

Praise the Lord, Who Is Our Shepherd

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PRELUDE J. Noel Lance

WORDS OF GREETING Rev. Dennis W. Foust PhD

*EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP Congregation

A WORD ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP Dr. Foust

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING My Shepherd, You Supply My Need
Chalice Hymnal No. 80, congregation join on third verse RESIGNATION

READING FROM THE GOSPEL John 10:11-15 Lynn Bishop

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep."



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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SONG OF PRAYERFULNESS Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
Chalice Hymnal No. 558, verses 1 & 2 BRADBURY

SILENT MEDITATION

Good Shepherd, strong yet tender, You are at home on the plains and in the wilderness; in all circumstances of life and living, You meet with us and care for us. You are with us through the desert experiences of life and in the times when life is simple and straightforward. We give thanks that You offer us Your leadership, going ahead of us to guide us and show us the way, and that You bless our journey with Your abiding presence.

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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; Nancy Burgess, Genice Harper, Gene Poole, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson & Dee Turner - home

SONG OF CENTERING
My Shepherd

J. Kevin Gray
Michael Card

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 23

Tyler Benton
Jan Kerley, Mattie Stillerman

ONE: The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want.

TWO: It is You, Lord, who makes me lie down in green pastures;

THREE: It is You who leads me beside the still waters.

ALL: **You restore my soul and guide me in paths of righteousness for Your name's sake.**

ONE: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff comfort me.

TWO: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

THREE: You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

ALL: **Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in Your house, O Lord, forever.**

Reading adapted by Rev. Marilyn Kennedy Levine

OFFERTORY PRAYER Randy Brantley, Deacon

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY Chancel Choir
My Eternal King Jane Marshall

"My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heaven thereby, nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally.

"Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace; for me didst bear the nails, the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace.

"Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well? Not for the hope of winning heaven, or of escaping hell;

"Not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward; but as Thyself hast loved me, O ever-loving Lord!

"E'en so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing; solely because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King."

*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.

READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Luke 15:3-7 Tim Gibson



So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
Chalice Hymnal No. 560 SHOWALTER

HOMILY *Tethered Living* Dr. Foust

Confident in God's Love for Us, We Go Forth to Share that Love with All

*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP All the Way My Savior Leads Me
Chalice Hymnal No. 559 ALL THE WAY

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

*COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH Dr. Foust

*POSTLUDE J. Noel Lance

**Invites the congregation to stand.*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Global Missions Offering

Goal - \$15,000—Received \$8,990

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) by the end of August. We also want to send a backpack to Nyarweng full of goodwill in the form of letters and art. Members of all ages are asked to address their 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. Below are a couple of starters to help you with your letter(s).

To a child: *I am praying today for you to . . .*

To a teacher: *I am grateful for your commitment to . . .*

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.

2018 Charlotte Pride

St. John's will host the Pride Interfaith Service on Sunday, August 12, at 4 pm. This service will contain music, prayers, and proclamations of many of the world's religions. The service will also include a community-based music component. The 2018 Charlotte Pride Festival is Saturday-Sunday, August 18-19, with the 2018 Bank of America Charlotte Pride Parade starting at 1 pm on Sunday, August 19. If you would like to volunteer to do more than march in the parade, e-mail Todd Stillerman at stillerman@gmail.com or text Mattie Stillerman at 704-362-6743.

Search for New Administrative Assistant

Our Personnel Resource Team is receiving resumes for Administrative Assistant. As Jacquelyn McAbee has transitioned to become our Church Administrator, the position of Administrative Assistant now becomes available. This position serves as the primary office administration support role for the church staff, pastoral deacons and ministry deacons while also coordinating most of the church's communications and publications. Resumes and cover letters should be emailed to jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org prior to August 1.

Heritage Resource Team

It is hard to believe that in less than 4 years St. John's will be 100 years old. If you are interested in helping plan our celebration by being a member of the Heritage Resource Team, please contact Fredda Kimball or Jacquelyn McAbee in the church office.

Building Sabbath

Our annual "building sabbath" is scheduled for the weeks of July 30-August 5 (second & third floors) and August 6-10 (first floor/outside). This is a time when most weekday and evening meetings at the church are cancelled or rescheduled so that needed maintenance can be done. Some entrances may be closed for a few hours or more. If you come to the church during those weeks, you may be directed to use an alternate entrance into the church. Thank you for being flexible during this time!

10th Annual Women of the Church Luncheon

Sunday, September 9th - 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!

Men's Softball

This week's games are Tuesday, 7/24 at 6:00 pm vs St. Martin's and Thursday, 7/26 at 6:00 pm vs St. Gabriel. All games are played at Providence Baptist Church (4921 Randolph Road).

Upper Room Devotionals:

If you picked up a recent copy of the July/August edition and are missing some pages, please stop by the church to pick up one of replacement copies that we received with all the pages in the correct order.

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The St. John's Pulpit

Sunday, July 29 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost/Communion
Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
Sermon Series: Stories to Help Us Grow: *For the Bible Tells Us So*
Homily: *Face to Face*
Scripture: Luke 24:1-5; 1 Corinthians 13:11-13

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, July 22	8:30 am	Architectural Selection Task Force (Conference Room)
	9:15 am	Summer Sunday School (Lasater Hall/Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
Monday, July 23	9:30 am	Mental Health America (Lounge)
	2:00 pm	Staff meeting (Conference Room)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lounge)
Tuesday, July 24	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
	6:30 pm	Leadership Task Force (Lounge)
Wed., July 25	6:30 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)
	6:00 pm	Personnel Resource Team (Conference Room)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Friday, July 27	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, July 28	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

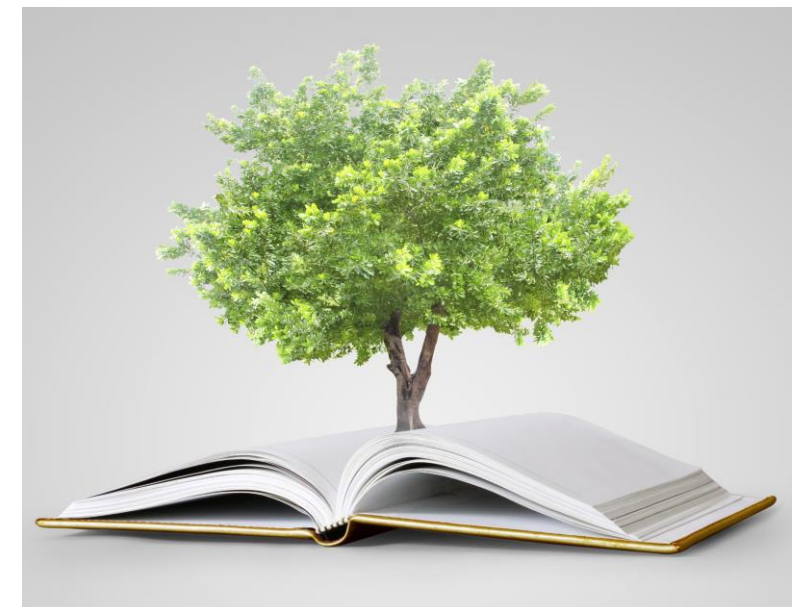
Equipping Ministers

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

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

The Worship of God



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SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2018

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

**ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
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