get to know their church family.

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.

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The St. John's Pulpit

Sunday, June 3 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Proclaimer: Rev. Lee Gray

Sermon: *The Power of Touch*

Scripture: Mark 5:24b-34

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, May 27	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Habitat meeting-adults (Conference Room) Church Offices closed (Memorial Day)
Monday, May 28		
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, May 29	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
	10:00 am	Staff meeting (Conference Room)
	11:00 am	Bible Workbench (Room 209)
	4:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
Wed., May 30	6:30 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)
	5:30 pm	Freedom School Worknight
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	6:30 pm	Charlotte Nets (Gym)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thurs., May 31	8:30 am	HeadStart (Broach Hall)
Friday, June 1	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, June 2	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



Holy Trinity Sunday

SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2018

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

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