

# The Worship of God

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**INTROIT** J. Noel Lance

**WORDS OF GREETING** Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

**\*EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP** Congregation

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

## PRAYER OF SUBMISSION

**ONE:** Living God, when You speak, light appears, chaos finds order, emptiness is filled with meaning and purpose, storms are stilled and callings are heard as visions emerge. We need You to teach us how to listen with our spiritual sensitivities. We are adept at shouting past one another and speaking over one another. Yet, we have much to learn about deep listening with prolonged duration to discern Your Voice amidst the noise and busy-ness of our daily lives. Teach us to 'be still and know' Your voice.

**ALL:** Lord, You spoke to Abraham. He left the familiar for an unknown land. You called him and his descendants to be a people of blessing. You spoke to Moses in a burning bush. You spoke with Daniel through visions and spoke through the life situations of Hosea and Jeremiah. You have given us many stories to help us grow including the words "Listen for my voice." The Bible tells us so.

**ONE:** Lord, teach us how to become more contemplative. Teach us to notice You at work in the life of the world and in the lives of others. Teach us how to learn about ourselves in relationship with Your love. Teach us how to listen for moments when we discern Your will is being done. Teach us to risk saying 'yes' to Your voice within us. Teach us to notice how You transform our visions, desires, commitments and actions.

**ALL:** Lord, teach us the art and discipline of listening for Your voice until we can recognize Your voice through the cacophony of noise pervading our space. Speak to us, Lord! Like Abraham and Sarah, we listen for Your call. AMEN.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** The God of Abraham Praise  
Chalice Hymnal No. 24 LEONI

**READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES** Genesis 12:1-3 Keith Towery

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

## THE STORY OF THE GREAT FAMILY

Rev. Allison Benfield



**ONE:** This is the story of God for the people of God.

**ALL:** Thanks be to God!

**\*HYMN OF GOD'S FAMILY** God Made All People of the World  
Chalice Hymnal No. 685, verses 1 & 2 ONE WORLD

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** Jordan Benton, Deacon

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

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** Chancel Choir  
*I Want to Be Ready* Arr. Ted Hunter

**\*DOXOLOGY** Chalice Hymnal No. 46 OLD HUNDRETH

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.

**\*SONG OF GOD'S LOVE** Jesus Loves the Little Children  
CHILDREN

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.  
Every color, every race, all are covered by God's grace;  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Jesus cares for all the children, all the children of the world.  
Every nation, every place, all are covered by God's grace;  
Jesus cares for all the children of the world.

## 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 - Asbury  
Martha Brown, Nancy Burgess, Camille Green, Genice Harper, Lee Hutchison, Dale Johnson, Johnnie Morcock, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson & Dee Turner - home

**\*HYMN OF GOD'S CALLING** A Hymn of Calling  
AURELIA

For all that we are called to, God, we give thanks this day.  
For people, partners, places, at home, at work, at play.  
You gift us for our calls as You make the world's needs known.  
Bless us with strength and courage to serve where we are shown.

The people we are called as, diverse and none the same.  
Created for vocation, baptized and called by name.  
To be Your blessing people, our universal call.  
Yet each uniquely serving the God who cares for all.

To You, God, we sing praises, the One who calls each one.  
Transforming and inviting, You call and we respond.  
Creator and Redeemer, the Spirit's stirring song—  
Your Trinity uniting to call our whole life long.

**HOMILY** *Journey of Listening* Dr. Foust

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT** God Made All People of the World  
Chalice Hymnal No. 685, verses 3 & 4 ONE WORLD

**CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY & ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHURCH LIFE** Dr. Foust

**\*COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH**

**\*POSTLUDE** J. Noel Lance

*\* Invites the congregation to stand*

Copies of worship bulletins are available on the St. John's website: [stjohnsbaptistchurch.org](http://stjohnsbaptistchurch.org)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Stories to Help Us Grow: *For the Bible Tells Us So*

From June 10-August 19, we will have an Intergenerational Summer Sunday School in Lasater Hall. We'll gather together and learn about some of the most important stories of our faith. 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.) Come join the circle as we wonder together about the stories of faith! These stories will continue in worship each week.

### Global Missions Offering

**Goal - \$15,000—Received \$3,500**

During this year's offering, we are hoping to raise \$15,000 (send checks to St. John's and write "The Nyarweng School" on the memo line) AND we want to send a backpack to Nyarweng full of good will in the form of letters and art. Members of all ages are asked to address the letters to a young or older child or to a teacher or parent. Share a piece of yourselves in your letter, perhaps even a picture of your family. Remember that these people have heard of you and St. John's, and they pray for you when they worship on Sundays in the school.

### Naturalization Workshop Ministry Opportunities!

Todd Stillerman has been working through the Bank of America Legal Department with the Latin America Coalition to staff naturalization workshops in Mecklenburg County. These workshops provide free legal advice to immigrants with permanent resident status on how to fill out their N-400 forms to apply for naturalized U.S. citizenship. One of these workshops will be held at St. John's in Broach Hall on Saturday, July 14th from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. In addition to providing space for the workshop, we have the opportunity to help in the following ways:

- Volunteers to assist with check-in and greeting from 8 AM to 2 PM (can work in shifts)
- Volunteers to help with refreshments, including set-up and clean-up.

**Contact Beverly:** [beverlyrhester@earthlink.net](mailto:beverlyrhester@earthlink.net)

- Non-attorney volunteers to assist clients in filling out the N-400 form (requires 1-hour training session at Latin American Coalition).
- Attorney volunteers to advise clients on filling out N-400 form (requires 2 hours of online training).

**Contact Todd:** [todd.stillerman@bankofamerica.com](mailto:todd.stillerman@bankofamerica.com)

### 2018 Charlotte Pride

Save the dates! This year's Festival is Saturday-Sunday, August 18-19, with the 2018 Bank of America Charlotte Pride Parade starting at 1 pm on Sunday, August 19. The Pride Interfaith Service will be held at St. John's on Sunday, August 12, at 4 pm. If you would like to volunteer to do more than march in the parade, e-mail Todd Stillerman at [stillerman@gmail.com](mailto:stillerman@gmail.com) or text Mattie Stillerman at 704-362-6743.

### Deacon Nominations

Each year, members of the congregation nominate other members of the church to serve as deacons. Please send your nominations to current chair of the diaconate Randy Brantley ([rlb1@ctc.net](mailto:rlb1@ctc.net)) or Jacquelyn McAbee ([jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org](mailto:jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org)) by July 2. Please remember, you MUST have the person's permission before submitting their name as a candidate for deacon

### Leadership Positions

The Leadership Task Force is responsible for filling the leadership positions in the church, including resource team members, Sunday School teachers, and mission partner liaisons. Please contact current chair of diaconate Randy Brantley ([rlb1@ctc.net](mailto:rlb1@ctc.net)), deacon panel chairs (Stan Brown-Ministries; Cindy McIntyre or Melissa Millette-Pastoral; or Kim Ray-Administrative), or Jacquelyn McAbee in the church office ([jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org](mailto:jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org)) if you are interested in working in a particular area of church life or have questions.

### Men's Softball

This week's games Tuesday, 6/26 at 6 pm vs PBC Grey and Thursday, 6/28 at 7:15 pm vs St. Gabriel. All games are played at Providence Baptist Church (4921 Randolph Road).

### St. John's Baptist Church

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### The St. John's Pulpit

Sunday, July 1 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Sermon Series: Stories to Help Us Grow: *For the Bible Tells Us So*

Sermon: *Why Freedom?*

Scripture: Exodus 1:8-14, 5:1-2, 6:1-9, 12:29-34

### This Week at St. John's

Sunday, June 24	9:15 am	Summer Sunday School (Lasater Hall/Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Senior Adult Picnic (Broach Hall)
Monday, June 25	5:00 pm	Charlotte Contemporary Ensemble concert (Sanctuary)
	8:30 am	Metrolina Assoc. for the Blind (Lounge/classrooms)
	6:00 pm	Freedom School Family Night (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, June 26	6:30 pm	Administrative Deacon Panel (Conference Room)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lounge)
	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
Wed., June 27	10:00 am	Staff meeting (Conference Room)
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
	6:30 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
Friday, June 29	9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)
	5:30 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Lounge)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, June 30	6:30 pm	Charlotte Nets (Gym)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	10:00 am	Communion Task Force (Conference Room)

### 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*

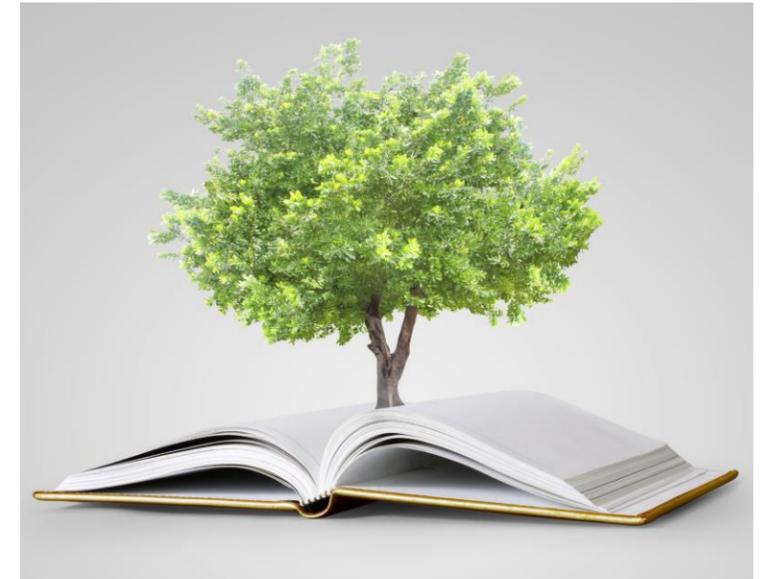
#### Equipping Ministers

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  
Custodians..... Chris Mullis, Sonny Ross, Debora Thon  
Graded Choir Director..... Anna Ball  
Organist.....J. Noel Lance  
Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted

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**SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2018**

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

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