

Gathering to Be the Church in Worship

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PRELUDE MUSIC 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 J. Kevin Gray

CALL TO WORSHIP J. Kevin Gray

ONE: This is the day that the Lord has made;
ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** I Love Your Church, O God
Chalice Hymnal No. 274, verses 1, 4 & 5 ST. THOMAS

CELEBRATION OF FAMILY LIFE & DEDICATION Rev. Allison Benfield

Hannah Caroline Harmon
Born January 31, 2018
Daughter of Ben and Sarah Harmon

Minister: (To the parents)
Ben and Sarah, do you covenant together to raise Hannah in an environment of Christian love, harmony and peace?

Parents:
We do.

Minister: (To the parents)
And do you covenant together to grant Hannah the benefits of communal fellowship by nurturing her within the church, the corporate body of Christ?

Parents:
We do.

Minister: (To the congregation)
St. John’s, do you covenant together as the larger family of God to create an atmosphere of support, discipline and guidance whereby Hannah can come to know and serve the Lord Jesus Christ?

Congregation:
We do.

Minister: (To the congregation)
Do you pledge to make your witness of such quality as to instruct Hannah and her family in Christian discipleship?

Congregation:
We do.

Minister:
Then recognizing the covenant accepted this day by Ben and Sarah and by the congregation, I offer a certificate acknowledging this formal introduction to this family of God.

PRESENTATION & PRAYER OF DEDICATION Dr. Foust

SONG OF DEDICATION Chancel Choir

Hannah, Hannah, God claims you; God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too. We this day do all agree a child of God you’ll always be. Hannah, Hannah, God claims you; God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

READING FROM GOSPEL Luke 24:1-5 Deb Black

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.”

ONE: This is the written word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God!

***HYMN OF RESURRECTION** He Lives!
Chalice Hymnal No. 226, verse 1 ACKLEY

OFFERTORY PRAYER Tricia Miller, Deacon

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Chancel Choir
Lord, Here Am I John Ness Beck

***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 EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 13:11-13 Cindy McIntyre

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

ONE: This is the written word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God!

***HYMN OF TRANSFORMATION** Open Our Eyes, Lord

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

HOMILY *Face to Face* Dr. Foust

SONG OF PREPARATION Let Us Break Bread Together
Chalice Hymnal No. 425 LET US BREAK BREAD

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE Dr. Foust

CHRIST’S CHURCH IS SERVED COMMUNION

SERVING THE BREAD 1st Corinthians 11:23-24 Rev. Lee Gray

SERVING THE CUP 1st Corinthians 11:25-26 Rev. Lee Gray

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING** Blest Be the Tie That Binds
Chalice Hymnal No. 433 DENNIS

CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY Dr. Foust

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Prayer Concerns
Joe Ehrenberger – Asbury; Martha Brown, Nancy Burgess, Carol Drye, Casey Perkins, Genice Harper, Gene Poole, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson & Dee Turner - home

PRESENTING NEW MEMBERS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

Sophie Ann Sweet

READING OF THE CHURCH COVENANT

United in the faith that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, revealed in history, disclosed in the Scriptures, and experienced in human life, we do solemnly and joyfully make this Covenant together:

We will be faithful to the public worship of God, gathering with the family of the church to celebrate His glory and remember His grace.

We will take seriously the responsibility and privilege of personal Christian growth, diligently seeking to establish and maintain a Christian atmosphere in our homes.

We will love and encourage each other in the family of the Church, and admonish each other as occasion may require. Our differences will not separate us but rather increase our understanding and strengthen the bonds of Christian love.

We will be faithful stewards, as God has prospered us, contributing our financial support for the Church and its ministries and offering ourselves for God’s work in the world.

We will, with God’s help, so live our lives that others, seeing the joy of Christian living, may seek to know Jesus Christ our Lord.

We will be a servant Church, recognizing the infinite worth of every person and believing that Christ has called us to active involvement in behalf of human brotherhood.

In the spirit of this covenant, we pray together:

Almighty God, Father of us all, witness this Covenant which we make with each other and with Thee. Guide us as we try to do that which pleases Thee, to the glory of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***LORD’S PRAYER**
Chalice Hymnal No. 307

The Lord’s Prayer
MALOTTE

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.

***SCATTERING TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD**

As you depart the sanctuary, deacons will be at the exits to receive your gifts to the Fellowship Fund. These funds are used to assist with crisis ministry needs among our church family. If you know of someone who is experiencing a crisis, please contact a ministry staff member.

***POSTLUDE**

J. Noel Lance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Global Missions Offering

Goal - \$15,000—Received \$11,220

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 and place them in the bag at the front of the sanctuary.

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 Charlotte Pride festival is August 18-19, and the parade is on Sunday, August 19. We are currently looking for volunteers in 2 categories:

Tie-dye Party! We will be tie-dying t-shirts to wear and share at the Pride Parade again this year. We need volunteers to assist with the tie-dying today, July 29, in the church lounge at 5 pm. We will provide pizza and good company. Wear something comfortable that you won’t be upset about ruining with dye. (No experience necessary, but if bring your kids please be prepared to supervise them.)

Festival Volunteers. St. John's will sponsor a booth at the festival. We need volunteers to setup, man and take down the booth on Saturday, August 18.

As a special enticement, if you help with tie-dye or volunteer to work at least 2 hours in the booth, your t-shirt is FREE! Otherwise, you’ll have to pay \$10 for your awesome tie-dye, and supplies will be limited. Please e-mail Todd at stillerman@gmail.com or text Mattie at 704-362-6743 if you can help!

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!

St. John’s Baptist Church

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The St. John’s Pulpit

Sunday, August 5 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Proclaimer: Steve Hoffman

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

Story: *Knowing Jesus in a New Way*

This Week at St. John’s

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| Sunday, July 29 | 8:00 am | Small Group Leader meeting(Conference Room) |
| | 9:15 am | Summer Sunday School (Lasater Hall/Classrooms) |
| | 10:30 am | Worship/Communion (Sanctuary) |
| Monday, July 30 | 10:30 am | Staff meeting (Conference Room) |
| | 8:00 pm | AA (Lounge) |
| Tuesday, July 31 | 7:00 am | Tuesday Morning Men’s Group (Lounge) |
| | 7:00 am | CROP (Lasater Hall) |
| | 5:15 pm | SJBC Men’s Basketball (Gym) |
| Wed., Aug. 1 | 6:30 am | Benton Basketball (Gym) |
| | 6:00 pm | AA (Lasater Hall) |
| | 7:15 pm | Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) |
| Thursday, Aug. 2 | 9:00 am | Unity Coalition (Lounge) |
| Friday, Aug. 3 | 8:00 pm | AA (Lasater Hall) |
| Saturday, Aug. 4 | 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

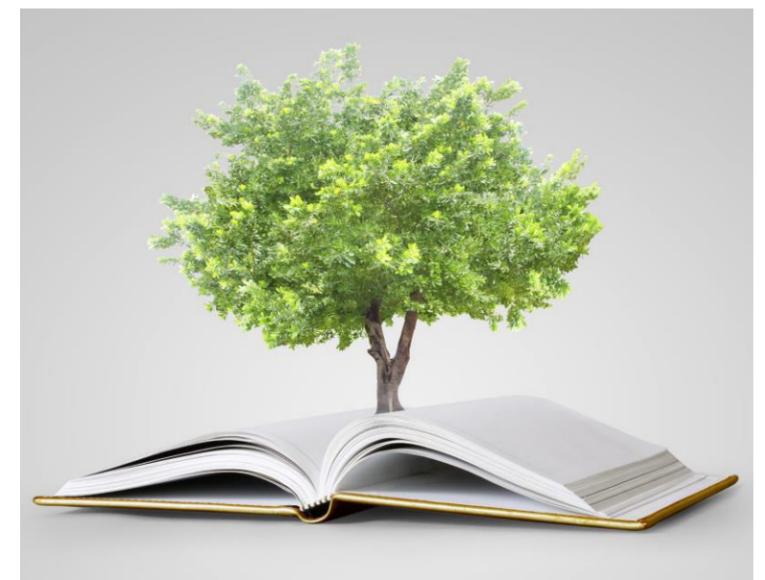
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| Minister for Children and Their Families..... | Rev. Allison Benfield |
| Minister for Worship and Music..... | J. Kevin Gray |
| Minister for Youth and Young Adults..... | Rev. Lee Gray |
| Senior Minister..... | Dr. Dennis W. Foust, PhD |

Church Staff

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| 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 |

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

The Worship of God



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

SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2018

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

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