

# Gathering to Be the Church in Worship

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**PRELUDE** J. Noel Lance

**WORDS OF GREETING** Rev. Lee Gray

**CALL TO SERVICE** Nora Frances Benton & Mattie Stillerman  
*Charlotte Pride*

**\*EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP** Congregation

**A WORD ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP** J. Kevin Gray

**PRAYER OF SUBMISSION** J. Kevin Gray

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Steve Carter

ONE: I saw a stranger today and invited him in.  
I put down food in the eating place,

**ALL: Drink in the drinking place,**

ONE: And music in the listening place.

**ALL: He blessed our home and all therein.**

ONE: And the lark sang in her warble

**ALL: Often, often, often goes Christ in the stranger's guise.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** Morning Has Broken  
Chalice Hymnal No. 53 BUNESSAN

## Listening and Seeing

**TELLING OF THE GOSPEL** Luke 24:13-35 Rev. Allison Benfield

**The Road to Emmaus**



**SONG OF RESPONSE** Wesley Watts  
*I Can See* Meese & Gaither

## SILENT MEDITATION

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light;  
look unto Me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright!"  
I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my Star, my Sun;  
and in that Light of life I'll walk, till all my journey's done.

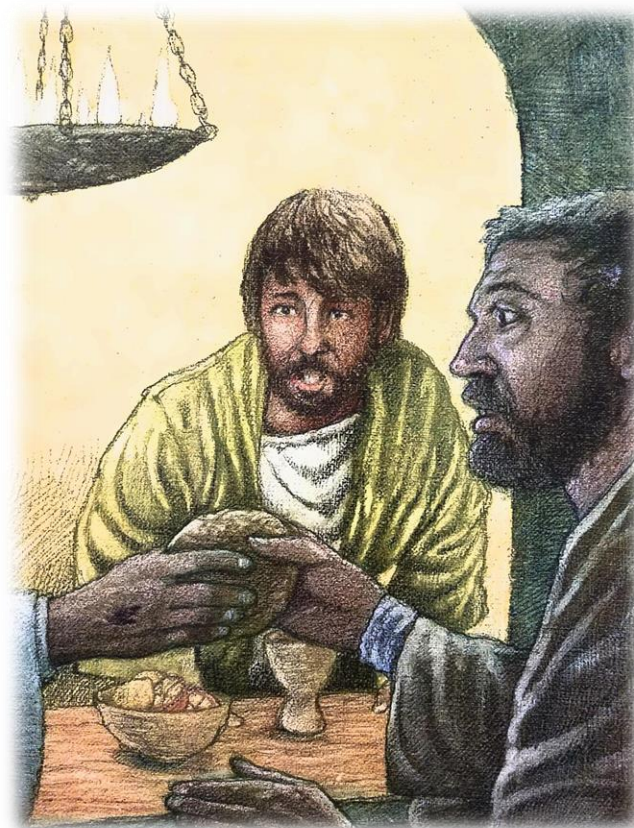
**THE CHURCH AT PRAYER** Rev. Benfield

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; Martha Brown, Nancy Burgess, Matt Collins,  
Carol Drye, Dennis Foust, Casey Perkins, Genice Harper,  
Gene Poole, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson & Dee Turner - home

**A SECOND HEARING OF THE GOSPEL** Luke 24:13-35 Rev. Gray  
David Allen, Graham Claytor, Todd Stillerman



**\*HYMN** Open My Eyes, That I May See  
Chalice Hymnal No. 586 OPEN MY EYES

**SERMON** *Knowing Jesus in a New Way* Steve Hoffman

**\*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP** We Call Ourselves Disciples  
Chalice Hymnal No. 357, verses 1 & 4 LANCASHIRE

## Giving

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** Chancel Choir  
*Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now* William Byrd, arr. H. Hopson

Lord Jesus Christ, be present now, our hearts in true devotion bow,  
Thy Spirit send with grace divine, and let Thy truth within us shine.

Unseal our lips to sing Thy praise, our souls to Thee in worship raise,  
make strong our faith, increase our light that we may know Thy name aright.  
Lord Jesus Christ, be present now.

**\*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.

## Going Forth

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

**\*COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH** Steve Hoffman

**\*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)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Building Sabbath

Our annual “building sabbath” this week, 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, you may be directed to use an alternate entrance into the church. Thank you for being flexible during this time!

### Global Missions Offering

**Goal - \$15,000—Received \$12,234**

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. Kevin is looking for 9 volunteers to be greeters and to direct guests in the building for this service. To volunteer, contact him at [kgray@sjcharlotte.org](mailto:kgray@sjcharlotte.org) or 803-524-0287.

St. John's will be participating in Charlotte Pride again this year! The festival is August 18-19, and the parade is on Sunday, August 19. We are currently looking for Festival Volunteers for our booth at the festival. We need volunteers to setup, man and take down the booth on Saturday, August 18. Please e-mail Todd at [stillerman@gmail.com](mailto:stillerman@gmail.com) or text Mattie at 704-362-6743 if you can help!

### School Uniform Drive

The first of August marks the beginning of our uniform donation drive for Highland Renaissance School (under our Children & Families Team). Needs include:

- Girls’ khaki or navy pants: Sizes 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18
- Boys’ khaki or navy pants: Sizes 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20
- Short-sleeved polo shirts: ALL Sizes - White and navy
- Long-sleeved polo shirts: ALL Sizes - White and navy

GREATEST NEED IS FOR SMALLER SIZES.

### Save the Date!

Open Table: Intergenerational Evenings with Purposeful Play  
Wednesday, August 22, from 5:45 - 7:00 pm

### 10th Annual Women of the Church Luncheon

Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> - 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

300 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, North Carolina 28204  
704.333.5428 - [www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org](http://www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org)

### The St. John’s Pulpit

Sunday, August 12 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

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

Homily: *A Spirit Empowered Church - Devout and Devoted*

Scripture: Acts 2:1-12 and Acts 2:37-42

### This Week at St. John’s

Sunday, August 5	9:15 am	Sunday School/Worship 101 (Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	1:00 pm	South Sudanese Worship (Chapel)
Monday, August 6	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, August 7	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men’s Group (Lounge)
	10:00 am	Staff meeting (Conference Room)
	6:00 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
Wed., August 8	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
	6:00 pm	Mission Resource Team (Conference Room)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Friday, August 10	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, August 11	7:00 am	Claytor/Stillerman Basketball (Gym)
		Middle School Local Mission Trip

### 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*

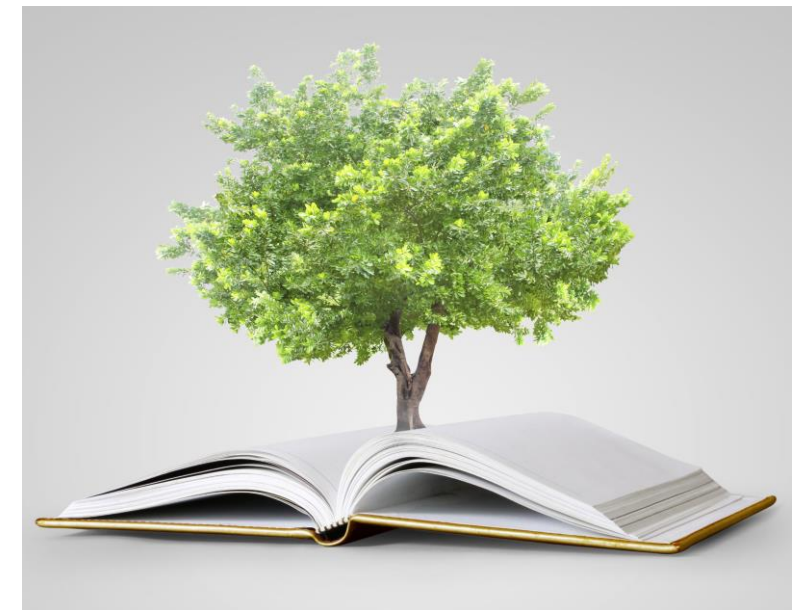
#### Equipping Ministers

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..... Rev. 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



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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 2018

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

ST. JOHN’S BAPTIST CHURCH  
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA